

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, September 9, 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
Amanda Pacheco..... Trustee
Casey Heupel Trustee Via Google Meet at 7:13 P.M.
Cory Dziowgo..... Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Heather Mumby Trustee

Call to order at 6:08 P.M.

Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve the agenda with one adjustment, the second executive session is cancelled.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Motion by Upton, second by Hill, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve August bills.

Approve the investment reports.

Approve the 2024-2025 Out-of-District Student Recommendations.

25-193, 25-194, 25-196, 25-197

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0

Public Participation:

Approximately six (6) people participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. Approximately fourteen (14) people attended the meeting in person.

Student Body did not have a representative present.

Gap Fillers Flathead board members, Mickey Lapp and Tammi Fisher, presented the

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

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District and Superintendent Dziowgo with the Louise Walker Memorial Award and a check in the amount of \$9,971.93. This money is to help fill the remaining student hot lunch debts. Ms. Lapp and Ms. Fisher, with the help of Tucker Paul, informed the Board of what the Gap Filler Flathead is all about. They help school with student lunch debts, personal and feminine hygiene products, and AED & emergency medication. Tucker shared his story of playing soccer at the age of 14 when he suffered a cardiac issue on the field. The use of an AED saved his life.

Community Member, Joe O'Rourke, expressed concerns with the District participating in the free lunch program. Mr. O'Rourke does not want the schools to interfere with the parent/child relationship.

REPORTS:

Written Reports:

The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with written reports.

High School Principal, Joshua Gibbs, 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. Board standing committee reports are also posted on the District's website.

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 Montana Code of Education Leadership (MCEL) is coming up in October. Trustee Riley has been elected board chair of the recently established state health insurance group. The District should have seen the bench mark survey from the group. The insurance board will start working on options for school districts. They need 150 districts to participate and 12,000 employee lives to get started. These commitments are needed by the end of June 2025. The next meeting will be late October/early November. A 15% saving for all districts is being committed.

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Zuffelato provided updates on the roof and HVAC project budget. The District has been progress billed for most of the project budget. The District has paid some with ESSER money and the remaining with the building reserve levy. There is still approximately \$400,000 in budget authority remaining but we are still working out the contingency and change orders. The District is working with the insurance company to determine the coverage associated with the damaged heating units. The damage will require the District to replace the units including the pneumatic controls as the cost of repairs will exceed replacement cost.

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Superintendent Cory Dziowgo discussed that the roof on the high school is dried in, sky lights and drains are in and the HVAC on the second floor are being cleaned, installing duct work on the top. Still waiting on the electrical upgrade to be installed by Flathead Electric Cooperative. Water abatement started today on the north end and hop scotching down the hall. New Tile is down on the first floor and will upgrade the building with fire approved material helping to insulate and help with noise transfers between classrooms. There are some tech issues at the Canyon Elementary with the fire wall but IT is working on getting students connected. Bus Shuttles from the High School to Canyon Elementary are in progress, but there are not enough drivers at this time. The District has been meeting with the insurance company every week and have Owners , Architects, and Contractor (OAC) meetings every other week.

Board Chair Jill Rocksund thanked everyone involved in the high school project and for coming up with a plan that works best for our kids.

Action/Discussed Items:

Motion by Cheff, second by Hill, to approve the Request for Proposal – Concession Services.

Comment was requested and Trustee Riley wanted to add an additional requirement that the concession services involve working in the District's buildings and assure that all staff members will be getting a background check. Others want to add something about financial contributions, a reference to using only Coca-Cola products, and a menu sample. There was no public comment.

Passed 6-0.

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve the Youth Recreation Program Agreement with Purpose Driven Training Academy.

Public comment was requested and Community Member Joe O'Rourke wanted more information regarding the financial support. It was explained that the money comes from the City of Columbia Falls as a pass through the District.

Passed 6-0.

Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve establishing Student Activity Account 179 – High School Girls' Wrestling.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

Trustee Heupel joined the meeting at 7:13 P.M.

Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve the National School Lunch Program Agreement for 24-25 schoolyear with Deer Park School District.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL FOR
CONCESSION
SERVICES

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE YOUTH REC.
PROGRAM AGREE-
MENT WITH PURPOSE
DRIVEN TRAINING
ACADEMY

MOTION TO APPROVE
ESTABLISHING
STUDENT ACTIVITY
ACCOUNT #179 - HS
GIRLS' WRESTLING

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE NATIONAL
SCHOOL LUNCH PRO-
GRAM AGREEMENT
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PERSONNEL:

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Jenny Morgan – Food Service Helper; Tiffany Hale – Food Service Helper; Chris LePiane – JH and HS Special Education Paraeducator; Kristy Corbett – High School Special Education Paraeducator; Brandon Karberg – High School Assistant Soccer Coach

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY
DISTRICT HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Cheff, second by Pacheco, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Tysen Rovig – Junior High Football Coach; Jamie Copeland – Ruder Kindergarten Paraeducator; Jacqueline Branstetter – Junior High Annual Sponsor; Sierra Robertson – Junior High Special Education Paraeducator; Thomas Walker – Ruder Special Education Paraeducator; Melinda Deneault – Glacier Gateway Special Education Paraeducator.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS AND DISTRICT-
WIDE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Michelle Bates – Business Office Payroll Accountant; Sue Battee – High School 0.4 FTE Special Education Teacher

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
SUBSTITUTE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Upton, second by, to approve the substitute hires.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
TRAVEL REQUEST

Motion by Cheff, second by Riley, to approve the out-of-state travel request for Becky Bates to the Jump\$tart National Educator Conference – Financial Literacy in Louisville, KY, on November 2-4, 2024, paid by scholarship and Carl Perkins Grant.

Public comment was requested and Teacher Becky Bates mentioned that funding will be mostly from scholarship and the Carl Perkins Grant will buy the airfare.

Passed 7-0.

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 7:19 P.M.

Consideration of Student 25-195 out-of-district enrollment request.

Open meeting resumed at 7:28 P.M.

MOTION TO APPROVE
MINUTES FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Upton, second by Pacheco, to approve the minutes from the executive session.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.


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Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to deny application of the out-of-district enrollment for student 25-164 for School Year 2024-2025.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

A Work Session scheduled for either September 23 or 30, 2024.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 7:32 P.M.



Board Chair


Business Manager/Clerk

MOTION TO DENY
OUT-OF-DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT FOR
STUDENT 25-165

MISCELLANEOUS
AND FUTURE
PLANNING

MEETING
ADJOURNED