

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
OCTOBER 14, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, October 14, 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
Amanda Pacheco Trustee
Casey Heupel Trustee Via Google Meet at 6:06 P.M.
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 Hill, to approve the agenda with postponing item 7A.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Upton, second by Mumby, to approve the consent agenda as follows:
Approve August board meetings minutes.
Approve September bills.
Approve the investment report.
Approve the 24-25 out-of-district student recommendations for Elementary District: 25-198, 25-199, 25-200, 25-201
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

Public Participation:

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

Approximately seven (7) people participated in the meeting remotely via Google Meet.
Approximately eighteen (18) people attended the meeting in person.

Student Body Representatives were not present.

New Teacher Introduction was conducted by Principal Penni Anello welcoming Columbia Falls Graduate, Anna Pickard, as the new fifth grade teacher at Glacier Gateway.

Community Member Joe O'Rourke mentioned that at last week's work session there was a discussion about the annual Montana accreditation report. Mr. O'Rourke feels that there needs to be a public forum regarding the High School's unsatisfactory score.

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MOTION TO APPROVE
THE SNOW REMOVAL
RFP

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve a Request of Proposal for snow removal services. The intent is to determine if outsourcing this service would yield cost savings and/or mitigate the burden to our existing maintenance staff to ensure they have time to address all of the deferred maintenance issues within the buildings.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE CONCESSION
SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH
SWEET RETREAT

Motion by Mumby, second by Pacheco, to approve the Concession Services Agreement with Sweet Retreat.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE INDEPENDENT
CONTRACTOR
AGREEMENT WITH
SUSAN HARTMAN

Motion by Riley, second by Cheff, to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Susan Hartman to provide speech/language pathology services from October 2024 to January 2025.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE 24-25 STRATEGIC
PLAN

Motion by Pacheco, second by Riley, to approve the 24-25 SY Strategic Plan discussed at the work session, revisiting in the second semester.

Public comment was requested and Community Member Joe O'Rourke thought that the decisions last week were very wise and saved a lot of time not beating a dead horse.

Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE REMOVAL OF
AUTHORIZED
SIGNERS ON THE
GLACIER BANK JH
OFFICIAL ACCOUNT

Motion by Cheff, second by Hill, to approve the removal of authorized signers on the Glacier Bank JH Official Account; removing Bill Anderson, Susan Fleming and Dave Wick; adding Ted Miller and John Cooper.

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: Blake Rosenbaum – Glacier Gateway Custodian; Michael Rosenbaum – Glacier Gateway Maintenance.

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY
DISTRICT HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Upton, second by Pacheco, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Peregrine Frissell – Junior High Boys Basketball Coach; Kent Blair – Elementary Mentor

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

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Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Lance Hoffman – District Garbage Truck Driver/Assistant Mechanic/Bus Driver; Ronald LaTray – District Transportation Manager; Zachary Davis – District Custodian; Zachary Baker – District Custodian; RayLee LaRocque – District Hot Lunch Helper/Floater; Josiah Osborne – District Activity Bus Driver-Non CDL; Jamie Heinz – District Activity Bus Driver-Non CDL; Rheanna Blasius – High School Special Education Paraeducator; Amanda Piilola – High School HOSA Advisory – one year only; Sage Wanner – High School Assistant Soccer Coach
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS AND DISTRICT-
WIDE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Mumby, second by Cheff, to approve the substitute hiring recommendations.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
SUBSTITUTE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve out-of-state travel request for Becky Bates – NCCE in Seattle, WA – February 26-28, 2025 – funded through the Carl Perkins Grant, and all PD Grant Applications travel requests on page 54 of the agenda.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
OUT-OF-STATE
TRAVEL
RECOMMENDATIONS

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

MISCELLANEOUS
AND FUTURE
PLANNING

Health Insurance Committee Meeting – October 30, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.
Transportation Committee – October 29, 2024 – 5:00 P.M. at the Canyon Elementary School – Discussion items will be the West Glacier Route, FY 26 Bus Acquisition, and route changes to be approved at the November meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

MEETING
ADJOURNED



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk