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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, July 15, 2024, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

#### PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund	.Board Chair
Megan Upton	. Trustee
Justin Cheff	. Trustee
Heather Mumby	. Trustee
Amanda Pacheco	. Trustee
Casey Heupel	. Trustee
Cory Dziowgo	. Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato	

#### ABSENT:

Barbara Riley	Vice Chair
Keri Hill	Trustee

Call to order at: 6:01 P.M.

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

Motion by Cheff, second by Upton, to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve June 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 two (2) people participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Approximately five (5) people attended the meeting in person.

Verbal Reports:

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. Information regarding the last five of the Food Service Program was shared. The goal is to increase participation in the upcoming year. Only approximately 40% of students participate in lunch and 20% in the breakfast program. If the meals are provided at no cost to the stu-

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

REPORTS:

dent, the District should increase participation to match the numbers during the COVID waivers and possibly surpass. The Food Service Program can only have a few months of surplus in the account. Mr. Zuffelato noted that the General Fund budget has been spent down, health insurance claims were less than expected with claims finishing at 85% of expected. There are still some custodial staff vacancies that will not be built into next years budget with the purchase of new cleaning machines and efficiencies. In the High School budget, the biggest overage was in the athletics and transportation. Teams did so well during the year and many teams made it to the state competitions. Any costs for extra curricular transportation comes from the General Fund. Indian Education for All in the upcoming school year is changing, if the District does not spend all of the entitlement funds then it will be reduced the following school year. Principals and staff will need to find a more efficient way to spend all of the funds available. Building Use procedures will need to be looked at for the Canyon School rentals. To pay the natural gas costs, some assistance had to be taken out of the General Fund because there was not enough in the Rental Fund. For the Multi-use Fields, costs for water, irrigation, striping and maintenance surpass the facility use rental revenue proceeds. Currently, the only rental revenue is derived from the soccer club. The Tech Fund had expenditures totaling about \$770,000 and the annual levy was \$925,000. This levy is for ten years. The Health Insurance Fund balanced increased approximately \$300,000. Claims were less than expected at 85%. The next Insurance Committee Meeting is set for the end of August. The District was able to spend all of the ESSER monies and got approval from OPI to use the remaining ESSER Funds for the High School roof project, along with the HVAC ventilation system. The Elementary Facility Bond Project still has roughly \$40,000 left. Ruder Elementary has the Pre-K playground and all the money should be spent by September. There were also roof ladders added to improve safety.

Superintendent Cory Dziowgo introduced new High School Principal, Josh Gibbs, to the Board. The Admin Team is looking at everything on "how to save money" and Mr. Gibbs's input will be valuable. Topics of savings reviewed were interest financing expense for the \$2 million borrowed, trash services, how the grass is watered and mowed. Mr. Dziowgo also shared updated pictures on the High School Roof Project.

Board Chair Jill Rocksund informed the rest of the Board that negotiations settled this morning with the teachers.

Action/Discussed Items:

ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE MONTANA TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM MOA FOR BLAKE KUNTZ.

Motion by Heupel, second by Mumby, to approve the Montana Teacher Residency Program MOAs for school year 24-25 for Blake Kuntz. Mr. Kuntz will be with High School Teachers Jaime' Bell and Willow Moran.

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

Motion by Mumby, second by Cheff, to approve the Montana Teacher Residency Program MOAs for school year 24-25 for Kylie Rocker. Ms. Rocker will be at Glacier Gateway under Carrie Gnauck.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 5-0.

Motion by Mumby, second by Upton, to approve the Golden Seal of Biliteracy Program through FVCC.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Motion by Mumby, second by Heupel, to approve the ratification of the CFCEA Tentative Agreement for SY 24-25.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Motion by Upton, second by Pacheco, to approve the board standing committee recommendations as presented.

Public comment was requested and Trustee Mumby mentioned that Trustee Pacheco was interested to be on the calendar committee, in which was okay with her to resign from said committee.

Motion by Cheff, second by Heupel, to amend the previous motion to remove Heather Mumby and add Amanda Pacheco to the Calendar Committee.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Motion by Cheff, second by Mumby, to approved the board standing committee with changes.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Motion by Cheff, second by Mumby, to approve 2024 MTSBA Membership Electronic Vote on the following items:

Confirmation of MTSBA current Principles and Guidelines.

Consideration of the current foundational elements of MTSBA's DNA.

FY 26 Dues Revenue Estimate.

Vision Based Strategic Advocacy Resolution.

Gap Analysis Resolution.

Nomination of Krystal Zetner.

Nomination of Rick Cummings.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superin-

MOTION TO APPROVE MONTANA TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM MOA FOR KYLIE ROCKER

MOTION TO APPROVE THE GOLDEN SEAL OF BILITERACY PROGRAM THROUGH FVCC

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CFCEA TENTA-TIVE AGREEMENT FOR SY 24-25

MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION TO AMEND PREVIOUS MOTION

MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES WITH CHANGES

MOTION TO APPROVE MTSBA MEMBERSHIP ELECTRONIC VOTE

PERSONNEL:

tendent, all resignation dates are effective at the end of SY2024: Logan Williams – Glacier Gateway Special Education Paraeducator; Jeremy Grilley – JH Boys' Basketball Coach; Daniel Cadigan – JH Library Paraeducator; Tana Poor – Ruder Special Education Paraeducator

MOTION TO APPROVE ELEMENTARY HIRING RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Upton, second by Cheff, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Paula Koch – JH Cross Country Coach; Jennifer Thurston – JH Volleyball Coach; Stephanie Collis – Glacier Gateway Special Education Paraeducator; Brittany Krueger – Glacier Gateway Special Education Paraeducator. Public comment was requested and there was none. Passed 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL AND DISTRICT-WIDE HIRING RECOMMENDATIONS Motion by Heupel, second by Amanda, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Stacy Caron – Speech Aide; Casey Copeland – HS Special Education Teacher; Hilary Ypma – Junior Class Advisor; Ryan Timlick – HS Assistant Girls' Wrestling Coach; Salvatore Baccaro – HS Assistant Girls' Wrestling Coach; Jessica Moultray – HS Business Education Teacher; Amanda Matdies – HS Long-Term Substitute FCS Teacher.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE TEMPORARY SUMMER HIRING RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Heupel, second by Cheff, to approve the summer hire: Jenny Morgan – Summer Food Service.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE ELEMENTARY EXTRA-DUTY HIRES FOR SY 24-25 Motion by Upton, second by Amanda, to approve the elementary extra-duty hires for SY 24-25.

Public comment was requested and there was none. Passed 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA-DUTY HIRES FOR SY 24-25

Motion by Mumby, second by Cheff, to approve the high school extra duty hires for SY 24-25.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

**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 6:44 P.M.

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

Open meeting resumed at 6:52 P.M.

Motion by Upton, second by Mumby, to approve the minutes from the executive session. Public comment was requested and there was none. Passed 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Motion by Mumby, second by Cheff, to approve denial of enrollment for the out-of-district enrollment for student 25-127 for School Year 2024-2025. Public comment was requested and there was none. Passed 5-0.

MOTION TO DENY ENROLLMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENT #25-127

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

MISCELLANEOUS AND FUTURE PLANNING

Finance Committee Meeting – July 29, 2024 – 4:00 P.M. Transportation Committee Meeting needs to be scheduled soon to plan for replacing Gerard Byrd on the Essex/West Glacier bus route.

MEETING ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

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Business Manager/Clerk