

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
APRIL 11, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, April 11, 2022, in the Boardroom 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 via Zoom  
Gail Pauley .....Trustee  
Keri Hill .....Trustee  
Heather Mumby .....Trustee via Zoom  
Wayne Jacobsmeyer .....Trustee  
Dave Wick .....Superintendent of Schools  
Dustin Zuffelato .....Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Hill, second by Pauley, to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion passed 8-0.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mumby, second by Wilson, to approve the following items on the consent agenda as presented:

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

March 7, 2022 Long Range Planning Committee and March 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March Bills, and Investment Reports.

Motion Passed 8-0

Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Approximately fourteen (14) people participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Approximately forty (40) people attended the meeting in person.

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

There was no additional public participation.

Reports:

REPORTS:

K-8 Facility Bond Project – Owners Representative Dave Jolly provided an update.

The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with written reports.

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 informed the Board that ballots for the Elementary District Trustee Election will be sent to 9,609 registered voters on Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zuffelato noted that Johnson Controls

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recently completed the audit of the energy performance contract for year two and the actual savings were less than the contractual guarantee and thus they will be issuing payment to the District. Mr. Zuffelato informed the Board that Health Insurance claims continue to be lower than expected. Plan reserves are expected to increase and the Health Insurance Committee discussed a premium holiday for the upcoming school year. The Committee also discussed long-term strategies to alter the rate funding structure in an effort to reduce the district contribution freeing up resources to stay up with inflationary pressures to wages. Mr. Zuffelato presented data concerning supplemental base aid funding for the current school year. The 2021 Legislature suspended the anticipated/unanticipated enrollment increase funding provisions and implemented a new program whereas the District would be eligible for additional funding for the approximately 120 additional students enrolled this year as compared to last year (due to COVID). The District is required to offset the approximately additional base aid of \$650,000 by using 10% of federal ESSER funds. In summary, the District will only receive approximately \$35,000 additional after accounting for the 10% required from the already appropriated ESSER funds.

Trustee Barb Riley provided the recent proceedings of the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA). Mrs. Riley presented the MTSBA resolutions passed during the delegate assembly.

Curriculum Director Mark McCord provided the Board with a written report. The Technology Committee selected NewLine for the interactive boards in the new Glacier Gateway Elementary. Mr. McCord outlined the 2022/23 school year calendar proposed by the Calendar Committee.

Special Education Director Michelle Swank provided the Board with a written report.

Superintendent Dave Wick provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Wick presented the recent attendance and COVID information. Mr. Wick informed the Board that he recently received information from parents advocating to continue to offer remote instruction. Mr. Wick informed the Board that the District recently narrowed down the High School Principal candidates to three and unfortunately two of these three recently dropped out of the application process. The District will interview and screen the remaining candidate. Mr. Wick highlighted his response to critics of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

ACTION /  
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Action/Discussed Items:

Teachers Mary Ellen Getts and Amy Hanson provided an update regarding the Bookmobile Summer Program. The intent of the program is to mitigate the summer slide of academic progress. The program conducted five routes on a daily basis serving 150 students.

Angela Holmes representing Denning, Downey, and Associates presented the 2021 Audit Report. The report contained an unqualified opinion with no findings. The audit identified minor unreported issues related to year-end cut-off procedures and student activity account deposits. Vice Chair Chisholm inquired regarding what is the common business practice in terms of switching auditors to obtain a fresh perspective. Mrs. Holmes noted that Denning, Downey, and Associates is a large firm that has multiple auditors whom can rotate to provide a new perspective without the need to change firms.

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The Board considered operating the swim team independently from Whitefish School District and fully funding the program from the District's general fund to support the program the same as other Montana High School Association sanctioned programs.

Motion by Wilson, second by Jacobsmeyer, to terminate the Memorandum of Agreement between Whitefish School District, the Columbia Falls School District, and the Swim Club effective July 1, 2022. Passed 8-0

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to fully fund the budgeted expenses for the Columbia Falls Swim Team during the 2022/23 season. Passed 8-0

Approximately twenty members of the public attended the meeting in support of adding baseball as a Montana High School Association sanctioned team. The Board considered a Memorandum of Agreement drafted by the baseball association. Superintendent Dave Wick noted that the MOA would need some revisions and clarifications but it's a great start whereas the general structure is clarified in which the program would be self-funded for three years. Mr. Wick discussed the possible facility use arrangements of the non-school owned baseball facility. Paul Austin representing the baseball association noted that we could define the terms of the School District using this facility that is owned by the State but leased by the baseball association. Motion by Wilson, second by Pauley, to support adding baseball as a Montana High School Association sanctioned activity for the 2022/23 school year and the draft Memorandum of Agreement depicting how the program will be funded. Passed 8-0

The Board considered the 2022/23 school year calendar recommended by the Calendar Committee. Curriculum Director Mark McCord explained the structure of the proposed calendar. Motion by Wilson, second by Chisholm, to approve the calendar for the 2022/23 school year. Passed 8-0

Business Manager Dustin Zuffelato presented a new agreement with Logan Health that will replace the existing Comprehensive School and Community Treatment program service provider agreement effective April 1, 2022. The agreement proposed by Logan Health transitions this program to an outpatient model whereas they would no longer bill Medicaid CSCT program for the behavioral health services provided. The new model will allow Logan Health to serve all students and not just those that are Medicaid eligible. The staffing dedicated to our students under the school based clinic model remains unknown but hopeful behavioral health services are available to every student referred for these services.

Motion by Chisholm, second by Wilson, to approve the School Based Behavioral Health Center Agreement with Logan Health effective April 1, 2022. Passed 7-1. No-Jacobsmeyer

The Board considered a request from the Gateway to Early Learning program whom utilizes the Administration Building to provide childcare for District staff. The Gateway to Early Learning Program proposed expanding use of the facility during the summer 2022. The childcare service would be conducted Monday-Wednesday with the capacity to serve 13 kids.

Motion by Chisholm, second by Hill, to approve use of the facility during the summer 2022 to conduct childcare. Passed 8-0

The High School District had one trustee position opening with only one candidate. The Board considered Resolution 397-cancelling the election and electing Casey Heupel by acclamation. Motion by Pauley, second by Jacobsmeyer to cancel the High School District Trustee Election and elect Casey Heupel by acclamation. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE FULLY FUNDING THE BUDGETED EXPENSES FOR THE COLUMBIA FALLS SWIM TEAM FOR THE 22-23 SEASON.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADDING BASEBALL AS AN MHSA SANCTIONED ACTIVITY FOR THE 22-23 SY

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED 22-23 SY CALENDAR

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER AGREEMENT WITH LOGAN HEALTH

MOTION TO APPROVE USE OF THE FACILITY DURING THE SUMMER OF 2022 TO CONDUCT CHILDCARE

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 397

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PERSONNEL:

MOTION TO APPROVE ELEM. HIRING RECOMMENDATION

MOTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT AND HS HIRING RECOMMENDATION

MOTION TO APPROVE ELEM (ATTACHMENT #1) NON-TENURE TEACHER HIRING RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE HS (ATTACHMENT #2) NON-TENURE TEACHER HIRING RECOMMENDATIONS

MISC / FUTURE PLANNING

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Ruminta Grieb – Paraeducator, Michael Downey – Paraeducator, Sarah Rosenbaum – Cheer Coach, and Shelly Gress-Student Council Advisor.

Motion by Jacobsmeyer, second by Hill, to approve the Elementary District hiring recommendation of Kirawen Luscher-School Counselor. Passed 7-0

Motion by Wilson, second by Pauley, to approve the High School District hiring recommendation of Cydney Finberg-Roberts - Teacher. Passed 8-0

Motion by Hill, second by Chisholm, to approve the Elementary District non-tenured teacher hires as listed on attachment #1. Passed 7-0

Motion by Wilson, second by Pauley, to approve the High School District non-tenured teacher hires as listed on attachment #2. Passed 8-0

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the substitute hiring recommendations. Passed 8-0

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

The Health Insurance Committee meeting was rescheduled to April 28, 2022 to accommodate parent teacher conferences at the Junior High.

The Board scheduled a facility tour of the recently completed (remodel) of Ruder Elementary and the progress at Glacier Gateway Elementary on April 25, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.


A Transportation Committee meeting was scheduled for April 25, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Regular Board Meeting

May 9, 2022

6:00 P.M.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 7:38 P.M.

  
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Board Chair

  
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Business Manager/Clerk

Name	Description .DAC	FTE	Primary Job Title	Hire Date
CALABRESE, JARROD A	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Early Elem	8/22/2019
ENOS, DEIDRA A	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Elem	8/22/2019
HALL, PATRICIA A	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Early Elem	8/22/2019
THURSTON, JENNIFER L	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Early Elem	8/22/2019
FOSTER, PAULA W	Teacher Junior High	1.0000	Teacher - Special Ed	8/22/2019
DESCHAMPS, GABRIELLE M	Teacher Ruder	1.0000	Teacher - Special Ed	8/22/2019
STEINER, SAMANTHA N	Teacher Ruder	1.0000	Teacher - Elem	8/22/2019
BRANDEBERRY, ABIGAIL J	Teacher Glacier Gateway	0.5000	Teacher - Elem	8/20/2020
JENSEN, SUZANN G	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Early Elem	8/20/2020
KROLL, MAYA E	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Early Elem	8/20/2020
MADDALENA, LOGAN S	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Elem	8/20/2020
MCCORD, COURTNEY B	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Special Ed	8/20/2020
MILLER, JENNIFER L	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Early Elem	8/20/2020
BARTH, AUSTIN L	Teacher Junior High	1.0000	Teacher - Junior High	8/20/2020
MILLER, EVAN R	Teacher Junior High	1.0000	Teacher - Special Ed	8/20/2020
DECOURCY, ISABELLA P	Teacher Ruder	1.0000	Teacher - Early Elem	8/20/2020
KAVANAGH, SARA C	Teacher Ruder	1.0000	Teacher - Elem	8/20/2020
RADABAH, SAMANTHA L	Teacher Ruder	1.0000	Teacher - Early Elem	8/20/2020
WARREN, CAMILLE D	Teacher Ruder	1.0000	Teacher - Elem	8/20/2020
CHAPPELOW, MARY E	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Elem	8/19/2021
CROWE, TRINA L	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Psychologist	8/19/2021
FISHEL, LINDSEY L	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Special Ed	8/19/2021
HAKES, ALICIA R	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Special Ed	8/19/2021
HÖME GUN, MELANIE A	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Special Ed	8/19/2021
HUBBARD, KYLE L	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Music	8/19/2021
LIBAIRE, ERIN M	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Elem	8/19/2021
SCHULZ, ALLIE J	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Early Elem	8/19/2021
ALLEN, MINDY A	Teacher Junior High	1.0000	Teacher - Junior High	8/19/2021
JOHNSTON, PATRICK K	Teacher Junior High	1.0000	Teacher - Elem	8/19/2021
ANDREWS, SUZANNE J	Teacher Ruder	1.0000	Teacher - Elem	8/19/2021
HALL, PAIGE E	Teacher Ruder	1.0000	Teacher - Elem	8/19/2021
HOOTS, TAYLOR K	Teacher Ruder	1.0000	Teacher - Elem	8/19/2021
MOORE, CALLIE L	Teacher Glacier Gateway	1.0000	Teacher - Title 1	10/26/2021

Attachement #2

Name	Description	DAC	FTE	Primary Job Title	Hire Date
DANLEY, ANNA M	Teacher	High School	1.0000	Teacher - High School	8/22/2019
OSBORNE, JOSIAH S	Teacher	High School	1.0000	Teacher - High School	8/22/2019
WEBB, MARY K	Teacher	High School	1.0000	Teacher - High School	8/22/2019
FINBERG, CIERA R	Teacher	High School	1.0000	Teacher - High School	8/20/2020
MILLER, GRETCHEN A.S.	Teacher	High School	1.0000	Teacher - High School	8/20/2020
YPMA, HILARY AD	Teacher	High School	0.7100	Teacher - High School	8/20/2020
RILEY, HANNAH E	Teacher	High School	1.0000	Teacher - High School	9/8/2020
BLANKENSHIP, JONATHAN M	Teacher	High School	1.0000	Teacher - Special Ed	8/19/2021
HUBBARD, TYSON J	Teacher	High School	1.0000	Teacher - High School	8/19/2021
MASON, ASHLEIGH	Teacher	High School	1.0000	Teacher - Counselor	8/19/2021