

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
OCTOBER 11, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, October 11, 2021, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill RocksundBoard Chair
Dean Chisholm Vice Chair
Gail Pauley.....Trustee
Barbara RileyTrustee via Zoom
Heather MumbyTrustee
Keri HillTrustee
Dave WickSuperintendent of Schools
Dustin ZuffelatoBusiness Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Larry Wilson Trustee
Wayne Jacobsmeyer Trustee

Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

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

Motion by Pauley, second by Hill, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

-Approve the Board Minutes from the August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting, September 7, 2021 Special Meeting, September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting, and the September 27, 2021 Special Meeting.

-Approve the investment report.

-Approve September Bills.

Passed 6-0

Public Participation:

Approximately four (4) people participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Approximately five (5) people participated in the meeting in person.

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

Parent Cori Albrecht expressed concern with the social emotional learning curriculum. He contended that mental health should not be addressed by a school district.

Reports:

District Owners Representative Dave Jolly-Jobsite Inc. presented an update regarding the K-8 Facility Bond Project. Mr. Jolly expressed concern with delays in constructing the new Glacier Gateway Elementary School. Swank Enterprises is having difficulty obtaining material on-time. Mr. Jolly provided an update regarding the Ruder Elementary project. Final commissioning is scheduled for November and project completion is expected in December. Mr. Jolly notified the Board that the District is developing a plan to improve the playing surface of the new fields.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

REPORTS:

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The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with a written report. Enrollment is increasing and they expect the need for an additional first grade class next year.

High School Principal Scott Gaiser provided the Board with a written report.

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Zuffelato expressed concern with an increasingly unrealistic expectation to complete the new Glacier Gateway Elementary School by September 2022.

Trustee Barb Riley presented an update regarding the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA). Trustee Riley noted that the MTSBA does not agree with a National School Board Association letter to President Joe Biden that called upon the Justice Department to investigate allegations of threats and violence at School Board meetings.

Curriculum Director Mark McCord provided the Board with a written report. The Technology Committee is testing and trying-out different interactive boards in anticipation of procuring new boards for each classroom within the new Glacier Gateway Elementary school. Mr. McCord informed the Board that the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) federal grant amount is consistent to the prior year.

Superintendent Dave Wick provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Wick presented student and staff absence data from the first month of the school year. Several days were noted with over 20% of students/staff being absent. The District did not compile absence reasons data but it is assumed to be a combination of factors including student extracurricular activities as well as sickness. Mr. Wick shared the preliminary enrollment figures for the fall count date (October 4, 2021).

ACTION/
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Action/Discussed Items:

MOTION TO APPROVE
NW MONTANA
SCHOOLS RETIRE-
MENT PROGRAM
MULTI DISTRICT COOP
AGREEMENT

The Board considered renewing the Multi District Agreement related to the 403(b) retirement program. In 2018, the schools in Northwest Montana created a cooperative to consolidate 403(b) retirement plan services. The term of a multi-district agreement is limited to three years per state statute. The proposed renewal is with no changes.

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to renew the Northwest Montana Schools Retirement Program Multi District Cooperative Agreement for 2021-2023. Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
INDEPEDENT
CONTRACTOR
AGREEMENT WITH
LINDEN RIGLER

The Board considered an agreement with an independent contractor to provide speech/language services.

Motion by Mumby, second by Chisholm, to approve the independent contractor agreement with Linden Rigler/Ivy League Therapy to provide speech services during school year 2021/22. Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
FOOD SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH
DEER PARK SCHOOL

The Board considered reestablishing the agreement with Deer Park Elementary to furnish them with lunch meals. During school year 2020/21, the District claimed these meals furnished to Deer Park as a result of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) waiver in which meals could be served to anyone ages 0-18. The agreement will facilitate the reversion back to the original method in place since 2014 in which the District invoices Deer Park on a per meal basis and Deer Park claims the meals through the NSLP.

Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to approve the Agreement to furnish food service for the National School Lunch Program with Deer Park Elementary. Passed 6-0

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Superintendent Dave Wick informed the Board that the District utilized Sands Surveying to review, update, and revise the current recorded plats for the District owned property within the Glacier Gateway School Complex. The District currently owns six separate recorded parcels within the adjoining property. The intent of the boundary line adjustment is to consolidate all of these parcels. Furthermore, the proposed boundary lines distinguishes the property that the District declared for surplus and will convey to Ruis Holdings pursuant to a buy-sell agreement. The property conveyance will be considered at a separate time once the terms of a buy-sell agreement are defined.

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to approve the proposed boundary line adjustments for the Glacier Gateway property complex. Passed 6-0

The Board considered revisions to policies as recommended by the Policy Committee.

Motion by Chisholm, second by Mumby, to adopt new Policy #8110 – Bus Route and Schedules on the first and final reading. Passed 6-0

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to adopt new Policy #8130 – Outdoor Air Quality on the first and final reading. Passed 6-0

Motion by Pauley, second by Hill, to adopt new Policy #8131 – Indoor Air Quality on the first and final reading. Passed 6-0

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to revise Policy #2100 – School Year Calendar and Day on the first and final reading. Passed 6-0

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to revise Policy #2410 – High School Graduation on the first and final reading. Passed 6-0

Motion by Pauley, second by Hill, to revise Policy #3110 – Entrance Placement and Transfer on the first and final reading. Passed 6-0

Motion by Pauley, second by Chisholm, to revise Policy #5010 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Non Discrimination on the second and final reading. Passed 6-0

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Amanda Treat-Hot Lunch Helper, Kelsey Miller-Para-educator, John Fausey-Central Receiving Delivery Driver, Joel Landis-Drama Coach, and Heather Blazejewski-High School Nurse.

Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Madison Heinz-Para-educator, Jennifer Myers-Part-time Nurse, Todd Adams-Junior High Soccer Coach, and Kristy Corbett-Para-educator. Passed 5-0

Motion by Pauley, second by Hill, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Heather Blazejewski-Nurse, Allyson Reamy-Butts-Assistant Speech Coach, and Evin Albonetti-Drama Coach. Passed 6-0

Motion by Chisholm, second by Pauley, to approve the substitute hiring recommendations. Passed 6-0

Motion by Pauley, second by Chisholm, to approve the out of state travel request for Diane Marsh and Becky Bates to Northwest Council for Computer Education conference in Seattle Washington, February 2-4, 2022. Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
BOUNDARY LINE
ADJUSTMENT FOR
GLACIER GATEWAY
PROPERTY COMPLEX

MOTION TO APPROVE
POLICY #8110

MOTION TO APPROVE
POLICY #8130

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POLICY #8131

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POLICY #5010

PERSONNEL:

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE
DISTRICT-WIDE/HIGH
SCHOOL HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE SUBSTITUTE
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

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MISC / FUTURE
PLANNING

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:


Business Manager/Clerk, Dustin Zuffelato, clarified the historical enrollment figures. The current enrollment of 2,238 is 144 more students as compared to February 2021. It is also higher than the pre-pandemic count in February 2020 of 2,117 students. The current enrollment is a bit of a historical high as compared to the past several years.

The Board discussed Board Retreat Topics including the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Team Building, and a Metrix for the COVID Plan. Vice Chair Chisholm suggested a discussion about what information the Board needs to make good decisions to ensure the safety of students and staff. Board Consensus was to discuss all of these topics during a long work session meeting between 5PM and 8PM.

Regular Board Meeting November 8, 2021 6:00 P.M.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 8:06 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk