

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 12:00 P.M., Friday, May 26, 2023, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund Board Chair
Barbara Riley Vice Chair
Justin Cheff Trustee
Casey Heupel Trustee Via Zoom
Megan Upton Trustee
Wayne Jacobsmeyer Trustee
Heather Mumby Trustee Via Zoom
Dave Wick Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Keri Hill Trustee

Call to order at 12:01 P.M.

Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve the agenda as presented.
Public comment was requested and there were none.
Passed 7-0

Public Participation:

Public comment was requested and Columbia Falls Citizen, Joe O'Rourke, provided a written statement that was read by Chair Rocksund. Mr. O'Rourke would like to see new curriculum programs and have a citizen's committee assist the Curriculum Director in choosing such programs. Also, he is seeking answers as to why the Professional Development Committee only has one board member assigned. Chair Rocksund mentioned that questions will be answered when discussing committees.

Purpose of this Special Meeting is approve the board committee assignment lists.

Action/Discussion Items:

Discussion was had regarding the committees and Trustee Jacobsmeyer agreed with Joe O'Rourke in thinking that the Board is not properly represented with only one member on any of the committees; there should be a minimum of two board members on every Committee, if possible. Chair Rocksund reminded members that the Professional Development Committee is not in the union contract, but is required to comply with accreditation standards. Committees such as the Evaluation Committee and Preparation Time Committee have not met for a long time; other committees like the Administrative Team Committee meets every Thursday to work together and talk about operational goals and objectives. Committees that are comprised primarily of certified teachers are led by Curriculum Director Mark McCord. These

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

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Committees include Gifted and Talented Committee, Technology Committee, and Professional Development Committee. The Professional Development committee is led by teachers and works to develop training opportunities. It is not a Board Committee. The committee meets three to four times per year and the Board Member does not lead the work. Curriculum Director McCord informed the Board that the Professional Development Committee is currently looking at new K-5 math and HS math programs. The group of twelve (12) teachers are reviewing programs and have narrowed the number down to three (3) that are possibilities. By next year one will be adopted, shared through parent meetings, materials will also be in the office for review, and then shared with the Board. The committee possibly could have a parent meetings in the fall to help get down to one program. Trustee Jacobsmeyer still feels that the committee is a huge part of public education and should have more representation from the Board, and there are people who want to sign up. Chair Rocksund reminded the Board that there is always some conflict on who is on committees, it is the Chair's responsibility to assign committees. It is the Chair's discretion on which Board Members should be on committees based on who is the best fit.

Original motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve board committee lists as presented. After discussion and public comment, there was a revised motion by Jacobsmeyer, second by Riley to approve the list of committees with the exception of the Professional Development Committee as the Board Chair will work to revise the composition of this Committee and it will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Passed 7-0

MISC/FUTURE
PLANNING

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:


- Retiring Staff Reception – Thursday, June 1, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
- Graduation – Saturday, June 3, 2023 – 11:00 A.M.
- Work Session – Monday, June 5, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

The June 5 Work Session will have two presentations and proposals for liability and property insurance. The final vote will be at the Regular Meeting on June 12, 2023.


There are some transportation issues coming to members' attention and a Transportation Committee Meeting may need to be scheduled.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 12:40 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk