

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
NOVEMBER 11, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, November 11, 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 Via Google Meets
Keri Hill Trustee
Heather Mumby..... Trustee
Amanda Pacheco Trustee
Casey Heupel Trustee
Cory Dziowgo Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato..... Business Manager/Clerk

Call to order at 6:01 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Upton, second by Hill, to approve the agenda as presented.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Mumby, second by Heupel, to approve the consent agenda as follows:
Approve board meeting minutes.
Approve October bills.
Approve the investment report.
Student Activity Account Transfer.
Approve the 24-25 out-of-district student recommendations for Elementary District: 25-202, 25-203, 25-204
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

Public Participation:
Approximately five (5) people participated in the meeting remotely via Google Meets.
Approximately nineteen (19) people attended the meeting in person.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

Student Body President, Kanen Brickert, and Student Body Vice President, Taryn Borgen, updated the Board with the ongoings at the High School. They reviewed the Veterans Day Assembly, the roof project, and fall sports accomplishments.

Written Reports:
The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with written reports.

REPORTS:

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High School Principal, Joshua Gibbs, 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 provided the Board with the recent proceedings of the Consortium of State School Board Associations (COSSBA) and the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA). MCEL conference was in October, and the content was decent. One that was of interest was the Renaissance student assessment software. Now moving into preparing for the state legislative session and the MTSBA will be posting updates on sessions. Kris Goss at MTSBA took a position with Carroll College and will be leaving his current position. MTSBA will be hiring someone to replace him. John Doran from the Montana State Insurance Alliance (MTSIA) met with the District's insurance committee. Mr. Dziowgo and Mr. Zuffelato will be meeting with Mr. Doran at the Northwest Superintendent's meeting in November.

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. The Board will be making decisions soon on whether to move to the state trust or stay self-funded. MTSIA sounds like a favorable program, but definitely something to consider. Received final billings from Swank. Working through a retainage of the funds to cover punchlist items. The project started with ESSER money, then the levy and finally an insurance claim. Currently the District is at a positive balance, but used the entire 2.7 million voted for in May. The biggest obstacle is the heating system replacement and knowing how much the insurance will cover with the remaining being the districts responsibility.

Superintendent Cory Dziowgo will report further down the agenda.

Board Chair Jill Rocksund is attending the legislature forum on December 5, 2024, and will report back in January.

ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Action/Discussed Items:

Review of the Parkside Credit Union Run Wild benefit for the Junior High Family and Consumer Science classroom by Teacher Derek Andrews. Mr. Andrews is in his third year at the FCS position. The equipment in the classroom was originally purchased when the Junior High was constructed in 2001, and is getting old. Mr. Andrews, with fellow teacher Senora Koch, worked on grants and donations for new cookware. Parkside sponsored a fun run to support the District. In total over \$20,000 was raised. The Junior High received six new ovens, microwaves, and ADA oven, washer and dryer, and two fridges. The remaining funds were shared with Lend a Hand and the Boys & Girls Club.

Presentation of the Fulbright Adventures in Uruguay by Teacher Paula Koch. Senora Koch shared her experience and photos of the ten weeks of collaborative learning, a trip to Washington D.C. and a month in Uruguay.

REVIEW OF THE
PARKSIDE CREDIT
UNION RUN WILD
BENEFIT FOR JUNIOR
HIGH FCS
DEPARTMENT

FULBRIGHT
ADVENTURES IN
URUGUAY PRESEN-
TATION BY PAULA
KOCH

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Superintendent Dziowgo reviewed the District hiring practices and substitute fill rates.

REVIEW OF DISTRICT
HIRING PRACTICES
BY SUPERINTENDENT
DZIWGO

Motion by Mumby, second by Pacheco, to approve Resolution 433 – Disposal of Abandoned, Obsolete and Undesirable Property.

MOTION TO APPROVE
RESOLUTION 433

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the following Transportation Committee recommendations:

MOTION TO APPROVE
TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Route changes: Route 11 changed to 56 miles per day. Route 20 was changed to 13 miles per day. Route 26 was changed to 106.6 miles per day. Route 27 was changed to 72.5 miles per day. Route 35 was changed to 78 miles per day.

Activity bus acquisition – FY26 Bus Depreciation Fund Budget.

Trade-in/dispose of Bus 40 – 2010 activity bus

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, for consideration of the following Health Insurance Committee recommendations

MOTION TO APPROVE
HEALTH INSURANCE
COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve partnering with Sqwire – financial wellness.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

Motion by Heupel, second by Pacheco, to approve to establish Student Activity Accounts 142 – Class of 2028

MOTION TO APPROVE
ESTABLISHING
STUDENT ACTIVITY
ACCOUNTS 142 & 143

143 – Class of 2027.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

Motion by Mumby, second by Heupel, to approve the consideration of Extended Learning Opportunities purchases. The High School conducted summer/fall classes for the vocational program. ESSER funds will be used to purchase equipment for the program including a CNC Plasma Table and desktop mills.

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE EXTENDED
LEARNING
OPPORTUNITIES
PURCHASES

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 8-0.

Personnel:

PERSONNEL:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Christopher Grau – Director of IT; Trey Buckallew – Assistant Mechanic; Austin Green – High School Social Studies Teacher and Assistant Baseball Coach.

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MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Upton, second by Hill, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Rhonda Thornberry – Ruder Elementary Special Education Paraeducator; Jessica Culver – Ruder Elementary Special Education Paraeducator; Theodore Miller – Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach.
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 Pacheco, to approve the following High School/District Wide hiring recommendations: Destiny Davis – Hot Lunch Helper/Floater; Cory Dzio-
wgo – Non CDL Activity Bus Driver; Shelby Stephen – High School Special Education Paraeducator; Jessica Moultray – High School Key Club Advisor.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
SUBSTITUTE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

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

MOTION TO APPROVE
OUT-OF-STATE
STUDENT BAND
TRAVEL

Motion by Riley, second by Pacheco, to approve out-of-state travel request for Josh Forke and the Columbian Jazz Band – Spokane Falls Community College, November 22-23, 2024 – Student Funded; Josh Forke and the Wind & Percussion Ensembles – Seattle, WA, April 24-27, 2025, - Student Funded. Public comment was requested and Mr. Forke spoke about the two band trips, one going to Spokane for festivals and the second April trip gets students out of valley, working with a college, jazz club, underground Seattle Tour. Both trips are student funding from selling cookie dough and email marketing in January. There will be two concerts that will charge admissions to use. Wind Ensembles will have 42 students (36 going on the trip) There is a hope to take donations to spread money to students less fortunate.
Passed 8-0.

MISCELLANEOUS
AND FUTURE
PLANNING

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Evaluation's deadline is December 18, 2024.

Insurance Committee Meeting is December 18, 2024, at 4:00 P.M.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 7:19 P.M.


Board Chair


Business Manager/Clerk