

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
NOVEMBER 2, 2021

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of School District Number Six was held at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 2, 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
Keri Hill Trustee in at 5:40 P.M.
Larry Wilson..... Trustee
Barbara Riley Trustee
Gail Pauley Trustee
Heather Mumby Trustee via Zoom
Wayne Jacobsmeyer Trustee
Dave Wick..... Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/Clerk

Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

Motion by Pauley, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 7-0

Public Participation:

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

There was no public participation.


Action/Discussed Items:

At the onset, Chair Rocksund asked each Board Member to convey their goals of the meeting/topics they want to discuss/items they want more information e.g. training/guidance. Board members noted they would like to take the opportunity to understand each fellow Board Members' perspectives. Board members requested guidance regarding their roles, responsibilities, and duties. Board members requested guidance regarding public participation. The District hired the Montana School Board Association to provide guidance and facilitate discussion during the meeting. Debra Silk –representing MTSBA attended the meeting. The duties and responsibilities of the school board were conveyed including the statutory authorization to make all decisions of the School District e.g. local control. The Board sets direction via goals and provides oversight. The Board discussed their strategic plan set in 2019. Board consensus is additional work to establish vision and goals including public involvement is warranted. The School Board works collectively and one member can't act alone. The Board discussed legal liability when a Board members acts independently conveying inherent authority. MTSBA conveyed the duty of care, duty of loyalty, and duty of obedience. Public participation is a time for the entire Board to hear the same message. The Board can determine if further discussion is warranted. The Board discussed methods to limit the duration of public comment in an effort to ensure the Board meetings do not become a town hall style discussion.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 8:05 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

ACTION/DISCUSSION
ITEMS: