

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
JUNE 10, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, June 10, 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
Justin Cheff..... Trustee via Google Meets
Keri Hill Trustee
Heather Mumby..... Trustee
Amanda Pacheco Trustee
Casey Heupel Trustee arrived 6:05 P.M.
Cory Dziowgo..... Superintendent of Schools

ABSENT:

Megan Upton Trustee
Dustin Zuffelato..... Business Manager/Clerk

Call to order at 6:02 P.M.

Motion by Riley , second by Hill, to approve the agenda as presented.
Public comment was requested and Trustee Upton would like to get the agendas on Thursday, rather than Friday to be able to have more time to read over everything.
Passed 6-0.

Motion by Hill, second by Upton, to approve the consent agenda as follows:
Approve April board meeting minutes.
Approve May 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 three (3) people participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Approximately twenty-one (21) people attended the meeting in person.

Community Member Salvatore Baccaro would like to see a Special Meeting of the Board to discuss not cutting the wrestling program from the Junior High.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

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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.

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). Trustee Riley finished last Friday with a three-day training of State Board Members. There was much discussion regarding the legislative platform for next spring. There will be no rise in dues for the association. There were discussions regarding different committees to devise a more equitable manner to distribute property taxes and to better align education funding to match the requirements within the State Constitution. The Leadership training had roughly 80 attend virtually and approximately 40 to 50 in the room. There was much talk about the public's right to know and funding levels. The Montana School Alliance meeting is on Friday. The plan is to have something together in early fall to give perspective of what the plan will look like. There are lots of details to still figure out with a third-party administrator, vendors, and employing a consultant to identify health risks and strategies to control costs.

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. The District ended the year with a \$12,000 debt in lunch program compared to a much higher unpaid account balance last year. Still waiting for OPI to approve the community eligibility program that would ensure everyone was eligible for free meals next year.

Superintendent Cory Dziowgo discussed the interview process and hiring policies as well as how to be more proficient in the District administrative procedures. Next, he will be looking at budgetary processes with Dustin and ways for the principals to help watch the budget throughout the year.

Board Chair Jill Rocksund is looking to have MTSBA come to the District for a two hour training with the Board. The Negotiations Committee met once with the Certified Union, will take a break in June and meet again in July. The next meeting with the Classified Union will be Monday, June 17, 2024.

ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Action/Discussed Items:

Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to approve the fund transfers from Montana Digi-

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tal Academy to indirect costs and from the bus depreciation fund to the Multi District Agreement Fund.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

Motion by Heupel, second by Upton, to approve the cancelation of outstanding warrants that have not been cashed for over one year.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the independent contract agreement with Wendi Wanner to provide occupational therapy services during school year 2024/25.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

Curriculum Director Mark McCord presented information regarding the K-5 math curriculum, Bridges. The process of looking into new curriculum started in the spring of 2022. The group looked at what other schools were using, then the process of elimination brought the choices down to two, Bridges and Big Ideas Math. There was a parent meeting and feedback was shared to the Board. The District is looking at a six year adoption period. The cost is \$109,000 for the six years. This cost will come out of the tech fund and not the general fund because of the strong digital component.

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve the adoption of K-5th grade math curriculum recommendation Bridges.

Public comment was requested and Community Member Joe O'Rourke is concerned about text books and wondering if there is room for parental involvement; in which there is a resource that keeps parents informed through the online piece.

Passed 6-0.

Mark McCord presented a new math curriculum for the High School. The two piloted programs were Into Math and Big Ideas Math. It was felt that Big Ideas Math was a better fit to match Google Classroom and it has an adaptable platform. This is also the program already used in the Junior High to make an easier transition for students to the High School. For six years of access, the cost is \$88,000 plus virtual training. That is a \$70,000 reduction if we were to stay with the same platform. The budget for the new curriculum comes from the Multi-District Agreement Fund.

Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to approve the adoption of the HS math curriculum recommendation Big Ideas Math.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve Resolution #427 – Authorizing participation in the INTERCAP PROGRAM loan agreement to finance the Roof Replacement Project.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

MOTION TO APPROVE
FUND TRANSFERS

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE CANCELATION OF
OUTSTANDING
WARRANTS

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE INDEPENDENT
CONTRACTOR AGREE-
MENT WITH WENDI
WANNER

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE ADOPTION OF
K-5TH GRADE MATH
CURRICULUM
RECOMMENDATION
BRIDGES

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE ADOPTION OF THE
HS MATH
CURRICULUM RECOM-
MENDATION *BIG IDEAS
MATH*

MOTION TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 427 -
AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN THE
INTERCAP PROGRAM

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Passed 7-0.

Motion by Heupel, second by Hill, to approve Resolution #428 – Disposition of abandoned, obsolete and undesirable property; high school batch surplus.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

Motion by Riley, second by Pacheco, to approve Resolution #429 – Calling for Flathead County to conduct the 2025 annual school election.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve Resolution #430 – Disposition of abandoned, obsolete and undesirable property.

Public comment was requested and Trustee Upton asked why the students in the High School took Chromebooks home? Principal Konen mentioned having a rotation and the students seem to take better care of the Chromebooks if they know it is the same one for four years; it gives students more ownership.

Passed 7-0.

Motion by Upton, second by Heupel, to approve the Montana High School Association (MHSA) annual dues.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

PERSONNEL:

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The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Shelby Petero – Glacier Gateway Special Education Paraeducator; Alyssa Drew – COTA; Emily Hagreen – Glacier Gateway Special Education Paraeducator; Stephannie Gregorash – Ruder Kindergarten Paraeducator; Debra Waldusky – Ruder Paraeducator; Gabrielle DeSchamps – Ruder Special Education Teacher; Sarah Rosenbaum – Junior High Study Hall Paraeducator; Kenneth Weese – Junior High Special Education Paraeducator; Catherine Schmidt – Junior High Special Education Paraeducator; Mary Burns – Junior High Cross Country Coach; Rick Lawrence – Junior High Football Coach; Justin Lovitt – Junior High Football Coach; Desiree Riley, reduction in hours – Student Data Specialist; Tabatha Roth – District Custodian; Reed Miner – District Custodian; Edward Sowl – District Bus Driver; Ashleigh Mason – High School Counselor; Jake Hall – High School Math Teacher; Mary Webb – HOSA (SY 24-25 only); Samantha Steiner – High School Assistant Tennis Coach

Motion by Hill, second by Upton, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Robyn Kehr – Junior High Volleyball Coach; Rachel Archuleta – Ju-

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ELEMENTARY
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

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nior High Volleyball Coach; Darrin Gress – Junior High Football Coach; Rachel Archuleta – Glacier Gateway 0.5FTE HE/PE; Sarah Rosenbaum – Ruder Grade 4 Teacher; Stephanie Gregorash – Ruder Grade 4 Teacher; Emily Hagreen – Glacier Gateway Grade 3 Teacher; Alyssa Drew – Glacier Gateway Kindergarten Teacher; Amanda Douglas – Glacier Gateway Grade 5 Teacher
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Daniel Boutwell – Food Service Truck Driver/Kitchen Helper; Cherie Mack – High School Counselor; Hannah Holderbaum – High School English Teacher
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS AND DISTRICT-
WIDE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Heupel, second by Hill, to approve the following Temporary Summer Hires: Elizabeth Burton – IT Support; Lucas Counts – IT Support; Lauren Rogers – IT Support; Khristine Burton – IT Support; Courtney Pham – Food Service; Tammy Graham – Food Service; Tiffany Hale – Food Service; Tabitha Roth – Bus Washer; Daniel Cadigan – Custodian; Teresa Hughes – Custodian; Brooklynn Keibler – Custodian; Angel McCarley – Custodian; Dawn Garwood – Custodian; Amanda Treat - Custodian
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
TEMPORARY SUMMER
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

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

MOTION TO APPROVE
SUBSTITUTE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve the out-of-state travel requests for:
Emily Hackethorn to attend the 2024 Summer Institute – American Choral Directors Association in Tacoma, WA, July 16-19, 2024. All expenses will be paid through professional development grant.
Brittney Hulett to attend the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children & Youth in Orlando, FL, November 16-19, 2024. All expenses will be paid through the Logan Health Grant.
Penni Anello and Courtney McCord to attend the PBIS Leadership Conference in Chicago, IL, October 9-11, 2024. All expenses will be paid through professional development grant.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL
REQUESTS

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 7:02 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Consideration of Student 25-127 out-of-district enrollment.

Open meeting resumed at 8:13 P.M.

MOTION TO APPROVE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Cheff, second by Upton, to approve the minutes from the executive session.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS
AND FUTURE
PLANNING

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Regular Board Meeting – July 16, 2024 – Glacier Gateway Library – 6:00 P.M.
Superintendent Dziowgo will reach out to Jessie Schaeffer regarding putting Junior High Wrestling on a future agenda.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk