

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

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

Board Chair Jill Rocksund called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

-Approve August bills.

-Approve investment reports.

Passed 8-0

Public Participation:

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

High School student body president Jonathan Blankenship presented the recent proceedings of the student council. Chair Rocksund recommended resuming the Student on Board program.

The respective building Principals introduced the new teachers hired for the 2022/23 school year.

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

Joe O'Rourke informed the Board that he recently met with two of the County Commissioners regarding the County Election Department to conduct the School District elections. He noted the meetings were discouraging citing this was not something the Commissioners were fully aware of and not something that they had discussed much in the recent past.

Board Chair Rocksund requested District Clerk Dustin Zuffelato provide an update. Mr. Zuffelato informed the Board that he recently met with Kalispell School District Clerk –Denise Williams, the Elections Department Director Monica Eisenzimer and Clerk and Recorder Debbie Pierson. The County will deny the request to conduct School District elections citing a software conversion and redistricting. They are preparing to conduct these elections commencing in 2025-likely bracing for State legislative changes mandating the County to conduct these elections. In the meantime, the County has offered the use of their electronic ballot tabulating machine to mitigate hand counting ballots. The County will continue to help check-in ballots by verifying signatures and keeping record of the all the ballots cast. The District will continue to

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communicate with the County Election Department to use them as a resource to maintain the integrity and accuracy of the election process and procedures.

There was no additional public participation.

REPORTS:

Reports:

Dave Jolly, Owners Representative, described the recent progress of the K-8 Facility Bond Project. The Ruder Elementary project has reached substantial completion. Glacier Gateway is scheduled to be dried-in within two weeks to ensure the interior temperature can hold the appropriate temperature to complete the interior work.

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

Jon Konen, High School Principal, submitted a written report to the Board. The enrollment is currently 706 as compared to 651 last year.

Dustin Zuffelato, Business Manager/Clerk, provided the Board with a written report.

Trustee Riley provided the recent proceedings of the Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA).

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

The Special Services Director Michelle Swank provided the Board with a written report. The District is serving 346 students with disabilities as compared to 311 in the prior year.

Superintendent Dave Wick provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Wick provided an enrollment update. As compared to June 2022, enrollment is consistent for the two elementary schools and the junior high but up approximately 50 students at the High School.

ACTION/DISC.
ITEMS:

Action/Discussed Items:

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE RENEWAL OF
AGREEMENT TO FUR-
NISH MEALS DAILY TO
DEER PARK ELEM.

The Board considered renewing the agreement to provide approximately 60 lunch meals to Deer Park Elementary on a daily basis during school year 2022/23.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to renew the agreement with Deer Park Elementary to furnish meals on a daily basis during school year 2022/23. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE MOA FOR
TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES WITH
HELENA FLATS

The Board considered an agreement to provide transportation services to Helena Flats School District. A student residing within the Helena Flats School District would utilize Bus 26 to be transported to the Crossroads school.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Transportation Services with Helena Flats School District for school year 2022/23. Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
SHARED RESOURCES
CONTRACT WITH
HELENA FLATS
SCHOOL

The Board considered sharing services of a speech language pathologist with Helena Flats School District during school year 2022/23.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the shared resources contract with Helena

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Flats School District for speech language pathologist services during school year 2022/23.
Passed 7-0

The Board considered the Drivers Education Program. The District did not conduct a program during school year 2021/2022 primarily because there were no instructors. New teacher Peregrine Frissell has offered to lead the program during the current school year. The number of students served will be limited to 15 per class as he will be primarily operating the program alone. He plans to conduct three classes during the current school year – October – April – and June. Previous driver's education instructor Jessie Schaeffer has offered to mentor Mr. Frissell. The District recommends increasing the class fee from \$225 to \$275 per student to cover the anticipated costs for the upcoming classes.

Motion by Chisholm, second by Jacobsmeyer, to increase the driver's education class fee to \$275 effective for the 2022/23 school year. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
AN INCREASE TO
DRIVERS EDUCATION
CLASS FEE

The Board considered establishing a new student activity account for the staff to conduct fundraisers to support the students and community.

Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to establish student activity account #345 – Glacier Gateway Casual for a Cause. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO
ESTABLISH STUDENT
ACTIVITY ACCOUNT
#345

The Long Range Planning Committee conducted a meeting on September 1, 2022 to consider the High School HVAC Project. The alternate project delivery method would take approximately two months to procure a general contractor based on requirements within state statute. This would take the same amount of time than if the engineer devised construction bid specification documents and bids were solicited. The Board will still have many options available if the project is sent to bid as project scope alternates can be designed. The Committee discussed the benefits of a fixed contract during a period of construction material price fluctuations as a result of supply chain constraints.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the Long Range Planning Committee recommendation to procure the general construction contract for the High School HVAC project as a fixed bid model as defined within state procurement statutes. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE LRP COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations accepted by the Superintendent: Jenee Sweeney - Paraeducator, Austin Barth- Junior High Football Coach, Wendy Plummer – Hot Lunch Helper, Rachael Clemens-Paraeducator, Chad Green – Football Coach, and Chris LePiane – Paraeducator.

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Terry Chad Green- Junior High Football Coach, Ellie Green – Junior High Soccer Coach, Niels Getts – Junior High Soccer Coach, Kirawen Luscher – Junior High Volleyball Coach, Kelsey McFadden – Junior High Volleyball Coach, Camberia Harwood – Junior High Cross Country Coach, and Mackenzie Roberts - Teacher. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE ELEM. HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Heupel, second by Riley, to approve the following High School/District-Wide hiring recommendations: Katherine Slater – Bus Driver, Heidi Wolf – Hot Lunch Helper, Derek Anello – Utility Maintenance floater, Sharon Dunigan – part-time Custodian, and Austin Barth – High School Football Coach. Passed 8-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE HS/DISTRICT-
WIDE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

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MOTION TO APPROVE
THE SUBSTITUTE
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS
MOTION TO APPROVE
THE OUT OF STATE
TRAVEL REQUEST
FOR BECKY BATES

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

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the out of state travel request for teacher Becky Bates to Atlanta Georgia to attend the Jumpstart financial literacy conference, November 4-6, 2022. Passed 8-0

MISC & FUTURE
PLANNING:

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Health Insurance Committee Meeting September 15, 2022 4:00 P.M.

Regular Board Meeting October 10, 2022 6:00 P.M.

The Board discussed the need to conduct a Policy Committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION"

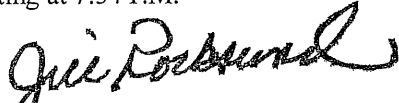
Executive Session:

Board Chair Rocksund called the meeting into executive session to discuss litigation strategy at 7:47 P.M.


Open Meeting resumed at 7:53 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 7:54 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk