

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
JANUARY 10, 2025

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 12:00 P.M., Friday, January 10, 2025, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund	Board Chair	
Barbara Riley	Vice Chair	Via remote technology
Justin Cheff	Trustee	Via remote technology
Casey Heupel	Trustee	
Amanda Pacheco	Trustee	
Heather Mumby	Trustee	Via remote technology
Cory Dzioewgo	Superintendent of Schools	
Dustin Zuffelato	Business Manager/Clerk	

ABSENT:

Keri Hill	Trustee
Megan Upton	Trustee

Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Heupel, second by Pacheco, to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVE AGENDA

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0

Public Participation:

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

None

Action/Discussion Items:

ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board considered a grant application for Advanced Opportunities. OPI notified the District at the end of December regarding this grant opportunity. The deadline to apply is January 13, 2025. The funds were appropriated during the 2023 legislative session via House Bill 257. If the grant application is approved, the Elementary District would be eligible for FY 2026 funding based on current law of 4.5% of the Quality Educator Entitlement which is approximately \$21,000. The High School District would receive 30% of this entitlement or approximately \$58,000. Allowable expenses to provide advanced opportunities for students include dual credit tuition, exam fees, advanced placement, and out of school enrichment activities that advance the pupils opportunity for post secondary and educational success.

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE ADVANCED
OPPORTUNITIES
GRANT APPLICATION
FOR THE HS DISTRICT

Motion by Heupel, second by Pacheco, to approve the Advanced Opportunities Grant Application for the High School District.

Passed 6-0

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE ADVANCED
OPPORTUNITIES
GRANT APPLICATION
FOR THE ELEM
DISTRICT

Motion by Pacheco, second by Riley, to approve the Advanced Opportunity Grant Application for the Elementary District. Passed 5-0

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MISCELLANEOUS
AND FUTURE
PLANNING

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Regular Board Meeting – January 13, 2025 6:00 P.M.

Superintendent Dziowgo informed the Board that a uniform complaint regarding the ROMBI Foundation filed in accordance to policy 1700 may be appealed to the Board.

Trustee Riley noted that the Montana High School Association is conducting their annual meeting on January 19th to consider proposals to amend bylaws. Trustee Riley recommended the Board review these proposals in advance during the upcoming regular board meeting.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 12:14 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk