

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
MAY 9, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, May 9, 2022, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Vice Chair Chisholm called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

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

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

-Approve April bills.

-Approve investment reports.

Passed 8-0

Business Manager/Clerk Dustin Zuffelato noted that the board minutes for the April meetings have not been completed and will be included for consideration next month.

Public Participation:

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

Approximately five (5) members of the public attended the meeting remotely via Zoom.

There was no public participation.

Reports:

District Superintendent Dave Wick provided an update (in the absence of Owners Representative Dave Jolly) regarding the K-8 Facility Bond Project. Mr. Wick also noted that Jackola Engineering has completed some site visits and meetings with staff to compile information and will be presenting preliminary ideas/options in an effort to hone-in on a specific strategy guiding their work forward.

Written reports from each Principal were submitted to the Board detailing the activities within the various schools of the Elementary District. The schools are currently facilitating SBAC testing.

Scott Gaiser, High School Principal, submitted a written report to the Board.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

REPORTS:

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Dustin Zuffelato, Business Manager/Clerk, submitted a written report to the Board. Mr. Zuffelato provided an update regarding the election. Ballots cast for the zip codes affected by the bulk mailing oversight was higher than in previous years. As such, there appears to have been no impact from the mail ballot delay.

Trustee Barbara Riley provided an update concerning the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA). Trustee Riley discussed training opportunities for both new and current Trustees.

Curriculum Director, Mark McCord, provided the Board with a written report. Mr. McCord provided an update regarding the work conducted by the Technology Committee.

Superintendent Dave Wick provided the Board with an enrollment update.

Board Chair Rocksund presented a thank you note from the Columbia Falls Swim Team Board President expressing appreciation for the District to fully fund this program during the upcoming school year.

ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Action/Discussed Items:

The Board considered disposing obsolete property.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve Resolution 400-Disposition of Abandoned, Obsolete and Undesirable Property. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE INDEPENDENT
CONTRACTOR AGREEMENTS
FOR SY22-23

The Board considered renewing the independent contractor agreements for school year 2022/23.

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreements with Leslie Hayden-Physical Therapist Services and Rita Haskins-Occupational Therapy Services for school year 2022/23. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE SERVICE AGREEMENT
WITH INTERQUEST
DETECTION CANINES
FOR SY 22-23

The Board considered renewing the agreement for utilizing dogs to conduct inspections for contraband and weapons during the school year 2022/23.

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to renew the service agreement with Interquest Detection Canines for school year 2022/23. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO REJECT
THE OFFER TO
PURCHASE A PORTION
OF THE CANYON
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board considered an offer to purchase a parcel of property within the Canyon Elementary School campus. The District was recently aware that an adjacent neighbor had been occupying district-owned property by infringing on the boundary lines of their property. A survey of the property was completed indicating approximately .25 acres was impeded upon for the past few years. The neighbor has offered to purchase the property for \$5,000. Board consensus was the District is not interested in selling the property. Trustee Riley recommended filing an encroachment lien to cover related survey and attorney fees incurred by the District.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to reject the offer to purchase a portion of the Canyon Elementary School property. Passed 7-0

The Board considered the covenants associated with the property slated to be conveyed to Ruis Holdings upon the completion of the new Glacier Gateway Elementary building. Mr. Ruis is open to helping the District overcome the housing challenges for current and prospective staff members/teachers.

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Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to revise the covenants previously adopted related to the sale of the Old Junior High/Glacier Gateway Elementary property to Ruis Holdings LLC to expand use of the property to include housing for District employees. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE REVISION TO
THE COVENANTS
PREVIOUSLY
ADOPTED RELATED
TO THE SALE OF THE
OLD JH

The Board considered the Transportation Committee recommendations. The Committee conducted a meeting on April 25, 2022. The Transportation Department conveyed challenges related to staffing as well as difficulty procuring bus parts/supplies. The Committee devised some unique/different strategies in an effort to overcome these hardships. The Committee recommended purchasing a 23 passenger Microbus to service special education routes and replace bus #8. The Committee recommended purchasing a 14 passenger Microbus for activity trips to replace the 2008 activity bus. Bus routes for the 2022/23 school year will be revised in an effort to reduce the number of routes with more details to be determined in July for the County Transportation Committee. The Committee recommended renewing the propane contract with City Service Valcon for June 2022-May 2023. The price increased \$.27 or 15% to \$1.96 per gallon.

Motion by Pauley, second by Riley, to approve the Transportation Committee recommendations to purchase two Microbuses using the 2023 bus depreciation funds, revise bus routes for the 2022/23 school year, and renew the fuel contract with City Service Valcon. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE PURCHASE OF
TWO MICROBUSES
AND THE BUS ROUTE
REVISIONS FOR THE
22-23 SY

The Board considered the Health Insurance Committee recommendations as a result of the meeting conducted on April 28, 2022. Business Manager Dustin Zuffelato summarized the recommendations. The Committee recommended increasing the specific stop loss insurance threshold from \$120,000 to \$135,000 including increasing the aggregate deductible from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in an effort to reduce fixed costs and expose more reserves as plan reserves are deemed very healthy. For Plan Year 2023, the aggregate stop loss insurance attachment point decreased \$172 per employee per month representing a 11.20% decrease. Funding from plan reserves was decreased to zero. The retiree rates remain unchanged. The life insurance premiums remain unchanged. The voluntary dental and vision insurance plans remain unchanged with no changes to premiums. The plan administration renewal from EBMS increased 6.59% to \$37.68 per employee per month. The Committee recommended renewing the Employee Assistance Program with no changes. The Committee recommended a revised prescription drug benefit contract with Magellan representing an administration fee decrease. Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the Health Insurance Committee recommendations for Plan Year 2023 renewal. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE HEALTH INSUR-
ANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS-
FOR PLAN YR 2023

The Board considered renewing the facility use agreements for Canyon Elementary. The Canyon Baptist Church discontinued use of this building. The other three lessees would like to renew with no changes. The All Saints Episcopal Church would like to utilize the building once per month to conduct a community dinner. The Department of Corrections-probation and parole will utilize the building once per week. The Greater Valley Health Center will utilize the building three times per week. Vice Chair Chisholm requested the agreement with Greater Valley Health Center be considered separately as he has a conflict of interest associated with this entity. Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the Canyon Elementary facility use agreement with Greater Valley Health Center for the period July 1 2022 to June 30 2023. Passed 7-0. Chisholm abstained.

Motion by Wilson, second by Mumby, to approve the Canyon Elementary facility use agreements with All Saints Episcopal Church and the State of Montana-Department of Corrections for the period July 1 2022 to June 30 2023. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE CANYON ELEM.
FACILITY USE AGREE-
MENTS FOR THE
PERIOD OF 7-1-22 TO
6-30-23

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Business Manager/Clerk Dustin Zuffelato expressed concern with the maintenance/operational costs of the new multi-use fields and noted that the District may want to consider allowing advertising for revenue.

Business Manager/Clerk Dustin Zuffelato informed the Board that state statute authorizes the School District to request the County to conduct the elections. The County is not required to accept this request but a formal request made by all the School Districts within the County may place some pressure on the County to at least help conduct the elections to ensure integrity and accuracy.

MOTION TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 398
ELEMENTARY
DISTRICT

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve Resolution 398 – Calling for the Flathead County to administer the Elementary District 2023 annual school election. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 399
HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Motion by Mumby, second by Pauley, to approve Resolution 399 – Calling for the Flathead County to administer the High School District 2023 annual school election. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO CANVASS
VOTES OF THE
RESULTS OF
MAY 3, 2022 ELECTION

The Board considered the results of the 2022 Trustee Election conducted May 3, 2022. Motion by Rocksund, second by Riley, to canvass the number of votes cast and declaration of results of the May 3, 2022 Trustee Election. Passed 7-0

The Board acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the leadership of departing Trustees Wilson (36 years of School Board service) and Pauley (24 years of School Board service).

PERSONNEL:

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the Superintendent's acceptance of the following resignations: Abigail Brandeberry-Teacher, Samantha Steiner – Teacher, Shannon Sommers-Teacher, Makenna Avila-Para-educator, Dave Ritter-Teacher, Wendy Barton-Para-educator, Amanda King-Bus Driver, Terry Baker-Custodian/Bus Driver, Bob Rupp – Facilities and Transportation Director, Karen Kyger-Custodian, Kate Daniels – High School Annual Sponsor, and Hayden Pierce-Swim Coach.

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE HS AND DISTRICT-
WIDE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Wilson, second by Riley, to approve the following High School/District-wide hiring recommendations: Geoff Melton-IT Support, Sonja Applebaker-Hot Lunch Helper, Cydney Finberg-Roberts-Long-term Substitute Teacher, Hannah Riley-Annual Sponsor, and Austin Green-Teacher. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE ELEMENTARY
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Riley, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Holly McDonald-Speech-Language Pathologist, Crystal Fisher-Behavioral Specialist, Morgan Christanson-Teacher, Robin Cael-Teacher, Kelsey McFadden-Teacher, Ellie Green-Teacher, Peyton Kehr-Teacher, Jacy Wilson-Teacher, Peregrine Frissel-Teacher, Demi Sullivan-Teacher, and Jennifer Greenburg-Teacher. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE TERMINATION OF
THE COVID SANITA-
TION CUSTODIANS

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the termination (reduction in force) of temporary COVID Sanitation Custodians Sharon Dunigan and Mark Gilham effective June 10, 2022. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE SUBSTITUTE
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Wilson, second by Pauley, to approve the Substitute hiring recommendations. Passed 8-0

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Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Health Insurance Committee Meeting

May 23, 2022

4:00 P.M.

High School Graduation Ceremony

June 4, 2022

11:00 A.M.

Regular Board Meeting

June 13, 2022

6:00 P.M.

MISC / FUTURE
PLANNING

A retirement recognition reception was scheduled for May 24, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Chisholm adjourned the meeting at 7:22 P.M.

MEETING
ADJOURNED:



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk