

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
MARCH 7, 2022

A Long Range Planning Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 5:00 P.M., Monday, March 7, 2022, in the Board Room of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund .....Board Chair  
Dean Chisholm ..... Vice Chair  
Larry Wilson..... Trustee  
Barbara Riley..... Trustee  
Keri Hill..... Trustee  
Heather Mumby..... Trustee           in at 5:16 p.m.  
Dustin Zuffelato.....Business Manager/Clerk  
Dave Wick .....Superintendent of Schools

ABSENT:

Gail Pauley..... Trustee

Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M.

Motion by Riley, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 6-0

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

Swank Enterprises representatives Grant Kerley and Monty Moultray presented the progress of the Glacier Gateway Elementary project. Swank has worked to identify an end date and has defined mid-December 2022 as a completion date. Swank offered to assist with the mid-year move including moving the teacher material and getting the new building occupied in advance to setup furniture, IT, etc. Swank offered to repair the existing building to allow it to function for the additional four months at the beginning of the next school year.

The Committee previously identified a high priority deferred maintenance issue of the HVAC mechanical system within the High School. The District has a unique opportunity to leverage federal ESSER funds to replace this aging mechanical system. The District formally solicited qualifications from engineering firms. The Committee conducted interviews with the two engineering firms that responded to the request for qualifications. The Committee had prepared interview questions. Courtney Carrier, Tyler Tonjum, and Shane Jackola represented Jackola Engineering. Tom Coburn and Kevin Ireland represented Morrison Maierle. The Committee discussed the qualifications of each firm. The Committee inquired Owners Representative Dave Jolly regarding his experience and insight. The Committee inquired District Administration staff regarding their experience and insight. Some engineering deficiencies regarding the recent projects at Ruder Elementary and Glacier Gateway Elementary were noted including change orders at Ruder, difficulty commissioning the mechanical system at Ruder, and a lack of communication and willingness to accommodate unique District needs. The Committee discussed the proposed changes to the High School HVAC presented by Morrison Maierle. Although it was valuable that they did so much homework and had experience/understanding

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

GG PROJECT UPDATE

HS HVAC PROJECT

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MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THE SELECTION OF JACKOLA ENGINEERING FOR THE HS HVAC PROJECT


of our building, it appeared they already had a vision and fairly well defined plan. Several Committee members expressed the benefit of a new perspective offering new ideas. The Committee noted that Jackola Engineering is also a local company, which the District has not yet utilized.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to recommend the Board select Jackola Engineering for the High School HVAC Project. Passed 5-0. Wilson abstained.

MEETING  
ADJOURNED

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

  
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Board Chair

  
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Business Manager/Clerk