

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
APRIL 17, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, April 17, 2023, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund Board Chair
Dean Chisholm Vice Chair Via Zoom - left 6:57 P.M.
Justin Cheff Trustee
Keri Hill Trustee
Casey Heupel Trustee
Barbara Riley Trustee
Wayne Jacobsmeyer Trustee
Heather Mumby Trustee
Dave Wick Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato District Clerk

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

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the agenda as presented.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Heupel, second by Riley, to approve the consent agenda as follows:
• Approve March bills
• Approve the investment report.
• Approve the minutes of various meetings.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

Public Participation:

Approximately six (6) people participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Approximately twenty-four (24) people attended the meeting in person.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

Student Body Representative

Student Body President Jonathon Blankenship and Senior Student Hunter Pyles presented a written report to the Board. Student council is organizing an Activities Day Assembly for the Junior High 8th Graders to describe the various school activities and clubs they can be involved in at the High School. An area of improvement is to get underclassman more involved in leadership positions.

Community Member Taryn Riley would like to see from the School Board a foundation of integrity and confidentiality. Her nephew attends Ruder Elementary, and Ms. Riley would like to see more diversity and engagement in difficult discussions with students.

Reports:

K-8 Facility Bond Project – Superintendent Wick discussed that approximately one-hundred (100) trees are in the plans to be planted around the new Glacier Gateway School. The ceilings at Ruder will be renovated this summer and a Pre-K playground similar to Glacier Gateway’s will be installed. The District is still working with Mr. Ruis to determine how best to deal with

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the vandalism of the Old Junior High School.

The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with written reports. Ruder Elementary started SBAC testing earlier this year in March and have had positive gains. The Ruder PTO is doing a read-a-thon with a goal of \$6,000; the amount of donations is now over \$9,000. The Junior High is experiencing less vaping incidents; staff is focusing on problem areas and students are making signs to put up in the schools and community. Free trial is coming up for a vaping detection contraption that detects the smoke/vape in the air. The school will be working on a safety grant for money to cover costs of the device. The Junior High has started SBAC testing and the wrestling team won the Western State Championships.

High School Principal Jon Konen provided the Board with a written report. Looking for ACT alternative tests other than by pencil and paper; the school will be going to an online version next year. Pop-up job fairs are happening at the school for students during lunch breaks. A Health Fair is planned in partnership with Logan Health; the community is welcome 3:30 to 6:00. The Believe Blue group will work with incoming freshman and other students on suicide awareness training. Preventive Incentive Funds Grant helps pay wages for Jolandie Brooks. Ms. Brooks works with students to become more engaged in classes and students who might be close to dropping out of high school.

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. Ballots for the upcoming election were received Friday afternoon, and final envelope assembly was finished Saturday. All ballots were mailed out today. Procedures from here on; a drop off location will be at the administration offices, then transported to Kalispell by election judges. The County will verify the signatures of each voter. Ballots will be counted on Tuesday, May 2, and that will be done at the County office. Counting will start at 6:00 P.M. and be done by election judges. Polls close at 8:00 P.M. Training will be this week or next week, to give a refresher on procedures. Trustee Mumby inquired into why the auditors are asking for more inventory on items over and under \$5000, for example Chromebooks. Mr. Zuffelato noted that it would help to keep record of the age of some of our technology. Superintendent Wick mentioned that we are working on a better system to track Chromebooks that are given to students.

Special Education Director Michelle Swank provided the Board with a written report. April is Autism Awareness Month. PAES Lab is located at the high school for students to develop soft skills. The Special Olympics track team has 29 athletes participating. Staffing needs for next year include three teacher position openings.

Curriculum Director, Mark McCord, provided the Board with a written report. There will be changes in accreditation process that looks at a few different measures. For example, graduation rate and academic growth. A graduate profile will be done and can project what a student "looks like" when they walk out the door. The Office of Public Instruction will be changing the TEAMS reporting system. The District will be revisiting our strategic planning, focusing on staff and students since everyone is a learner.

Trustee Barbara Riley updated the Board about the recent proceedings of the National School Board Association (NSBA) and the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA). Trustee Riley provided a written report containing training opportunities for Trustees. Follow up information was added to report. Trustee Riley encouraged board members to continue professional education and learning.

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Superintendent Dave Wick introduced the new Tech Director Chris Grau. Mr. Grau will be working to determine the extent that the District will utilize Pine Cove. Mr. Wick complimented the Board on their comprehensive Superintendent search. Enrollment is experiencing a little reduction over last 5 weeks; approximately 15 students district wide. The District is required to continue to update safe return to school plan, even though COVID is getting less and less cases. Mr. Wick provided a state legislative update.

Board Chair Jill Rocksund mentioned that the certification/advisory council meeting is in Helena tomorrow.

Action/Discussed Items:

The Land to Hand Group gave a brief update on the move to the new location at the Junior High. They are feeding approximately 375 kids per week. The fresh produce has been a hit. Nutrition and gardening education is being provided to the District. Working on monthly lessons (mostly cooking) in all of second grade. Will continue with fresh snack Fridays. Would like to build another gazebo in the garden for classroom use; they already have the funding, but need permission from the Board. Would also like to add a removable shed.

Motion by Riley second by Mumby, to approve of proposed gazebo structure, shed and revised MOU with Land to Hand Wildcat Garden.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

Teacher professional development presentations:

- Glacier Gateway - Get Your Teach On – Trisha Hall and Callie More went to Las Vegas in January. Learned math talks before main lessons. Teaching reading using sounds and not just sight words.
- Ruder – NCTE – Mary Burns and Sherri Nissen were in Anaheim, CA - National Counselor teachers of English. Ways to engage kids with the love of reading. Got to meet authors and take pictures to show class. Creative ways to build comprehension; story mapping. Shared in a staff meeting and got great feedback.
- JH – NCTE – Leslie DiMaio was also in Anaheim, CA. April is Poetry Awareness Month, was read a poem about Hope by Emily Dickenson.
- HS – AWP Writers Conference – Nia Vestal attended the Association of Writers and Writing Programs, Seattle, WA.

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the High School Work Based Learning Affiliation Agreement between Logan Health and School District Six.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the Concession Services Agreement renewal for FY2024 with Cup O Soul.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

Motion by Heupel, second by Cheff, to approve the FY2022 Audit Report.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

ACTION/DISCUSSION
ITEMS:

MOTION TO APPROVE
PROPOSED GAZEBO
STRUCTURE AND
REVISED MOU WITH
LAND TO HAND

TEACHER
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
PRESENTATIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE HS WORK BASED
LEARNING AFFILI-
ATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN LOGAN
HEALTH AND SD#6

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE CONCESSION
SERVICES AGREEMENT
RENEWAL FOR FY 24
WITH CUP O SOUL

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE FY2022 AUDIT
REPORT

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MOTION TO APPROVE
HEALTH INSURANCE
COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Zuffelato presented the Health Insurance Committee recommendations for the upcoming renewal to the voluntary vision and dental programs. VSP was lacking in network doctors in our area. The recommendation is for the District to self-fund one eye exam, covered with a cap of \$150. It would allow employees to go to any doctor of their choosing. Employees could do a buy up if they would still like VSP coverage. Dental is renewing with the same program, and no change in premiums. Meeting next week will be a more in-depth renewal meeting with the District sitting at 129% of claims that will result in a stop-loss funding increase. Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the recommendations from the Health Insurance Committee; self-funded annual eye exam for vision insurance and to renew with Delta Dental. Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
RECOMMENDED
INCREASES TO FOOD
SERVICE MEALS

Increase for lunch prices according to the USDA formula was discussed, with an effective date of next school year. Motion by Heupel, second by Mumby, to approve increases to the Food Service Program meal charges; Adult Lunch Meal - \$5.00, Student Lunch Meal - \$3.50, Student Breakfast Meal - \$2.00. Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CROSS-FIT CLUB AT
CFHS

Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to approve the new Cross-Fit Club at CFHS. Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
SIMPLE LEASE OF
TECHNOLOGY SPACE
AT OLD JH WITH RUIS
HOLDINGS LLC

Motion by Jacobsmeyer, second by Riley, to approve the Simple Lease of Technology Space at the old CFJH with Ruis Holdings LLC. Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

PERSONNEL:

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Molly Mortenson – Glacier Gateway Title 1 Paraeducator, Austin Kimmet-Lee – JH Football Coach, James Lester – Bus Driver/Washer, Tyson Hubbard – HS Assistant Football Coach

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE HIRING OF
MR. CORY DZIWGO
FOR DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT

Motion by Riley, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve the hiring of Mr. Cory Dziowgo for District Superintendent. Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEM DISTRICT
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Katie Whisenand – JH English/LA Teacher. Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS/DISTRICT-WIDE
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Tristan Crane – Temporary/Summer Lawn Care, Ellen Szalay – HS Special

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Education Paraeducator, Carly Weber – HS English Teacher
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the substitute hiring recommendations.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the elementary non-tenure teacher hires for 2023-2024.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to approve the high school non-tenure teacher hires for 2023-2024.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

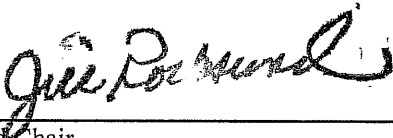
Motion by Cheff, second by Mumby, to approve a sick leave bank request.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:


- Health Insurance Committee – April 26, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.
- Annual School Election – May 2, 2023
- Regular Board Meeting – May 8, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
- Reorganizational Meeting – May 8, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.

Trustee Mumby discussed that the Board previously met with Student on Board in October. Jon Konen will get it scheduled.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 8:06 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE SUBSTITUTE
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION TO AP-
PROVE THE ELEMEN-
TARY NON-TENURE
TEACHER HIRES FOR
SY 2023-2024

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE HIGH SCHOOL
NON-TENURE
TEACHER HIRES FOR
SY 2023-2024

MOTION TO APPROVE
SICK LEAVE BANK
REQUEST

MISC/FUTURE
PLANNING

MEETING
ADJOURNED

Name	Description	DAC	FTE	Hire Date
BARTH, AUSTIN L	Teacher	Junior High	1.00	8/20/2020
DECOURCY, ISABELLA P	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/20/2020
JENSEN, SUZANN G	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	8/20/2020
KAVANAGH, SARA C	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/20/2020
MCCORD, COURTNEY B	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	8/20/2020
MILLER, EVAN R	Teacher	Junior High	1.00	8/20/2020
MILLER, JENNIFER L	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	8/20/2020
RADABAH, SAMANTHA L	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/20/2020
WARREN, CAMILLE D	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/20/2020
ALLEN, MINDY A	Teacher	Junior High	1.00	8/19/2021
ANDREWS, SUZANNE J	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/19/2021
CHAPPELOW, MARY E	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	8/19/2021
CROWE, TRINA L	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	8/19/2021
FISHEL, LINDSEY L	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	8/19/2021
HAKES, ALICIA R	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	8/19/2021
HALL, PAIGE E	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/19/2021
HOOTS, TAYLOR K	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/19/2021
HUBBARD, KYLE L	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	8/19/2021
JOHNSTON, PATRICK K	Teacher	Junior High	1.00	8/19/2021
SCHULZ, ALLIE J	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	8/19/2021
MOORE, CALLIE L	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	10/26/2021
HON, DAVID W	Teacher	Junior High	1.00	11/30/2021
ANDREWS, DEREK D	Teacher	Junior High	1.00	8/18/2022
BROCKIE, KERSTIN M	Teacher	Junior High	1.00	8/18/2022
FISHER, CRYSTAL S	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/18/2022
GREEN, ELLIE W	Teacher	Junior High	1.00	8/18/2022
GREENBERG, JENNIFER J	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/18/2022
LEDUC, KATHERINE A	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/18/2022
LUSCHER, KIRAWEN L	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/18/2022
MCFADDEN, KELSEY L	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/18/2022
ROBERTS, MACKENZIE L	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/18/2022
WILSON, JACY H	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/18/2022
FRISSELL, PEREGRINE B	Teacher	Junior High	1.00	8/22/2022
KEHR, PEYTON G	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/22/2022
LANDIS, JOEL W	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	8/22/2022
SULLIVAN, DEMI S	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/22/2022
SUNDBERG, CRYSTAL N	Teacher	Ruder	1.00	8/22/2022
HARGIN, MORGAN	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	8/24/2022
STEINER, SAMANTHA N	Teacher	Glacier Gateway	1.00	11/1/2022
STEVENSON, ELIZABETH	Teacher	Ruder	0.60	11/21/2022

Name	Description	DAC	FTE	Hire Date
FINBERG, CIERA R	Teacher	High School	1.00	8/20/2020
MILLER, GRETCHEN A.S.	Teacher	High School	1.00	8/20/2020
YPMA, HILARY AD	Teacher	High School	0.71	8/20/2020
RILEY, HANNAH E	Teacher	High School	1.00	9/8/2020
BLANKENSHIP, JONATHAN M	Teacher	High School	1.00	8/19/2021
HUBBARD, TYSON J	Teacher	High School	1.00	8/19/2021
MASON, ASHLEIGH	Teacher	High School	1.00	8/19/2021
FINBERG-ROBERTS, CYDNEY C	Teacher	High School	1.00	12/9/2021
GREEN, AUSTIN B	Teacher	High School	1.00	1/27/2022
BELL, JAIME R	Teacher	High School	1.00	8/18/2022
RUSHE, SUSAN A	Teacher	High School	1.00	8/18/2022
MARTIN, CATHERINE L	Teacher	High School	0.50	8/22/2022