

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
DECEMBER 12, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, December 12, 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
Casey Heupel Trustee
Keri Hill Trustee
Wayne Jacobsmeyer Trustee
Justin Cheff Trustee
Dave Wick Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Barbara Riley Trustee
Heather Mumby Trustee

Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Heupel, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 6-0

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Hill, second by Heupel, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

-Approve the investment report.

-Approve November Bills.

Passed 6-0

Public Participation:

Approximately three (3) people participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

Student Body Representatives provided an update regarding the activities during November.

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

Community member Judy Territo expressed concern with a comment made by Trustee Riley during the November 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting portraying the composition of the Montana Legislature not being favorable to public education. Mrs. Territo took the comments as a political statement against conservatives, noting that School Board positions should not have a political affiliation. Vice Chair Chisholm noted that in the absence of Trustee Riley being present at this meeting to defend her statements, Trustee Chisholm recalled the intent of the comments not to be political but rather pointed towards the recent history of the members of the state legislature not adequately funding public education.

There was no additional public participation.

Reports:

District Owners Representative Dave Jolly-Jobsite Inc. presented an update regarding the K-8 Facility Bond Project. Several important inspections are scheduled for the end of the week including the elevator and the fire suppression system. These life safety systems will need

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to pass inspection in order for the District to obtain a certificate of occupancy for the new Glacier Gateway Elementary building. Superintendent Dave Wick anticipates the flow of traffic including student drop off and pick up to be difficult until the parking lot and site work is completed this spring/summer. Trustee Cheff recommended the District recognize the community involvement with this building project. Specifically, the special connection for the students' parents and former students who have worked on the project.

The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with a written report. Principal Penni Anello expressed appreciation for student/family advocate Sarah Williams in her efforts to assist students/families during the holiday season.

High School Principal Jon Konen provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Konen outlined the strategic goals the staff have been working on.

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Zuffelato noted that he has been tardy with completing the Board Minutes as well as some reports due to the Office of Public Instruction in December including the Compensation Expenditure Report. Mr. Zuffelato informed the Board that the Business Office has commenced implementation of a new software program to track time and attendance. The new program should create efficiencies for the business office, building secretaries, and Principals. The intent is to ensure the reporting of time worked for all the staff is easier and more accurate.

Trustee Barb Riley provided the Board with a written report. The report included a summary of the quarterly Montana School Board Association meeting, state legislative bill drafts that will impact public education, and a summary of a safety symposium she attended that was a deep dive into school behavior threat analysis.

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

Superintendent Dave Wick provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Wick provided an enrollment update. Mr. Wick commended the team including Swank Enterprises, Dave Jolly, and the District staff who worked together to get the new building completed in January 2023 despite the various supply chain and labor challenges.

Board Chair Rocksund discussed the Superintendent evaluation form. Board consensus was to use the new and improved revised form. Chair Rocksund recommended implementing a new procedure to meet quarterly with the Superintendent to discuss goals and performance. Chair Rocksund commended the effort and community support to construct the new Glacier Gateway Elementary.

ACTION/DISCUSSION
ITEMS:

Action/Discussed Items:

The Board considered a bus route change to Route eleven (11). Route 11 would be serving students from Route 13, thereby extending the route by three miles per day. Route 13 would cease operation until the District could secure more bus drivers. The loss of state/county funding for this route will be \$63.90 per day. The reduction of expense to operate the route will exceed the state/county loss in revenue, resulting in a favorable impact to the fiscal year 2023 budget.

MOTION TO APPROVE
BUS ROUTE CHANGES

Motion by Heupel, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the bus route changes effective December 12, 2022 eliminating route 13 and adding three miles to route 11. Passed 6-0

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The Board considered an agreement to provide on-site mental health services to High School students. Services will be provided one day per week for the remainder of the school year. Superintendent Dave Wick explained that CSCT services are no longer provided at the High School and the mental health service provider within the school based clinic is full. Motion by Chisholm, second by Cheff, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Spot to Talk to provide mental health services to students. Passed 5-1. No-Jacobsmeier

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE MOA WITH SPOT
TO TALK

Superintendent Dave Wick discussed the plans to dispose of contents and demolish the building within the old Glacier Gateway Elementary site. The building contents will be available for purchase through an online public auction. Glacier Auction is planning to conduct the auction between January 17-24. Anything that is not sold will be demolished with the building commencing in March 2023. The fixtures and furnishings within the old junior high portion that will be conveyed to Ruis Holdings will remain in the building and included as part of the buy/sell agreement terms. This is the optimal strategy to provide the public with opportunity to obtain the contents of the building while limiting liability and the cost to the District/taxpayers. Motion by Jacobsmeier, second by Hill, to approve Resolution 405 – Disposition of Abandoned, Obsolete, and Undesirable Property contained within the old Glacier Gateway Elementary Building. Passed 5-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION #405

Superintendent Dave Wick and Business Manager Dustin Zuffelato presented the Flathead County Schools statistical report for 2022. Dave and Dustin reviewed the data page by page pointing out the outliers and illustrating how Columbia Falls compares to the other schools.

REVIEW OF THE 2022
FLATHEAD VALLEY
SCHOOLS
STATISTICAL REPORT

Superintendent Dave Wick reviewed the Safe Return to Schools – American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) Plan Documents.

PERSONNEL:

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The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Carolyn Gibson-Hot Lunch Helper, Katie Edwards-Hot Lunch Helper, and Laurie Thramer-High School Library Para-Educator.

Motion by Chisholm, second by Jacobsmeier, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Elizabeth Stevenson-Speech Pathologist and Dawn Lorenzen-School Nurse. Passed 5-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Chisholm, second by Heupel, to approve the High School/District Wide hiring recommendation of Nancy Goe-Winter Bus Helper. Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS AND DISTRICT-
WIDE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Chisholm, second by Hill, to approve the substitute hiring recommendations. Passed 6-0

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SUBSTITUTE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Hill, second by Cheff, to approve the out of state travel request for High School Band students to Idaho and Washington March 23-25, 2023. Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
OUT OF STATE BAND
TRAVEL

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Becky Bates – Certified Union Member, noted that she has not received a notice regarding the upcoming Health Insurance Committee meeting. Board consensus was to reschedule this meeting to January 2023.

MISC / FUTURE
PLANNING

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Regular Board Meeting	January 9, 2023	6:00 P.M.
Work Session Meeting/Superintendent Evaluation	January 23, 2023	6:00 P.M.

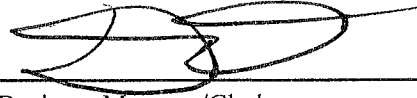
Board consensus was to conduct a review of student data during the February Work Session Meeting.

MEETING
ADJOURNED:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 7:41 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk