

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
OCTOBER 16, 2023

A Long Range Planning Committee Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, October 16, 2023, in the Board Room of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund..... Board Chair
Barbara Riley Vice Chair
Megan Upton..... Trustee
Justin Cheff..... Trustee
Keri Hill Trustee
Heather Mumby Trustee
Wayne Jacobsmeyer Trustee
Casey Huepel Trustee
Cory Dziowgo Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/ Clerk

Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

Chair Rocksund requested public participation. No members of the public participated in the meeting.

Monte Moultray, Superintendent for Swank provided an update on the High School HVAC Project. The summer of 2023 was the first summer in which this project was in operation. Swank was working to install the mechanical infrastructure on the roof, when the structural deficiencies were discovered in August 2023. This placed the project on hold. Additionally, it was discovered that the roof was not tested for asbestos containing material. Testing was conducted prior to the start of the school year and results were negative. The next course of action was an analysis of the roof structure performed by Jackola Engineering. This analysis indicated degradation of the interior metal roof decking, likely caused by moisture trapped within the membrane. This decking can no longer support the gypcrete layered on top. It is imperative that additional support is placed within the interior roofing system to ensure this load does not collapse between the trusses. Representatives from Jackola Engineering presented their proposed solution. Wood iJoyce would be installed (two per bay). It will take two weeks to get this material delivered. In the interim, the interior hard lid of the ceiling would be demolished (two classrooms at a time) to mitigate displacing students. The work will be completed in the evening and weekends beginning October 23rd. The intent is to have all of this work completed by Thanksgiving. It appears that this work will displace students for one week-perhaps the week of Thanksgiving break. The proposed cost is \$375,000. This solution is temporary and the entire roof requires replacement. The estimated cost of this roof replacement would be \$2 million. Business Manager Zuffelato presented the High School HVAC project budget. The project contains a \$155,000 contingency. It is not prudent to use this on the roof structure repair as the HVAC project is still within its infancy and other issues are likely to be identified. Furthermore, the project is funded by ESSER funds and roofing is not necessarily an allowable expenditure of this federal grant. Mr. Zuffelato presented the other funding options including \$450,000 building reserve fund, \$148,916 Building Fund, and \$619,877 Multi District Agreement Fund. The most

CALL TO ORDER

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effective funding source for the temporary repair of the roof is the Building Reserve Fund. The deferred maintenance budget balances to illustrate that the District does not have enough funds for the \$2 million permanent replacement. It is imperative that the District work on a capital bond project campaign to garner support for a local levy election to have enough funds to replace the roof.

The Committee discussed the appropriate procedure to address the roof structure issue. Board Policy indicates an Emergency Meeting shall be conducted in the event of a storm, fire, explosion, community disaster, insurrection, act of God, or other unforeseen destruction or impairment of school district property that affects the health and safety of the Trustees, students, District employees, or the educational functions of the district, the Board may meet immediately and take official action without prior notification.

MOTION TO CONDUCT
AN EMERGENCY
MEETING TO
CONSIDER HS ROOF
RESOLUTION
MEETING
ADJOURNED

Motion by Mumby, second by Jacobsmeyer, to conduct an Emergency Meeting to consider the High School Roof in an effort to resolve the health and safety of the students. Passed 8-0

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk