

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
JUNE 13, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, June 13, 2022, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill RocksundBoard Chair
Dean ChisholmVice Chair
Casey HeupelTrustee
Heather Mumby Trustee via zoom
Barbara Riley Trustee
Keri HillTrustee
Justin Cheff Trustee via zoom
Wayne Jacobsmeyer Trustee
Dave Wick Superintendent of Schools
Dustin ZuffelatoBusiness Manager/Clerk

Board Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

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

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

- Approve May bills.
 - Approve April meeting minutes.
 - Approve student activity account transfers.
 - Approve investment reports.
- Passed 8-0

Public Participation:

Chair Rocksund requested public participation on any agenda or non-agenda items. 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. The CLT panels supplied by SmartLam are delayed and causing some disruption to the project schedule.

Written reports from each Principal were submitted to the Board detailing the activities within the various schools of the Elementary District.

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

Dustin Zuffelato, Business Manager/Clerk, submitted a written report to the Board. Mr. Zuffelato informed the Board about another project to continue to update the IT infrastructure and make it much easier to maintain the phone system with the existing IT support staff. The phone system will be transitioned from a system hosted locally to a cloud based system hosted offsite by a third party provider.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

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Special Education Director, Michelle Swank, provided the Board with a written report. The District continues to struggle with securing adequate staff-primarily para-educators. The Communications/Autism program will be moved from Glacier Gateway Elementary to Ruder Elementary next year to facilitate growth.

Curriculum Director, Mark McCord, provided the Board with a written report.

Trustee Barbara Riley provided an update concerning the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA). Trustee Riley noted that the membership in the National School Board Association has dwindled to a point that will make it very difficult for this entity to continue to exist.

Superintendent Dave Wick provided the Board with a written report.

ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Action/Discussed Items:

Curriculum Director Mark McCord explained the process to identify and choose the Big Ideas Junior High Math Curriculum. The current curriculum is no longer supported by the publisher. Trustee Jacobsmeyer inquired into the cost of this curriculum. Mr. McCord identified the cost of \$60,000 for a six year subscription and material.

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE ADOPTION OF
THE BIG IDEAS MATH
CURRICULUM FOR JH

Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to approve the adoption of the Big Ideas Math Curriculum for the Junior High. Passed 7-1. No-Jacobsmeyer.

MOTION TO APPROVE
MQEC MEMBERSHIP

The Board considered membership with the Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC). Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to approve membership with the Montana Quality Education Coalition. Passed 7-1. No-Jacobsmeyer

MOTION TO WAIVE
THE AGE REQUIRE-
MENT AND ADMIT
STUDENT ZS TO
KINDERGARTEN AT
RUDER

The Board considered waiving the age threshold policy for one student based on extenuating circumstances.

Motion by Riley, second by Jacobsmeyer, to waive the age requirement and admit student ZS to Kindergarten at Ruder Elementary for the 2022/23 school year. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE THREE YEAR
AUDIT CONTRACT
WITH DENNING,
DOWNEY AND
ASSOCIATES FOR
FY 2022-2024

The Board considered renewing the contract for audit services with Denning, Downey, and Associates. Denning, Downey, and Associates conducted the audit for fiscal year 2021 on a one-year contract. Satisfactory performance prompted the recommended renewal and extension of this contract.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the three year audit contract with Denning, Downey, and Associates for fiscal years 2022-2024. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE MULTI-DISTRICT
COOPERATIVE FUND
TRANSFER

The Board considered an annual transfer to provide funding for the Multi District Cooperative. The terms of the Multi District Agreement between the Elementary District and the High School District provide for transfers of funds to support the operation and maintenance of both districts. The proposed transfer of funds is from the bus depreciation funds.

Motion by Mumby, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the multi district cooperative fund transfer. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE CANCELLATION
OF OUTSTANDING
WARRANTS

The Board considered cancelling warrants issued over one year ago that have not been cashed. Motion by Riley, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the cancellation of outstanding warrants in accordance to MCA 20-9-223 for District checks 383506, 384319, and student activity account check 16141. Passed 8-0

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The Board considered renewing the concession services agreement with Cup o Soul following the inaugural year in which this third party conducted the concession activities at all high school home games. The District was satisfied with the level of services provided through this partnership.

Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to renew the Concession Services Agreement with Cup o Soul. Passed 8-0

The Board considered establishing a scholarship endowment in honor of High School Principal Scott Gaiser.

Motion by Riley, second by Jacobsmeyer, to establish the Scott Gaiser Bleed Blue Scholarship Endowment. Passed 7-0

The Board considered establishing a student activity account for the new Montana High School Association sanctioned sport-Baseball. The account will be used to operate the new program as the District will not be funding the program. All fundraising efforts will be deposited into this account.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to establish student activity account #199 – High School Baseball. Passed 8-0

The Board considered renewing an agreement with a third party vendor to provide medical billing services for qualified Medicaid services delivered to students. The District uses this service to bill Medicaid to obtain federal funding reimbursements for qualified services.

Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to renew the agreement with Montana Medical Billing for school year 2022/23. Passed 8-0

The Board considered the Flathead Rapids field use agreement that was originally executed in Spring 2021. The fees generated during the inaugural year of this agreement were substantially less than the operational costs of the new multi-use fields. The Board discussed generating revenue from advertising/corporate sponsorship of the fields. Vice Chair Chisholm recommended the revenue be split equally between the Rapids and the District. The District shall retain control over who sponsors to maintain appropriate appearance of District property. Furthermore, the District should impose limits on how many signs/banners are displayed as well as the type of signs (temporary/removable) etc. Any final agreement shall be considered by the Board of Trustees to ensure terms are in compliance with Board Policy and overall intent.

Motion by Chisholm, second by Heupel, to authorize the District to revise the use agreement with Flathead Rapids to include advertising as a revenue source. Passed 8-0

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the Superintendent's acceptance of the following resignations: Elizabeth Read - Speech Aide, Melanie Homegun – Teacher, Amber Strobbe - Para-educator, Erin Libaire - Teacher, Tracy Swope - Teacher, Bruce Adams - Bus Driver, Jessica Fausey - Payroll Specialist, and Brandon Karberg - Assistant Boys Soccer Coach.

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Taylor Hoots - JH Cross Country Coach, Heather Gilchrist - JH Volleyball Coach, Joel Landis - Para-educator, and Amanda Douglas - Para-educator. Passed 7-0

Motion by Riley, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the following High School/District-wide hiring recommendations: Aaron Fredenburg - Custodian, Bill Sapa – Baseball Coach, Emily

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE CONCESSION SERV. AGREEMENT WITH CUP O SOUL

MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE SCOTT GAISER BLEED BLUE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

MOTION TO ESTABLISH STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT #199 - HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

MOTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH MONTANA MEDICAL BILLINGS FOR SY 22-23

MOTION TO REVISE THE USE AGREEMENT WITH FLATHEAD RAPIDS TO INCLUDE ADVERTISING AS A RENENUE SOURCE

PERSONNEL:

MOTION TO APPROVE ELEMENTARY HIRING RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE HS AND DISTRICT-WIDE HIRING RECOMMENDATIONS

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Hackethorn - Student Council Advisor, Catherine Martin - .50 FTE Teacher, Austin Green – Football Coach, Amy Caudill - Swim Coach, and Jessica Victor - Para-educator. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE FOLLOWING
TEMPORARY
SUMMER HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the following temporary summer hiring recommendations: Daniel Cadigan - I.T. Support, Linda Jacquette - I.T. Support, Tristan Crane - Lawn Care, Raphe Salmon – Grounds Maintenance, Amanda Treat – Custodian, Chris LePiane - Custodian, Seth Knox – Custodian, Dawn Garwood - Custodian, Angel McCarley - Summer Food Service, Karen Taylor – Summer Food Service, and Bryan McGrath - Weight Room. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE SUBSTITUTE
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

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

MOTION TO APPROVE
OUT OF STATE
TRAVEL

The Board considered an out of state travel request for teachers Cassie Ladenburg and Autumn Mansfield to attend a conference.

Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to approve the out of state travel request to attend the Eduprotocols Conference in Laguna Beach, CA July 27-29, 2022. Passed 7-0.

MISCELLANEOUS
AND FUTURE
PLANNING

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Long Range Planning Committee	June 28, 2022	6:00 P.M.
Regular Board Meeting	July 18, 2022	6:00 P.M.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk