

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
MAY 13, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, May 13, 2024, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT

Jill Rocksund Board Chair Via Google Meets
Barbara Riley Vice Chair
Justin Cheff Trustee Via Google Meets
Keri Hill Trustee
Heather Mumby Trustee
Casey Heupel Trustee
Cory Dzioewgo Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Megan Upton Trustee
Wayne Jacobsmeyer Trustee

Vice Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 6:11 P.M.

Motion by Heupel , second by Mumby, to approve the agenda as presented.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to approve the consent agenda as follows:
Approve March board meeting minutes.
Approve April bills.
Approve the investment report.
Approve the 2024-2025 Out-of-District Student Recommendations.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0

Public Participation:

Approximately five (5) people participated in the meeting remotely via Google Meets.
Approximately twenty-six (26) people attended the meeting in person.

Advanced Studies student Bernadette Korytko shared her presentation of “Dress Code Targeting Female Students”. This was a Capstone project to share with a “real world” audience.

Advanced Studies students Eloisa Middlesworth and Ella Robbins shared a project on getting non-perishable food to students in the event of bad weather. Both students attended a conference in Missoula and received \$325, plus a grant was for approximately \$650.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

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Judy Territo, from 935 Trumble Canyon Road, mentioned how great the levy passing for the roof was, but wanted to remind board member to please consider the taxpayer before voting for wants versus needs.

Staff Professional Development Presentation:

Glacier Gateway Teachers Callie Moore and Patricia Hall reported on their second time of attending the Get Your Teach On professional development conference last January in Las Vegas. They had board members play a game of "Crack the Code".

Junior High Teacher Leslie DiMaio was a presenter and participant at the NCTE Conference for Elementary Teachers. Ms. DiMaio applied for a grant from the Book Love Foundation, and both her and Nia Vestal received \$2,000 each for books in the classrooms.

High School Teachers Jaime' Bell and Willow Moran hared their experience from attending the NCTE Conference for High School Teachers. They were able to share information regarding the trip to Ohio conversing with English Teachers from all over the country and with many authors. Both teachers got to attend a lecture from the author Angie Thomas who wrote the popular book "The Hate You Give". They also received many books for the school library.

REPORTS:

Written Reports:

The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with written reports.

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

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

Curriculum Director, Mark McCord, provided the Board with a written report.

Committees provided the Board with written reports.

Verbal Reports:

Trustee Barbara Riley informed the Board with the recent proceedings of the Consortium of State School Board Associations (COSSBA) and the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA). The committee has not met since the last board meeting, but have a meeting coming up June 5-7, 2024, in Helena. Trainings will be offered for new board members. The state Health Insurance Interim Board has been meeting and working on a chair person and vice chair. There are sixteen members on the board with a cross section of individuals staying together for 16-18 months.

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District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. He was encouraged by the election results and the communities desire to continue the School District facility projects. The June meeting will have more information regarding the financing associated with the Roof Replacement Project. There is an election result protest period of sixty days and the District will have loan resolutions in the June meeting. The District should be able to pay the initial progress invoices using ESSER Funds. Mr. Zuffelato noted that the District has been working to understand the details concerning the old Glacier Gateway building being leased to groups like the Boys and Girls Club. Conventances were not recorded during the closing of the building but were agreed to between the District and the Ruis, LLC – the new property owner.

Superintendent Cory Dziowgo asked “what does September look like? Mr. Konen has been communicating with staff on what to do for each classroom. Thursday’s Administrator meeting was to discuss the budget deficit for next year in the wake of the unsuccessful Elementary District levy. We have the opportunity to decrease para-professional positions that were never filled. No employee’s will be RIF’d and we will not be replacing 4.0 certified FTEs as well as a nurse; operating with three and one health aide. The District has a good plan on other changes to be made, but still has work to do. The Superintendent will communicate with everyone in due time.

Board Chair Jill Rocksund had nothing else to report at this time.

Action/Discussed Items:

High School Teacher Willow Moran spoke of a proposal for students to have an opportunity to tour Ireland and England in the Spring of 2026. The dates are flexible at this time and planning to go over spring break. The goal is the make this tour accessible to all students through donations and fundraising with no financial support from the District. Motions by Mumby, second by Heupel, to approve the work moving forward to get a tour of Ireland and England together in the spring of 2026.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Logan Health School Based Mental Health Services presentation was conducted by John Brandon. The CSCT Program has been supported by our District going on the last twenty years. The Program switched to the model of out-patient therapy in 2022 in the wake of the 2021 legislative session. The program is now able to accept private insurances, which could not be done before. There is a need to do more mental health screenings with the physicals in athletes, and to expand an out-reach program staffed with licensed therapists. Logan Health has served approximately 129 students from July 2023 to present. The new program is ready to take referrals from staff, parents, and clinics with funding through Medicaid, CHIPS, private insurances and is parent regulated. Average length of time staying in the program is six months. CSCT in the past was two years. With the new model they can do a lot more in a shorter period of time. It is flex-

ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE
MOVING FORWARD
WITH STUDENT TOUR
OF IRELAND AND
ENGLAND IN 2026

CSCT PROGRAM
UPDATE

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ible with what the kids need and has more parent participation. The District's obligation is nothing.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CHANGES TO POLICY
#1420 - FINAL READING

The Board considered policy changes recommended by the Policy Committee. Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to approve the recommended changes to Policy #1420 – School Board Meeting Procedures – Second of two readings. Public comment was requested and there was none. Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
MQEC MEMBERSHIP
FOR SY 2024-2025

Motion by Heupel, second by Cheff, to approve MQEC membership for School Year 2024-2025. Public comment was requested and Community Member Judy Territo disagrees with the program and would like the Board to vote no. Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS ROOF REPLACE-
MENT PROJECT WITH
SWANK ENTERPRISES

Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to approve the high school roof replacement contract with Swank Enterprises. Public comment was requested and there was none. Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
PARTICIPATION IN
THE COMMUNITY
ELIGIBILITY PROVISION
PROGRAM

Motion by Mumby, second by Heupel, to approve participation in the Community Eligibility Provision program. Public comment was requested and there was none. Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
RENEWAL WITH
INTERQUEST
DETECTION CANINES
FOR SY 24-25

Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to approve the agreement renewal with Interquest Detection Canines for School Year 2024-2025. Public comment was requested and there was none. Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT WITH
FLATHEAD CROSS-
ROADS FOR SY 24-24

Motion by Mumby, second by Cheff, to approve the Flathead Crossroads Interlocal Agreement for School Year 2024-2025. Public comment was requested and it was brought up that the program currently serves six students. Passed 6-0.

THE BOARD AGREED
TO INSURE CANYON
ELEMENTARY AT FULL
REPLACEMENT VALUE
FOR 2025

The Board considered reducing the insured property value associated with the Canyon Elementary. The building is not used as a school and if it were destroyed, the District may not replace it. The District could reduce insurance premium by limiting the replacement value. Board consensus was to continue to insure at the full replacement value for 2025.

MOTION TO APPROVE
INDEPENDENT CON-
TRACTOR AGREEMENT
WITH RITA HASKINS-
OT FOR SY 24-25

Motion by Mumby, second by Heupel, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Rita Haskins for Occupational Therapy services and Leslie Hayden for Physical Therapy services.

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Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

Motion by Rocksund, second by Mumby, to approve the following recommendations from the Health Insurance Committee.

Administrative Services Agreement renewal – EBMS

Stop loss insurance – HCC

Funding from reserves: Dustin Zuffelato stated that stop loss renewal rates decreased for next year. The Insurance Committee is willing to keep using reserves to lower the District's contribution and the employee's premiums. This will reduce the health insurance budget expense for FY 2025.

Retiree rates

Other programs funded by reserves:

Veza Health

EAP Program

Health Promotion Program

Voluntary dental – Delta Dental renewal

Voluntary vision – VSP renewal

Life insurance – MetLife renewal

Flex plan renewal

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Motion by Hill, second by Cheff, to approve the May 7, 2024, election results for the Elementary District General Fund Over-Base Levy Election.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 5-0.

Motion by Heupel, second by Hill, to approve the the May 7, 2024, election results for the High School District General Fund Over-Base Levy Election.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Motion by Heupel, second by Mumby, to approve the May 7, 2024, election results for the High School District Building Reserve Fund Levy Election.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Motion by Mumby, second by Cheff, to approve Resolution #425 – Trustee Election by Acclamation.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HEALTH INSURANCE
COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY
DISTRICT GENERAL
FUND OVER-BASE
LEVY ELECTION
RESULTS

MOTION TO APPROVE
HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT GENERAL
FUND OVER-BASE
LEVY ELECTION
RESULTS

MOTION TO APPROVE
HIGH SCHOOL DIS-
TRICT BUILDING RE-
SERVE LEVY ELECTION
RESULTS

MOTION TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION #425 -
TRUSTEE ELECTION BY
ACCLAMATION

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PERSONNEL:

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent, all resignation dates are effective at the end of SY2024: Coni Muzi – Junior High Special Education Paraeducator; Taylor Hoots – Ruder Fifth Grade Teacher; Samantha Steiner – Glacier Gateway Fourth Grade Teacher; Jacy Wilson – Ruder Kindergarten Teacher; Daniel Cadigan – Junior High Yearbook Advisor; David Kehr – Junior High Football Coach; Heather Gilchrist – Junior High Volleyball Coach; Kristine Gange – Junior High Volleyball Coach; Josie Brown – Junior High Volleyball Coach; Sara Williams – Elementary Student and Family Advocate; Margaret Jalowiec – Glacier Gateway Special Education Paraeducator; Darry Rosenbaum – District Custodian; Hannah Freeman-Gravelin – High School Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach; Gretchen Miller – High School English Teacher; Susan Rushe – High School Special Education Teacher

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Ashley Johnson – Summer Bookmobile; Ellie Green – Summer Bookmobile; Suzann Andrews – Summer Bookmobile; Kathy Carl – Glacier Gateway Summer School Paraeducator; Shirley Vickery – Glacier Gateway Summer School Paraeducator; Kayla Thompson – Glacier Gateway Summer School Paraeducator; Amber Little – Glacier Gateway Summer School Paraeducator; Alicia Hakes – Glacier Gateway Summer School Teacher; Alyssa Morales – Glacier Gateway Summer School Teacher; Kathy Wetsch – Junior High Summer School Teacher; Sarah Rosenbaum – Junior High Summer School Teacher; Tammy Coleman – Junior High Summer School Teacher; Maya Garcia – Ruder Special Education Teacher.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS AND DISTRICT-
WIDE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Heupel, second by Hill, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Sarah Briggs – Speech/Language/Pathologist; Chelsea Watercutter – Speech/Language/Pathologist; Jeremy Grilley – High School Head Girls Basketball Coach; Tary Middlesworth – High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; Dulcinea Berube – High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; Kelly Houle – High School Head Football Coach; Rory Christiaens – High School Counselor; Beverly Dewell – High School Summer School Teacher

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
NON-TENURE
ELEMENTARY
TEACHER HIRES
ADDENDUM #1

Motion by Mumby, second by Cheff, to approve the non-tenure elementary teacher hires.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
NON-TENURE
HIGH SCHOOL
TEACHER HIRES
ADDENDUM #2

Motion by Heupel, second by Mumby, to approve the non-tenure high school teacher hires.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

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Motion by Heupel, second by Hill, to approve the substitute teacher hiring recommendations.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to approve the out-of-state travel requests for Lindsey Fishel and Crystal Sundberg to attend the Division for Early Childhood 40th Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA, September 17-20, 2024, pending the Professional Development Committee's final decision to use funds.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 5-0.

Motion by Cheff, second by Heupel, to approve the out-of-state travel requests for Tamara Sundberg to attend the McKinney Vento Homeless Liaison Training in Phoenix, AZ, October 22-24, 2024, and the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Conference in Orlando, FL, November 16-19, 2024.

Public comment was requested and the Board would like to look into whether or not there is enough funding in the grant for a second person to attend.

Passed 6-0.

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 8:14 P.M.

Consideration of Student 25-093 out-of-district enrollment.

Open meeting resumed at 8:39 P.M.

Motion by Hill, second by Mumby, to approve the minutes from the executive session.

Public comment was requested and there was no.

Passed 5-0.

Motion by Mumby, second by Hill, to approve the out-of-district enrollment for student 25-093 for School Year 2024-2025.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 5-0.

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Graduation is June 1, 2024

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chair Riley adjourned the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

MOTION TO APPROVE
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE
OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR LINDSEY FISHEL
AND CRYSTAL
SUNDBERG

MOTION TO APPROVE
OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL
RECOMMENDATION
FOR TAMARA
SUNDBERG


EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION TO APPROVE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MEETING MINUTES


MOTION TO APPROVE
OUT-OF-DISTRICT STU-
DENT ENROLLMENT
FOR STUDENT #25-093

MISCELLANEOUS AND
FUTURE PLANNING

MEETING
ADJOURNED



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk

Elementary Non-Tenure
Addendum #1

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>
ALLEN	MINDY	JUNIOR HIGH	8/19/2021
ANDREWS	SUZANNE	RUDER	8/19/2021
CHAPPELOW	MARY	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
CROWE	TRINA	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
FISHEL	LINDSEY	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
HAKES	ALICIA	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
HALL	PAIGE	RUDER	8/19/2021
HUBBARD	KYLE	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
JOHNSTON	PATRICK	JUNIOR HIGH	8/19/2021
SCHULZ	ALLIE	GLACIER GATEWAY	8/19/2021
MOORE	CALLIE	GLACIER GATEWAY	10/26/2021
ANDREWS	DEREK	JUNIOR HIGH	8/18/2022
BRÖCKIE	KERSTIN	JUNIOR HIGH	8/18/2022
FISHER	CRYSTAL	RUDER	8/18/2022
FRISSELL	PÈREGRINE	JUNIOR HIGH	8/18/2022
GREEN	ELLIE	JUNIOR HIGH	8/18/2022
GREENBERG	JENNIFER	RUDER	8/18/2022
HON	DAVID	JUNIOR HIGH	8/18/2022
ROBERTS	MACKENZIE	RUDER	8/18/2022
SUNDBERG	CRYSTAL	RUDER	8/18/2022
STEINER	SAMANTHA	GLACIER GATEWAY	11/1/2022
CAUDILL	AMY	RUDER	8/24/2023
COGHLAN	CAITLIN	JUNIOR HIGH	8/24/2023
DZIWOGO	AMIE	RUDER	8/24/2023
EVANS	ALICIA	RUDER	8/24/2023
KAVANAGH	SAMUEL	JUNIOR HIGH	8/24/2023
LENZNER	LAUREN	RUDER	8/24/2023
MORALES	ALYSSA	RUDER	8/24/2023
SHANKS	LEA	JUNIOR HIGH	8/24/2023
SHELDON	SARAH	RUDER	8/24/2023
VUKONICH	BAILEY	RUDER	8/24/2023
MCCOMBS	SUSAN	JUNIOR HIGH	10/2/2023

High School Non-Tenure
Addendum #2

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Tenure Date</u>
MASON	ASHLEIGH	HIGH SCHOOL	8/19/2021
BELL	JÁIME	HIGH SCHOOL	8/18/2022
FINBERG-ROBERTS	CYDNEY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/18/2022
GREEN	AUSTIN	HIGH SCHOOL	8/18/2022
MARTIN	CATHERINE	HIGH SCHOOL	8/18/2022
DOUGLAS	AMANDA	HIGH SCHOOL	8/24/2023
VICTOR	JESSICA	HIGH SCHOOL	8/24/2023
VICTOR	MANOLO	HIGH SCHOOL	8/24/2023
WEBER	CARLY	HIGH SCHOOL	8/24/2023