

SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
JANUARY 31, 2022

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of School District Number Six was held at 3:00 P.M. Monday, January 31, 2022, in the boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Dean Chisholm . . . . .	Vice Chair	via Zoom
Keri Hill . . . . .	Trustee	
Larry Wilson . . . . .	Trustee	
Barbara Riley . . . . .	Trustee	
Gail Pauley . . . . .	Trustee	via Phone
Heather Mumby . . . . .	Trustee	via Zoom
Wayne Jacobsmeyer . . . . .	Trustee	
Dave Wick . . . . .	Superintendent of Schools	
Dustin Zuffelato . . . . .	Business Manager/Clerk	

ABSENT:

Jill Rocksund Board Chair

Vice Chair Chisholm called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

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

Public Participation:

Vice Chair Chisholm requested public participation on any agenda or non-agenda items. Three members of the public attended in-person. None via Zoom. There was no public participation.

Action/Discussed Items:

The reason for the meeting was to execute an Agreement prior to the end of the month. Superintendent Dave Wick noted that the District was recently notified that this agreement is required to be executed prior to allowing the District to receive funding for the Comprehensive School Community Services (CSCT) Program that provides mental health services to eligible students with a serious emotional disability diagnosis. Dustin Zuffelato, Business Manager/Clerk, notified the Board that the District has been participating in the CSCT Program for the past twenty (plus) years. In accordance to implementing the provisions of new state law (HB 671) enacted in July 2021, the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) recently published guidance and new procedures requiring an Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT). HB 671 approved by the 67<sup>th</sup> Legislature provided Bridge Funding deferring the IGT until this \$2 million funding is exhausted. The Bridge Funding was exhausted effective December 31, 2021. Effective January 1, 2022, schools who choose to participate in the CSCT Program will be required to submit the state share of submitted CSCT program claims via the IGT process. Mr. Wick informed the Board that per discussion with service provider Logan Health, they intend to discontinue utilizing this program in February 2022. Logan Health will shift to an outpatient school based clinic model. Prior to this change, the District will be required to facilitate the IGT process to obtain Medicaid funding. Trustee Riley noted this program has been a political hot potato between the Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and the Office of Public Instruction ever since it was determined the state match was deemed inadequate by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the DPHHS continued funding without

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE INTERGOVERN-  
MENTAL AGREEMENT

legislative approval.

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the transfer of monies to the State. Passed 6-1. No-Jacobsmeier.

MEETING ADJORNED:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Chisholm adjourned the meeting at 3:24 P.M.

  
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Board Chair

  
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Business Manager/Clerk