

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
APRIL 15, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, April 15, 2024,, in the Boardroom 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

Call to order at 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Cheff, second by Upton, to approve the agenda changing Katie Whisenand's position to English Teacher at the Junior High resignation list.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the consent agenda as follows:
Approve March bills.
Approve the investment report.
Student Activity Account Transfers.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Public Participation:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Approximately nine (9) people participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Approximately twenty-six (26) people attended the meeting in person.

High School Student Body Co-President McKenzee West and Freshman Representatives Amelia Kavanagh and Nalani Rivera presented the recent proceedings at the High School.

Community Member Jack Alton wished to address the Board regarding complaints of a certain high school athletic coach. Before Mr. Alton could continue, he was asked to follow the grievance procedure because of privacy issues and the individuals right to defend him/herself.

Community Member Kiersten Alton wanted to talk about her daughter Emalee's experi-

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ence on the High School basketball team this last winter. Mrs. Alton wished the Board to understand the actions of the coaching staff in the locker room during halftime of the Dillon game during the Divisional Tournament and how it affected her daughter and other players. Mrs. Alton also thanked High School Principal, Jon Konen, for investigating and standing up for the kids.

Paula Koch, president of the Columbia Falls Education Association, wanted to address the Board about non-tenured teachers. Mrs. Koch is wanting an understanding of if the upcoming levy does not pass, what would that look like for possible reductions of the current staff?

Beverly Lake from the Northwest Antique Power Association would like to start scheduling 5th grade field trips to their power show again. This was an annual event before COVID and the association would like to share their history with students.

Lucy Beltz from OPI and Montana University System, but commenting as a community member and parent, shared how the local paper wrote that the gifted and talented program may not continue if the levy does not pass. Ms. Beltz mentioned that Montana law states that the GT programming is a requirement and that it already does not seem to be offered to freshman and sophomores at the High School. Board Chair Jill Rock-sund has reminded everyone that nothing has specifically been named as to what will be removed if the levy does not pass.

REPORTS:

Written Reports:

The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with written reports. Junior High Principal Ted Miller also wanted to invite everyone to the Run Wild event to support the Family Consumer Sciences program on May 18, 2024. This is an event sponsored by Whitefish Credit Union and Parkside Credit Union. There will be food trucks and live performances. All proceeds will go toward replacing stoves and microwaves in the family-consumer-science department.

High School Principal, Jon Konen, provided the Board with a written report.

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

Committees provided the Board with written reports.

Trustee Barbara Riley provided the Board with a written report of the recent proceedings of the Consortium of State School Board Associations (COSSBA) and the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA).

Verbal Reports:

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District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. Logan Health has proposed renewing an agreement to provide mental and behavior health support for the District. They would like to attend the next board meeting in May or June to update how they are serving students in all schools with the exception of the high school. General terms of the agreement are the same as the current agreement. Mr. Zuffelato and ten other county school districts have been working on the 403b retirement programs and trying to revise a package of benefits to help employees. 403b programs are unique to school employees and are similar to an 401k in the private sector. The District is looking to contract snow removal needs during the winter months. Snowplowing the mass amount of parking lots and sidewalks are creating much wear and tear on district trucks. The time it takes to plow is also taking maintenance workers from other issues. The Business Office is looking at an RFQ from the Missoula schools and possible guidance. Most of those in the private sector will offer a fixed cost for snow removal and if there is a heavy snow year they will add on to the costs.

Superintendent Cory Dziowgo wanted to share information regarding the upcoming elections. Many meetings have been scheduled for voters to get information. There are two radio spots available. On April 23, 2024, there will be opportunities to tour the affected area of the High School, along with flyers and a slide presentation.

Board Chair Jill Rocksund has nothing new to report.

Action/Discussed Items:

Staff/Student Presentations

Bernadett Peoller-Korytko's student presentation has been delayed until May's meeting. Emily Hackethorn shared the High School Choir Trip to New York City experience. Twenty-six students ranging from freshmen to seniors traveled through the National Concert Program and was invited by the University of Montana. The group prepared eight musical pieces to perform at Carnegie Hall. The concert was a sell-out, with a full audience. Besides singing, the group got to experience New York City with trips to museums and a play on Broadway. Mrs. Hackethorn would like to thank the High School and community for the support to make this trip possible.

Jeanette Price, French and English teacher, shared highlights from the High School Trip to Europe. Sixteen students and three teachers were able to travel to France, Spain and Monaco. A slide show was presented with pictures of the sites and experiences.

District Clerk Dustin Zuffelato reviewed the Community Eligibility Provision Program participation information for the food service program. This is an opportunity to take advantage of a federal USDA program offered for related to the school nutrition program. The Community Eligibility Program allows the District to serve a free meal to every student irrespective of income eligibility. The District is reimbursed based on a formula derived from the number of students directly certified eligible for free/reduced meals. This is currently approximately 40%. Mr. Zuffelato presented financial statistics of the school

ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS

STAFF
PRESENTATIONS

COMMUNITY
ELIGIBILITY
PROVISION
PROGRAM UPDATE

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nutrition program as well as income eligibility data. Mr. Zuffelato would like to put this issue on the agenda for the May meeting so that the Board can vote to participate or not.

MOTION TO APPROVE
RFP CONTRACTOR
SELECTION

Motion by Mumby, second by Heupel, to approve the High School roof RFP contractor selection. One company submitted a bid and that was Swank.

Public comment was requested and Trustee Riley mentioned that the bid amount is at the max amount of the levy. Superintendent Dziowgo reminded the Board that they are approving the contractor, but not the amount at this time. The District will work with the engineer to determine if the bid amount can be reduced prior to proposing a contract after the levy election results are determined.

Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGES TO POLICY
#3141

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the recommended changes to Policy #3141 – Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance – Second and final reading.

Public comment was requested and Trustee Mumby thanked the committee for adding the thirty-day grace period for students who move-out of District during the middle of the school year and mentioned that split parents are 50/50 with the two districts and they must split the tuition.

Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
NEW POLICY #2165

Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve new Policy #2165 – Early Literacy Targeted Intervention Programs on the first and final reading.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGES TO POLICY
#1240

Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to approve the recommended changes to Policy #1240 – Duties of Individual Trustees on the first and final reading.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGES TO POLICY
#1420 ON 1ST OF TWO
READINGS

Motion by Heupel, second by Mumby, to approve the recommended changes to Policy #1420 – School Board Meeting Procedure on first of two readings.

Public comment was requested and Superintendent Dziowgo mentioned that this policy outlines the video and audio process of recording future meetings. Tonight's meeting was switched from Zoom to the Google Meet platforms, mainly because Zoom will charge to use them and the District is a Google District. Participates online seemed to like Zoom better than Google Meets.

Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGES TO POLICY
2500

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve the recommended changes to Policy #2500 – English Language Learner Program on first and final reading.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

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Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve the recommended changes to Policy #3110 – Entrance, Placement and Transfer on first and final reading.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGES TO POLICY
#3110

Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve the recommended changes to Policy #3410 – Student Health/Physical Screenings/Examinations on first and final reading.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-2, no – Jacobsmeyer and Upton.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGES TO POLICY
#3410

Motion by Mumby, second by Heupel, to approve the recommended changes to Policy #7008 – Tuition on the first and final reading.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGES TO POLICY
#7008

Motion by Cheff, second by Mumby, to approve the recommended changes to Policy #8110 – Bus Routes and Schedules on first and final reading.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGES TO POLICY
#8110

Motion by Upton, second by Cheff, to approve the recommended changes to Policy #8132 – Activity Trips on first and final reading.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGES TO POLICY
#8132

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the Code Girls United Agreement.
Public comment was requested and Teacher Paula Koch mentioned that students will be presenting at the state level and the app is to help refugees with their needs..
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CODE GIRLS UNITED
AGREEMENT

Motion by Heupel, second by Cheff, to approve to change the authorizing signer of the Glacier Bank Officials Account from Scott Gaiser to Josh Gibbs, pending approval of hire for Mr. Gibbs.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGE IN
AUTHORIZING SIGNER
FOR GLACIER BANK

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to review and approve the FY2023 Audit report.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
FY 2023 AUDIT REPORT

Personnel:

PERSONNEL:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Melanie Burley- Ruder Paraeducator effective April 19, 2024; Elizabeth Wickhamshire – Ruder Speech Language Pathologist effective January 29, 2024; Kathy LeDuc

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– Ruder Special Education Teacher effective the end of SY23-24; Morgan Hargin – Glacier Gateway K-1 PE Teacher effective March 22, 2024; Ashley McCormick – Glacier Gateway Speech Language Pathologist effective the end of SY23-24; Joel Landis – Glacier Gateway Fifth Grade Teacher effective at the end of SY23-24; Debra Cox – Glacier Gateway Third Grade Teacher effective the end of SY23-24; David Kehr – Junior High PE/HE Teacher effective the end of SY23-24; Katie Whisenand – Junior High Social Language Arts Teacher effective the end of SY23-24; Nycole Teske – Custodian effective April 15, 2024; Timothy Shay – Hot Lunch Kitchen Helper/Delivery Truck Driver – effective June 6, 2024; Jimmy Paul – Bus Driver effective April 15, 2024; Sarah Fuller – Custodian effective April 23, 2024; Bridget Chiarito – High School Junior Class Advisor effective the end of SY23-24; Leigh Clausen – High School Library Paraeducator effective April 30, 2024; Jackson Schweikert – High School Head Football Coach effective the end of SY23-24; Zach Levitt – High School Freshman Girls Basketball Coach effective the end of SY23-24.

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY HIRING
RECOMMENDATION

Motion by Upton, second by Mumby, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendation: Ellie Green – Junior High Track Coach.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS AND DISTRICT-
WIDE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Huepel, second by Hill, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Chris LePiane – Special Education Paraeducator, Josh Gibbs – High School Principal.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
ADMINISTRATIVE
HIRES FOR SY 24-25
Attachment #1

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve administrative hires.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjourn to Executive Session as each individual's right to privacy exceeds the public's right to know, Chair Rocksund called the meeting into executive session at 8:03 P.M.

Consideration of a certified teacher's sick leave bank request.

OPEN MEETING
RESUMES

Open meeting resumed at 8:15 P.M.

MOTION TO APPROVE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES

Motion by Heupel, second by Cheff, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session as read.

Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CERTIFIED TEACHER
SICK LEAVE BANK
REQUEST

Motion by Riley, second by Jacobsmeyer, to approve a certified teacher's sick leave bank request.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

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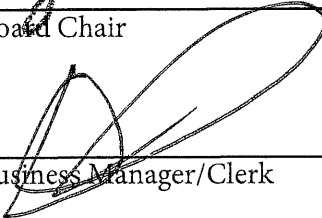
Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

- Levy Presentation at High School – April 16, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
- Health Insurance Committee Meeting – April 17, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.
- Levy Presentation at Junior High – April 18, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.
- Levy Presentation at Glacier Gateway – April 18, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
- Ballots sent via USPS – April 19, 2024
- Levy Presentation at High School – April 23, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.
- Levy Presentation at Canyon Elementary – April 25, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
- Election – May 7, 2024
- Regular Board Meeting – May 13, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
- Re-Organizational Meeting – May 13, 2024 – 7:30 P.M.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 8:22 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk

MISCELLANEOUS
AND FUTURE
PLANNING

MEETING
ADJOURNED

Attachment #1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Primary Job Title</u>	<u>Location</u>
MCCORD, RALPH MARK JR	Curriculum Director	BUSINESS OFFICE
SWANK, MICHELLE D	Director/Spec Services	BUSINESS OFFICE
ANELLO, PENNI P	Principal	GLACIER GATEWAY
COOPER, JOHN S	Principal	JUNIOR HIGH
MILLER, THEODORE A	Principal	JUNIOR HIGH
THOMPSON, JOHN D	Principal	HIGH SCHOOL

