

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
JANUARY 24, 2022

A Long Range Planning Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 5:00 P.M., Monday, January 24, 2022, in the Board Room of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill RocksundBoard Chair
Dean ChisholmVice Chair
Gail PauleyTrustee
Larry Wilson.....Trustee
Barbara Riley.....Trustee
Keri Hill.....Trustee
Heather Mumby.....Trustee
Dustin Zuffelato.....Business Manager/Clerk
Dave WickSuperintendent of Schools

Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE AGENDA

Chair Rocksund requested public participation. No members of the public participated in the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The Committee reviewed the draft covenants related to the sale of property to Ruis Holding LLC. Vice Chair Chisholm described the proposed covenants. In an effort to protect the adjacent Glacier Gateway Elementary school, the use of the building was restricted to senior housing with the exception that the gym could be used by the public. It was noted the covenants would bind all future owners. Vice Chair Chisholm noted that the property conveyance will also include a Right of First Refusal allowing the District some degree of control of future owners. Trustee Riley expressed appreciation that the property will be restricted to senior housing. Motion by Riley, second by Pauley, to recommend restrictive covenants to the full Board for consideration during the February Regular Meeting. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO RECOMMEND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS TO FULL BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION

The Committee discussed the High School Facility. The Junior High was constructed a bit more than 20 years ago and each of the two elementary schools have received comprehensive remodel or new construction within the past few years. The high school deferred maintenance should be a focus of attention to ensure the long-term viability of the building. Facility Director Bob Rupp described the condition of the steam boilers. The backup boiler is original to the building. The main boiler was replaced in 2010 with American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) funds. Superintendent Dave Wick described the negative impacts of the existing HVAC system to the learning environment at the high school. Many classrooms are either too hot or too cold. Limited airflow and stale air. The air handlers are very noisy. Tom Coburn – Morrison Maeirle, described the benefits of converting from Steam to Hot Water. Steam is currently overheating and cannot be regulated especially during the shoulder seasons. Dave Jolly – Jobsite Inc. described the efficiencies of a hot water system. Mr. Coburn presented five different project scopes in an effort to create a project that fits the budget. The projects included replacing the existing HVAC, converting from steam to hot water, providing a cooling system, and replacing the curtain windows. Business Manager Dustin Zuffelato defined all the applicable funding

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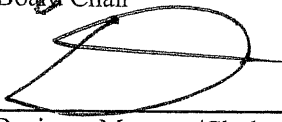
sources for the project including federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funding (ESSER), District reserves, school major maintenance account permissive levy, and other financing options. The Board discussed seeking community support for an additional tax levy. Many Board members expressed the difficulty of passing a levy at the current time. The Board discussed the long-range plans for the high school facility considering the trend of increasing enrollment. The District would likely not construct an entirely new building but rather add on or expand the existing building. Trustee Wilson noted that the HVAC system is important (top priority) to the long-term viability of the building. Mr. Coburn presented the project timeline. The first step is to procure an engineer. Design work could be completed by December 2022. The project could be bid in Spring of 2023 and construction could begin during the summer of 2023. Mr. Coburn and Mr. Jolly described options to construct the HVAC system in phases and facilitate the limited construction time during the summer. Phase two of construction could be completed in the summer of 2024. ESSER III funds must be spent by September 30, 2024. Board consensus was to work towards the project that converts from steam to hot water with an estimated cost of \$7 million.

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

MEETING
ADJOURNED:



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk