

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
JANUARY 9, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, January 9, 2023, 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
Justin Cheff..... Trustee
Casey Heupel..... Trustee
Barbara Riley..... Trustee
Wayne Jacobsmeyer Trustee
Heather Mumby..... Trustee
Dave Wick Superintendent
Dustin Zuffelato..... Business Manager
Keri Hill..... Trustee

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

Motion by Hill, second by Riley, to approve the agenda as presented.

Passed 8-0

CALL TO ORDER

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

- Approval of June and December Meeting Minutes
- Approval of December Bills
- Approval of Investment Reports

Passed 8-0

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

Public Participation:

Approximately four (4) people participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

Vice Chair Chisholm requested public participation on any agenda or non-agenda items. Community Member Chuck Territto expressed concern that the November 14, 2022, meeting minutes were not available. Also, still missing are minutes from the September, October, and November meetings.

High School Student Body President, Jonathan Blankenship, presented a written report to the Board regarding activities during December and January. One safety concern of students is the recent break-in. Additionally, the intercom system at the High School is not adequate.

Reports:

K-8 Facility Bond Project – Owners Representative Dave Jolly provided an update. Outstanding issues still to address at Glacier Gateway Elementary is the playground, technology, the library, and bathrooms.

The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with written reports. The

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upcoming testing will include COGAT, STAR Testing and WIDA. There will be student led Community Tours of the New Glacier Gateway at the end of January. Junior High Students are using a YouTube Channel and podcast to share information about students and activities.

High School Principal Jon Konen provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Konen Discussed community engagement over the Holidays to provide gifts/resources to families in need. Another discussion was regarding the staffing shortage, especially paras, custodians, and food service.

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. For the annual Trustee Election, the District will be working with County Election Administrator to provide support including signature verification and electronic ballot tabulation. The next meeting with the County Election Department is January 11, 2023. Vice Chair Chisholm, Trustee Hill and Trustee Riley have expiring terms.

Trustee Riley provided a written report regarding the MTSBA Board. Regarding the November 2022 Board Meeting, Trustee Riley made a public statement. Comments were not a political statement, but a status of public news and the reality of the public education advocacy process.

Curriculum Director, Mark McCord, provided the Board with a written report. The 2023/24 school year Calendar is scheduled to be considered during the March Meeting. IT Hardware was replaced for one classroom at Ruder to ensure they have the same equipment as the new remodeled classrooms.

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

Superintendent Dave Wick presented an enrollment update. Mr. Wick provided a legislative update on House Bill 115 with a 2.7% FY2024 increase and a 3.0% general fund budget increase for FY2025. Mr., Wick discussed a proposed bill that would require the District to pay tuition for students electing to enroll in other districts. Trustee Mumby presented the agenda for the Day of Advocacy.

Board Chair Rocksund discussed a recent opportunity she had to be a writing coach at the High School.

Action/Discussed Items:

ACTION/DISCUSSION
ITEMS:

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE MULTI DISTRICT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE ELEM DISTRICT
AND THE HS DISTRICT

HVAC UPDATE

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the Multi District Agreement between the Elementary District and the High School District for the three year term 2023-2025.
Passed 8-0

Superintendent Wick provided an update regarding the High School HVAC Project. Six (\$6) Million Dollar Budget primarily using ESSER Funds needs to be spent before September 2024. This timeline allows for construction during the summer of 2023 and

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2024. Request for Bids were published January 6, 2023. Bid Opening on February 14, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. Long Range Planning Committee Meeting to consider the bids on February 21, 2023. Board to approve bids during the Work Session Meeting on February 27, 2023.

Superintendent Wick provided an update regarding the Disposition/Demolition/Abandon of old Glacier Gateway Elementary. Building contents are up for Public Auction on January 17-24, 2023. Items are available for pick up on January 26, 2023. Asbestos abatement and remaining items demolished with building commencing on February 1, 2023. Waiting on the Buy/Sell Agreement with Ruis Holdings and the Utilities Easement Agreement for the Administration Building regarding the gas and fiber optics.

GG DISPOSITION /
DEMOLITION /
ABANDONED
PROPERTY UPDATE

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Rick Lawrence – Junior High Girls Basketball Coach

PERSONNEL:

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Carolyn Gibson – Junior High Custodian, Jessica Cleveland – Junior High Special Education Para, Ellie Green – Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, Samuel Kavanagh – Junior High Math Long-Term Substitute
Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEM DISTRICT
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Riley, second by Cheupel, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Leigh Clausen – High School Library Paraeducator
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS/DISTRICT-WIDE
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

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

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE SUBSTITUTE
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Consideration of the following Leave of Absence Request.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the extended leave of absence request for Amanda Douglas, January 17 to April 28, 2023, to fulfill student teaching obligation in an effort to become a certified teacher.
Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
LEAVE OF ABSENCE
REQUEST

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the Out-of-State Travel Requests for:

- Nia Vestal – AWP Writers Conference in Washington March 8-11, 2023.
- Robyn Kehr – Shape America National Convention in Washington March 28 to April 1, 2023.
- Marie Birky and Tamara Laycock – Finalsite University (Website) in Florida March 29-31, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE
OUT OF STATE TRAVEL
REQUESTS

The Board requested a report to the Board to provide reflection form detailing what was gained from the experience.
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MISC/FUTURE
PLANNING

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

- Health Insurance Committee – January 11, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.
- Superintendent Evaluation – January 23, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
- Regular Board Meeting – February 13, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
- HVAC Bid Opening – February 14, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Chisholm called the meeting into executive session to discuss Litigation Strategy at 7:25 P.M.

Open meeting resumed at 7:32 P.M.

Motion by Mumby, second by Cheff, to accept the settlement offer related to the Canyon Elementary Property Encroachment.

Passed 8-0

Trustee Jacobsmeyer discussed the High School HVAC and the long range plan to improve other areas of the High School i.e. the roof, electrical, windows and gym floor.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Chisholm adjourned the meeting at 7:44 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk