

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, September 13, 2021, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund..... Board Chair
Dean Chisholm..... Vice Chair via Zoom
Larry Wilson Trustee
Heather Mumby Trustee via Zoom
Keri Hill Trustee
Wayne Jacobsmeyer..... Trustee
Dave Wick..... Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Barbara Riley Trustee
Gail Pauley..... Trustee

Board Chair Jill Rocksund called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

Motion by Wilson, second by Hill, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Approve August bills.
 - Approve investment reports.
- Passed 6-0

Public Participation:

Chair Rocksund requested public participation on any agenda or non-agenda items. Approximately 15 members of the public attended the meeting via Zoom. Approximately 15 members of the public attended the meeting in-person.

One member of the public requested the rationale behind the decision to maintain at Phase Three of the Pandemic Operational Guide. He noted that the current spread of the virus is much different as compared to June. One member of the public provided information regarding the effectiveness of masks in school. Several members of the public expressed concern with the social/emotional curriculum recommending the District simply focus on math, science, and reading.

There was no additional public participation.

Reports:

Dave Jolly, Owners Representative, described the recent progress of the K-8 Facility Bond Project.

A written report was submitted to the Board detailing the activities within the various schools of the Elementary District. Trustee Jacobsmeyer requested more information concerning the social/

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

REPORTS:

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emotional learning strategies. The Principals described these strategies including specific examples. Elementary District enrollment has increased substantially as compared to the prior year. There are a few students still being served remotely.

Scott Gaiser, High School Principal, submitted a written report to the Board.

Dustin Zuffelato, Business Manager/Clerk, provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Zuffelato informed the Board that he was recently appointed by OPI to serve on the K-12 Data Task Force.

Curriculum Director, Mark McCord, provided the Board with a written report.

Superintendent Dave Wick provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Wick explained the higher than expected expenses associated with the Junior High Soccer Program, may prompt reconsideration upon the conclusion of the season. Mr. Wick provided an enrollment update including the absence trend for the first few weeks of school, which indicates more than usual absenteeism. Mr. Wick expressed the importance of working together during these unprecedented times in an effort to provide a safe, friendly learning environment for students.

Trustee Jacobsmeyer inquired into the appropriate time to discuss the District's Curriculum. Board consensus was a Work Session Meeting or Trustee Wilson noted a Board Retreat is a good forum to dig into the depth of specific policies.

ACTION/
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Action/Discussed Items:

Hannah Whitney representing Ruis Holdings LLC presented a proposal to purchase a portion of the Glacier Gateway Elementary/Old Junior High School building. Ruis is proposing to convert the building into a thirty unit senior living apartment complex. The District is currently seeking a boundary line adjustment to be completed by Sands Surveying. Upon identification of the legal description of the property, the District will work with Ruis Holding LLC to draft a Buy/Sell Agreement. The Agreement will contain restrictive covenants regarding how the property can be used to assure a safe learning environment for Glacier Gateway Elementary located on adjacent property.

MOTION TO EXTEND
THE CURRENT
STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
ONE ADDITIONAL
YEAR.

The Board considered the three-year Strategic Plan formulated in 2018. Motion by Mumby, second by Wilson, to extend the current Strategic Plan for one additional year. Passed 5-1. No-Jacobsmeyer.

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE CONCESSION
SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH CUP O SOUL

The Board considered a Concession Services Agreement. The District employed in-house staff to operate the concession stand commencing in September 2008. Over the years it has been very difficult for the operator to obtain student organizations to volunteer to work in the stand. The proposed agreement would allow a third party catering/mobile food truck vendor to use the District facilities to operate the concessions for the athletic events during the upcoming school year. The vendor will provide the District with 20% of the proceeds if a school organization is used to staff the stand and 10% if not. Motion by Wilson, second by Hill, to approve the Concession Services Agreement with Cup o Soul. Passed 6-0

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The Board considered a Memorandum of Understanding with the Flathead Rapids Youth Soccer Association. Superintendent Dave Wick explained that the new Junior High Soccer team(s) formed this year are the only school sponsored teams at this age level in the region. The team(s) will be required to play other Montana Youth Soccer Association Teams. To facilitate this competition, each student will be rostered with the Flathead Rapids. The District will incur a registration fee of \$30 per player for the Junior High Season. Motion by Wilson, second by Hill, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Flathead Rapids Youth Soccer. Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
MOU WITH FLATHEAD
RAPIDS YOUTH
SOCCER

Superintendent Dave Wick provided an update regarding the school year 2021/22 enrollment. As expected, enrollment has increased from last October when more precautions were in place to mitigate the spread of the COVID virus. Mr. Wick explained how the state legislature passed a bill last Spring that revised how District's receive additional funding as a result of this anticipated enrollment increase. Specifically, the District can obtain funding for the enrollment increase during the current school year. Based on the current enrollment as compared to the October count last year, this would represent an additional 161 students and \$689,000 additional funds.

ENROLLMENT
UPDATE

The Board considered the rating assignment for the General Obligation bonds to be issued September 21, 2021. Standard and Poor affirmed the District's A+ rating for the current bonds outstanding as well as assigned an A+ rating for the new bonds. The report cited stable enrollment and strong fund reserves.

REVIEW OF THE GEN-
ERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS TO BE ISSUED
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

The Board considered bus route revisions as a result of bus driver shortages. These revisions are intended to be temporary until the District can obtain qualified applicants for recently vacated bus driver positions. The proposed change eliminates Route 30 and transfers the ridership to routes 10, 29, and 14. The daily mileage for route 10 increases from 51 to 56.6. The daily mileage for route 29 increases from 56.5 to 62.6. The mileage of route 14 remains unchanged. Motion by Wilson, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the bus route revisions eliminating route 30 and revising routes 10, 29, and 14. Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE BUS ROUTE
REVISIONS

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations accepted by the Superintendent: Dan Fairbank-Junior High Coach, Laura Weidling- Nurse, Loretta Huibregtse- Paraeducator, Pat Downing-Bus Driver, Jane Burkhart-Bus Driver, Jaxon Ike Schweikert- Football Coach, Cathy Dragonfly – Nurse, and Naomi Bahr – Paraeducator.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Wilson, second by Mumby, to approve the following hiring recommendations: Amber Strobbe-Para-educator, Amberly Jeffrey-Para-educator, Callie Moore-Para-educator, Cassi Banning-Para-educator, Elizabeth Reed-Speech Aide, Shelby Petero-Para-educator, Michelle Robinson-Para-educator, Amanda Treat-Para-educator, Amy Caudill-Teacher, Ricky Davis-Custodian, Geoffrey Melton-Custodian, Daniel Cadigan-Junior High Annual, Ruminta Grieb-Para-educator, Austin Barth-Junior High Football, Derek Andrews-Junior High Basketball Coach, Wendy Plummer-Hot Lunch Helper, Bryan McGrath-Para-educator, William Coleman – Football Coach, and Jessica Moultray-Para-educator. Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE
DISTRICT-WIDE/HIGH
SCHOOL HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Wilson, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the substitute hiring recommendations. Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
SUBSTITUTE HIRES

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MISC / FUTURE
PLANNING


Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Final Bond Pricing	\$5,072,000 issuance	September 21, 2021	
Health Insurance Committee Meeting		September 23, 2021	4:00 P.M.
Work Session Meeting		September 27, 2021	6:00 P.M.
Regular Board Meeting		October 13, 2021	6:00 P.M.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 7:44 P.M.


Board Chair


Business Manager/Clerk