

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of School District Number Six was held at 6:00 P.M. Monday, September 27, 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
Gail PauleyTrustee
Keri Hill.....Trustee
Heather MumbyTrustee
Wayne JacobsmeyerTrustee
Dave WickSuperintendent of Schools via Zoom
Dustin Zuffelato.....Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Barbara Riley Trustee

Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Pauley, second by Mumby, to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 6-0

Public Participation:

Chair Rocksund requested public participation on any agenda or non-agenda items.

There was no public participation. There was one member of the public viewing the meeting online utilizing Zoom.

Action/Discussed Items:

Motion by Wilson, second by Hill, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Virginia Paulson-Speech Language Pathologist. Passed 7-0

Motion by Wilson, second by Mumby, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Jordan Scotti-Psychologist. Passed 7-0

The Board considered a resolution related to issuance of \$5,072,000 General Obligation Bonds. Specifically to fix the form and details, make covenants, authorize the execution and delivery and levying taxes for the payment of debt service. Bonds were sold September 21, 2021 and closing date is scheduled for September 30, 2021. Dustin Zuffelato-Business Manager/Clerk, noted the timing of issuing bonds for the K-8 Facility Bond Project was optimal. The District issued \$32,000,000 in December 2019 to ensure the project could be started. The average interest rate on the 2019 issuance was 2.54%. The District worked to define the project budget and in 2021 determined that the remaining amount authorized (\$5,072,000) was needed to completely fund the project. The District was able to include the initial debt service payments within the FY 2022 budget. This positioned the series 2021 to mature at the same time as the 2019 issuance in 2040 and allowed the District to retain all of the bond premium as opposed to using a portion to pay for the first year of debt service expense. Finally, the rates have actually

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

ACTION/
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MOTION TO APPROVE
INDEPENDENT
CONTRACTOR
AGREEMENT WITH
VIRGINIA PAULSON

MOTION TO APPROVE
INDEPENDENT
CONTRACTOR
AGREEMENT WITH
JORDAN SCOTTI

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MOTION TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 391 -
GENERAL
OBLIGATION SCHOOL
BUILDING BONDS

decreased since the original issuance whereas the average rate on the \$5,072,000 issuance is 1.87%.

Motion by Mumby, second by Wilson, to approve Resolution 391-General Obligation School Building Bonds. Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
OUT OF STATE
TRAVEL REQUESTS

Curriculum Director Mark McCord presented three out of state travel requests recently approved by the Professional Development Committee.

Motion by Wilson, second by Mumby to approve the out of state travel for nine teachers to Colorado November 11-14 to attend the Gifted and Talented Conference, Alia Hanson to Salt Lake City October 20-23 to attend the AASL Conference, and Ally Reamy to Fort Washington, MD November 11-13 to attend the Conference on Science Education. Passed 7-0


MISC / FUTURE
PLANNING

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Trustee Wilson requested the Board discuss the current COVID operation plan including current mitigation policies. Trustee Wilson noted that the Board should fully understand and openly discuss the effectiveness of the current mitigation practices. Board consensus was to schedule a Board Retreat Meeting. The Board discussed including a professional facilitator from perhaps the Montana School Board Association or a consultant with experience of Board deliberation and team building. Trustee Hill recommended the Board recognize the mental health of students when considering potential impact of quarantine or any other COVID mitigation strategies.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rooksund adjourned the meeting at 6:34 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk