

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
NOVEMBER 14, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, November 14, 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
Justin Cheff..... Trustee
Casey Heupel Trustee
Barbara Riley Trustee
Wayne Jacobsmeyer Trustee
Heather Mumby Trustee
Dave Wick..... Superintendent
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Keri Hill Trustee

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

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Heupel, second by Riley, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion passed 7-0

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

- Approval of October Bills
- Approval of Investment Reports

Passed 7-0

Public Participation:

High School Student Body President Jonathan Blankenship provided an update regarding activities at the High School.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

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

No Public Participation.

Reports:

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

REPORTS:

The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with written reports. Focused on Bus Safety and appropriate behavior on buses.

High School Principal Jon Konen provided the Board with a written report. The focus is on five Strategic Goals; 1) Challenging, Diverse, and Supportive Learning Environment Enrollment 2) High Performing Workplace 3) Organizational Effectiveness 4) Family and Community Engagement 5) District Facilities Support and Enhance Learning

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. Health Committee

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Program reserves are strong, working on ways to restructure funding in cooperation with the negotiations committee process. Enrollment-Fall Count and FY24 General Fund Budget estimates state funding of 2.70% will not be enough to cover the cost of living increases for staff. Federal ESSER Funding update: the District received \$9,173,342 and has spent as of June 30. \$3,809,724. The District is committed to spending an additional \$4,094,083 to replace the High School HVAC. Facility Funding will help with the High School Concessions, High School Gym Floor, and the High School HVAC. K-8 Facility Bond Project Budget Update: Total proceeds to date of \$41,961,000. Total expenses to date \$35,213,829. The District maintains a healthy contingency budget. The Transportation Committee discussed the bus driver shortage in the District. The District Fleet has twenty-one (21) propane to diesel busses, with six (6) remaining to be replaced.

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

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

Trustee Riley updated the Board regarding the recent proceedings of the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA). MTSBA is already wading through bill drafts for the upcoming state legislative session. The political make-up of the current legislative body coupled with some of the bill drafts proposed, indicate this will be a difficult legislative session for School Districts, staff, and students.

ACTION/DISCUSSION
ITEMS:

Action/Discussed Items:

MOTION TO WAIVE
THE MINIMUM AGE
REQUIREMENT

The Board considered a student request for a Kindergarten Age Waiver.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to waive the minimum age requirement and admit student CAD to kindergarten during the 2022-2023 School Year based on exceptional circumstances. Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
REVISIONS TO POLICY
#2135

The Board considered Policy Committee recommendations in an effort to maintain compliance with State Senate Bill 99.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the revisions to Board Policy 2135 – Human Sexuality Instruction. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO TERMINATE
EMERGENCY
COVID 19 POLICIES
#1900, #1901 & #1906

Motion by Riley, second by Jacobsmeyer, to terminate emergency COVID 19 Policies 1900, 1901, 1906 implemented during the pandemic. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGES TO POLICY
#2410

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve changes to Board Policy 2410 – High School Graduation. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 404

Motion by Mumby, second by Heupel, to approve Resolution 404 – Disposition of Abandoned, Obsolete, and Undesirable Property. Passed 7-0

The Board considered the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Interior (National Park System) and School District 6 to maintain the instructional program that commenced in 2019. Specifically the building trades curriculum – School to Park Program. The program will provide Glacier Park with one housing unit and one housing storage building for the school year 2022-2023. All building material costs are the burden of

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the National Park Service.

Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve the MOU between the United States Department of Interior-National Park Service and the Columbia Falls School District.

Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
MOU BETWEEN US
DEPT. OF INTERIOR
& SD6

Consideration of amendment to the ESSER III Learning Loss Budget to fund an expenditure for the current and next fiscal year – Renaissance Learning and STAR Assessment Software.

Motion by Mumby, second by Heupel, to approve the ESSER III grant budget amendment.

Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
ESSER III GRANT BUD-
GET AMENDMENT

The Transportation Committee recommendation is to purchase three (3) propane fueled Route Buses from the FY2024 Budget, which will be partially offset from a DEQ Grant.

Motion by Jacobsmeyer, second by Cheff, to purchase three propane fueled route buses from the FY2024 budget and apply for Department of Environment Quality Grant Funding. Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE PURCHASE OF
THREE PROPANE
FUELED ROUTE
BUSES

The Board conveyed the benefits of membership within the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA).

Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve the FY2024 Montana School Board Association Dues Revenue Estimate. Passed 6-1 No - Jacobsmeyer

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE FY2024 MTSBA
DUES REVENUE
ESTIMATE

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Sheridan Wilkes – Ruder Speech Language Pathology, Paula Halama – Ruder Nurse, Bobbie Nielsen – High School Custodian

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Jacobsmeyer, second by Riley, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Ellie Green – Junior High Boys Basketball Coach, Samantha Steiner – Glacier Gateway Grade 4 Teacher, Jeremy Grilley – Boys Basketball Youth Recreation Program Director, Kameki Morris – Ruder Special Education Paraeducator

Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEM DISTRICT
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Heupel, second by Chisholm, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Katie Edwards – Hot Lunch Helper/Floater, Peregrine Frissell – High School Traffic Education Teacher, Theodore Miller – High School Traffic Education Teacher.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS/DISTRICT -WIDE
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the substitute hiring recommendations as presented.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
SUBSTITUTE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

- Health Insurance Committee – November 16, 2022 – 4:00 P.M.
- Regular Board Meeting – December 12, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
- Discuss Work Session Topics for January and February: Testing/Student Performance and College & Career Readiness Programs Strategies.

MISC/FUTURE
PLANNING

Chair Rocksund called the meeting into executive session (for school safety) at 7:21 P.M. to discuss the Security Consultants Report Review.

Open meeting resumed at 8:23 P.M.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

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MOTION TO APPROVE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES

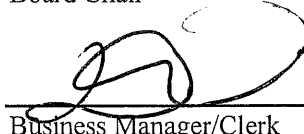
Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to approve the executive session meeting minutes.
Passed 7-0

MEETING
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk