

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
APRIL 14, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, April 14, 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
Megan Upton..... Trustee
Keri Hill..... Trustee
Heather Mumby Trustee Via Google Meets
Amanda Pacheco Trustee
Casey Heupel..... Trustee
Cory Dziowgo Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Justin Cheff Trustee

Call to order at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Upton, second by Hill, to approve the agenda as presented.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

Motion by Heupel, second by Pacheco, to approve the consent agenda as follows:
Approve Board Meeting Minutes.
Approve March Bills.
Approve the Investment Reports.
Approve Student Account Transfer
Approve the 24-25 Out-of-District Student Recommendations:
25-212
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 7-0.

Public Participation:

Approximately seven (7) people participated in the meeting remotely via Google Meets
Approximately ten (10) people attended the meeting in person.

Student Body Representatives Emma Wilcox, Sophomore Class Secretary, shared some information regarding activities at the High School with the Board. Prom on April 5th was a success. Five students were elected to the All-State Jazz band this year, the largest

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

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Class A representation. Six students attended the FCCLA Leadership conference. The Art Department has student art work on display at the Glacier Art Museum April 11 to May 17. April is Financial Literacy Month and twenty personal finance students will participate in a teen teach event with all fourth graders. For upcoming events, there is the Reality Fair on April 29 and Campus Cleanup on Earth Day.

Leslie Dimaio, Junior High Teacher and CFEA President, attended the MFPE conference in Helena, MT. Ms. Dimaio spent time with Rep. Debo Powers and was able to share the teacher's perspective on school funding. Ms. Dimaio feels that Rep. Powers has an interest in helping teachers in the state.

REPORTS:

Written Reports:

The Elementary School Principals provided the Board with written reports.

High School Principal, Josh Gibbs, provided the Board with a written report.

Curriculum Director, Mark McCord, provided the Board with a written report.

Special Education Director, Michelle Swank, provided the Board with a written report.

Board Standing Committees' reports are located on the District's Website.

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). Trustee Riley went to Atlanta for the COSSBA Annual Conference. Some of the messaging coming back was trying to help people understand the shifts in Washington D.C. and how to "step back away from the noise". Talked about the applications of A.I. and how to manage the safety and security risk, what A.I. is and what it is not. Many states are working on how to manage A.I. in the near future. The District needs to watch from "Best Practices" coming for the legal department at MTSBA. Trustee Riley also went to Helena for the strategic planning processes, the focus was on programs and services for school districts. The MTSBA Annual Meeting will be coming in June and there will be a report on what the organization can provide to school districts in the state. The State Board will participate in a Thought Leaders Presentation from Georgetown's Margaret Rosa. The focus is on understanding school finance and how to manage it.

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Zuffelato shared how the Insurance Committee is starting to work through next year's renewal. The committee will meet in a week to establish the structure of the Plan Year 2026 rates/funding. The preliminary data shows that the stop loss rates will be consistent to the

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current year. The District is working to establish summer programs. Specifically, summer food programs and facility maintenance projects. Mr. Zuffelato shared that summer facility projects should be "fairly quiet" compared to last summer.

Superintendent Cory Dziowgo shared that the Missoula Children's Theater Group helped with performances both at Glacier Gateway and Ruder Elementary this year. Mr. Dziowgo provided a legislative update. House Bill 339- sixth grade funding has changed a bit and would be effective in fiscal year 2027. The intent is to provide per ANB entitlement for 6th graders the same funding as grades seven and eight. Community engagement concerning the High School facility will kick-off on April 23rd at 6:30 P.M. with tours of the school to follow. Out-of-district enrollment opened on April 1st and the District has received 98 applications so far. All applications are due May 2nd and will be presented to the Board during the June 9th meeting. Kindergarten Roundup will be towards the end of the month.

Board Chair Jill Rocksund had no additional items to add at this time.

Action/Discussed Items:

Dustin Zuffelato shared the audit report and other financial data for fiscal year 2024. There are two primary reasons for the audit every year, one is for federal funding compliance and the second reason is to provide information to investors and secure the ability to issue bonds for capital projects. Regards to the audit, there was one compliance finding for the federal single audit related to procurement for projects requiring the District to pay Davis-Bacon Wages. The contractor ensured compliance via certifying payrolls, but the requirements were not contained in the contract with Swank for the HVAC project. Overall, the audit report was unqualified.

ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A summary of the financial reports within the audit report were shared by Mr. Zuffelato. The General Fund increased 2.65% to \$18,079,290. The fund relied heavily on local tax payers with the state funding 10% of this increase. Total revenues of \$37,092,384 was an increase of 11.5%. Of that approximately 55% was funded by state and federal money and 32% from local property taxes. The increase is due to the additional federal ESSER money that will not be seen again. Federal Funding had a significant increase of 67% compared to the years before, with \$2.5 million spent for the High School HVAC project providing fresh air and ventilation for the classrooms. The District spent all of the ESSER funds by the end of the 2024 school year. Three other major programs, Title I, IDEA and USDA School Foods contributed to the main focus of the audit. Capital Outlay expenditures for equipment or facilities, are generally capitalized and depreciated over the term of the useful life. During the audit it was talked about whether the High School Projects are an upgrade and capitalized or a repair and expensed in the current year. Adjustments were made accordingly. In the year 2000, the District issued bonds for building the current Junior High School and were completely paid in the Fiscal Year 2020. That same year the District had the successful levy to issue bonds to build the Glacier Gateway Elementary School and remodel Ruder Elementary. The District is in the third year of a three year contract with the audit firm. The Board will consider renewing a contract with the

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MOTION TO APPROVE
THE FISCAL YEAR 2024
AUDIT REPORT

current auditor.

Motion by Mumby, second by Riley, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 audit report.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY
DISTRICT LEVY
ELECTION MAIL
BALLOT PLAN

The Board considered the election calendar with the updated election date of June 17, 2025. Sixty days before the election the mail ballot plan needs to be sent to the State for approval. The election must be either cancelled or certified by May 16, 2025. Ballots will be delivered May 30th. The cost is approximately \$1.60 per ballot to conduct the election. The District is responsible for ordering the envelopes, stuffing and mailing the ballots, but the County will do the collecting of the ballots, verifying and counting.

Motion by Upton, second by Pacheco, to approve the June 17, 2025, Elementary District Levy Election Mail Ballot Plan.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

PERSONNEL:

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Alicia Evans – Ruder Elementary School Counselor; Dulcinea Berube – High School Freshman Girls' Basketball Coach; Austin Green – High School Assistant Football Coach; Susan Battee – High School Special Education Teacher

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY
DISTRICT HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Upton, second by Riley, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Tricia Kenney – Junior High Special Education Teacher; Amie Dzio- wgo – Ruder ESL Campus Coordinator; Paul Koch – Junior High ESL Campus Coordina- tor; Lacey Igitol – Glacier Gateway Special Education Teacher

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS AND DISTRICT-
WIDE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Pacheco, second by Hill, to approve the following High School and District hiring recommendations: RayLee LaRocque – Non-CDL Activity Bus Driver; Lindsey Racioppi – Non-CDL Activity Bus Driver; Natalie Corcoran – Hot Lunch Helper/Floater; Alia Hanson – Summer Bookmobile; Molly Frissell – Speech Language Pathologist; Con- nor Werdel – High School Social Studies Teacher; Amy Caudill – High School Special Education Teacher; Shaun Forest – High School Vice Principal

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEMENTARY AND
DISTRICT-WIDE EXTRA
DUTY CONTRACTS
ADDENDUM #1

Motion by Riley, second by Mumby, to approve the elementary extra duty hires for School Year 2025-2026.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

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Motion by Upton, second by Heupel, to approve the high school extra duty hires for School Year 2025-2026.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS EXTRA DUTY
CONTRACTS
ADDENDUM #2

Motion by Mumby, second by Pacheco, to approve the substitute hiring recommendations.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
SUBSTITUTE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

Certified Negotiations Meeting – April 17, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.

Insurance Committee Meeting – April 23, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting – April 23, 2025 – 6:30 P.M. – Committee of the Whole

Community Engagement – Safety and Security – High School – April 23, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.

Transportation Committee Meeting – April 28, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. – Admin Conference Room

Community Engagement – Infrastructure with Budget and Bond Amount – High School – May 7, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.

Community Engagement – 21st Century Learning with Design and Progress – High School – May 21, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.

MISCELLANEOUS
AND FUTURE
PLANNING:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 6:59 P.M.

MEETING
ADJOURNED



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk

Coaching Contract Title	LName	FName	FTE
Coach JH Boys Basketball	Andrews	Derek	0.065
Coach JH Boys Basketball	Green	Ellie	0.065
Coach JH Boys Basketball	Frissell	Peregrine	0.065
Coach JH Boys Basketball	Morden	Glenn	0.065
Coach JH Boys Basketball	Miller	Theodore	0.065
Coach JH Football	Gress	Darrin	0.065
Coach JH Football	Andrews	Derek	0.065
Coach JH Football	Anello	Derek	0.065
Coach JH Football	Rovig	Tysen	0.065
Coach JH Football	Miller	Theodore	0.065
Coach JH Football			0.065
Coach JH Girls Basketball	Andrews	Derek	0.065
Coach JH Girls Basketball	Green	Ellie	0.065
Coach JH Girls Basketball	Frissell	Peregrine	0.065
Coach JH Girls Basketball	Wick	David	0.065
Coach JH Instrument	Caudill	Benjamin	0.085
Coach JH Track	Andrews	Derek	0.065
Coach JH Track	Barth	Austin	0.065
Coach JH Track	Jones	Samantha	0.065
Coach JH Track	Green	Ellie	0.065
Coach JH Vocal	Branstetter	Jacqueline	0.085
Coach JH Volleyball	Kehr	Robyn	0.065
Coach JH Volleyball	Archuleta	Rachel	0.065
Coach JH Volleyball	Thurston	Jennifer	0.065
Coach JH Volleyball	Jones	Samantha	0.065
Coach JH Volleyball			0.065
Coach JH Volleyball			0.065
Coach JH XCountry	Andrews	Suzanne	0.065
Coach JH XCountry	Koch	Paula	0.065
JH Annual	Branstetter	Jacqueline	0.065
Stipend Extend	Jones	Samantha	10 days
Stipend Extend	Baltz	Marna	10 days

Coaching Contract Title	LName	FName	FTE	Building
ASHA Stipend	Briggs	Sarah		GG
ASHA Stipend	Martin	Jennifer		GG
ASHA Stipend	Stafford	Jasna		HS
ASHA Stipend	Butler	Aericka		JH
ASHA Stipend	Quiram	Trisha		Ruder
Bookmobile	Hanson	Alla		High School
Bookmobile	Green	Ellie		Junior High
Bookmobile	Andrews	Suzanne		Ruder
Campus Lead Mentor	Orem	Kristy		Glacier Gateway
Campus Lead Mentor	Gress	Shelly		High School
Campus Lead Mentor	Lillenthal	Charles Andy		Junior High
Campus Lead Mentor	Shields	Dana		Ruder
Campus Professional Development Spec	Hall	Tricia		Glacier Gateway
Campus Professional Development Spec	McCord	Courtney		Glacier Gateway
Campus Professional Development Spec	Forke	Josh		High School
Campus Professional Development Spec	Price	Jeanette		High School
Campus Professional Development Spec	DiMaio	Leslie		Junior High
Campus Professional Development Spec	Masa	Rubianna		Junior High
Campus Professional Development Spec	Preuss	Josh		Ruder
Campus Professional Development Spec	Shields	Dana		Ruder
Elem Technology Integration Specialist	Enos	Deldra		Glacier Gateway
Elem Technology Integration Specialist	Masa	Rubianna		Junior High
Elem Technology Integration Specialist	Hall	Paige		Ruder
Elem Technology Integration Specialist	Shields	Dana		Ruder
ESL Campus Coordinator	Moore	Callie		Glacier Gateway
ESL Campus Coordinator	Price	Jeanette		High School
ESL Campus Coordinator	Koch	Paula		Junior High
ESL Campus Coordinator	Dzlowgo	Amie		Ruder
GT Campus Coordinator	Getts	Mary Ellen		Glacier Gateway
GT Campus Coordinator	Beil	Jaimé		High School
GT Campus Coordinator	Koch	Paula		Junior High
GT Campus Coordinator	Christensen	Janae		Ruder
HS Technology Integration Specialist	Lovering	Jenny		High School
HS Technology Software Integration Spec	Bates	Rebecca		High School
MTSS Campus Coordinator	McCord	Courtney		Glacier Gateway
MTSS Campus Coordinator	Whitman	Julia		High School
MTSS Campus Coordinator	Reamy-Butts	Aily		Junior High
MTSS Campus Coordinator	Shields	Dana		Ruder
MTSS District Coordinator	Crowe	Trina		District
Stipend Carl Perkins Coordinator	Racloppi	Lindsey		HS
Stipend Extend	Crowe	Trina	10 days	GG
Stipend Extend	McCord	Courtney	5 days	GG
Stipend Extend	Fisher	Crystal	10 days	Ruder
Stipend FGCLA	Racloppi	Lindsey		HS
Stipend Lead School Health Liaison	Childers	Sara		Ruder
Stipend School Health Liaison	McCaffree	Emily		Classified
Stipend School Health Liaison	Erlor	Emilie		Glacier Gateway
Stipend School Health Liaison	Bates	Rebecca		High School
Stipend School Health Liaison	Jones	Samantha		Junior High

Coaching Contract Title	LName	FName	FTE
Coach HS Annual	Finberg	Ciera	0.12
Coach HS Athletic Director	Bowman	Troy	0.36
Coach HS Athletic Trainer	Bowman	Troy	0.36
Coach HS Baseball	Green	T. Chad	0.17
Coach HS Baseball	Corbett	Scott	0.12
Coach HS Boys Basketball	Barth	Austin	0.1
Coach HS Boys Basketball	Dyon	Michael	0.12
Coach HS Boys Basketball	Finberg	Christopher	0.17
Coach HS Boys Soccer	Byrd	O'Brien	0.15
Coach HS Boys Soccer	Wanner	Sage	0.06
Coach HS Boys Soccer	Pete	Cory	0.1
Coach HS Cheer	Courtney	Kendra	0.1
Coach HS Cheer	Rocker	Kylie	0.17
Coach HS Class Sponsor -9	Victor	Jessica	0.01
Coach HS Class Sponsor-10	Whitman	Julia	0.02
Coach HS Class Sponsor-11	Ypma	Hillary	0.04
Coach HS Class Sponsor-12	Moran	Willow	0.03
Coach HS Drama			0.12
Coach HS Drama			0.1
Coach HS Football	Barth	Austin	0.12
Coach HS Football	Coleman	William	0.12
Coach HS Football			0.12
Coach HS Football	Edlund	Nicholas	0.12
Coach HS Football	LaTray	Ron	0.12
Coach HS Football	McGrath	Bryan	0.1
Coach HS Football	Pendergast	Keegan	0.1
Coach HS Football	Houle	Kelly	0.17
Coach HS Girls Basketball	Grilley	Jeremy	0.17
Coach HS Girls Basketball	Middlesworth	Tary	0.12
Coach HS Girls Basketball			0.1
Coach HS Girls Soccer	Byrd	Melanie	0.06
Coach HS Girls Soccer	Clark	Thomas	0.15
Coach HS Girls Soccer	Kinder	Alexis	0.1
Coach HS Golf	Heinz	James	0.1
Coach HS Golf	Osborne	Josiah	0.12
Coach HS Honor Society	Sundberg	Tamara	0.03
Coach HS Instrument	Forke	Josh	0.17
Coach HS Jazz	Forke	Josh	0.055
Coach HS Pep	Forke	Josh	0.055
Coach HS Softball	Lawrence	Rick	0.17
Coach HS Softball	Michelle	Woodard	0.12
Coach HS Special Olympics	Bahr	Naomi	0.1
Coach HS Special Olympics	Danlels	Kate	0.15

Coaching Contract Title	LName	FName	FTE
Coach HS Special Olympics	Foster	Paula	0.1
Coach HS Speech	Knutson	Mikel	0.14
Coach HS Speech	Major	Alixzandra	0.1
Coach HS Speech	Roe	Dawn	0.18
Coach HS Speech	Wheeler	Ian	0.1
Coach HS Speech	Wickham	Kavin	0.04
Coach HS Student Council	Gress	Shelly	0.03
Coach HS Swimming			0.15
Coach HS Swimming			0.1
Coach HS Tennis	Colliander	Michele	0.17
Coach HS Tennis	DeShazer	Koahi	0.1
Coach HS Tennis	Getts	Niels	0.1
Coach HS Track	Heinz	James	0.17
Coach HS Track	Houle	Kelly	0.1
Coach HS Track	Schulz	Aille	0.1
Coach HS Track	McGrath	Bryan	0.1
Coach HS Track	Osborne	Josiah	0.1
Coach HS Track	Peacock	James	0.1
Coach HS Vocal	Hackethorn	Emily	0.17
Coach HS Volleyball	Brooks	Jolandle	0.17
Coach HS Volleyball	Danley	Anna	0.1
Coach HS Volleyball	Miller	Gretchen	0.12
Coach HS Wrestling	Crump	Brett	0.12
Coach HS Wrestling	Schaeffer	Jessie	0.17
Coach HS Wrestling	Cronk	Killan	0.06
Coach HS Wrestling	LaTray	Ron	0.06
Coach HS Asst Wrestling-girls	Timlick	Ryan	0.06
Coach HS Asst Wrestling-girls	Baccatore	Sai	0.06
Coach HS Wrestling-girls	Schaeffer	Benjamin	0.17
Coach HS XCountry	Finberg	Colleen	0.12
Coach HS XCountry	Knutson	Kati	0.12
Coach HS XCountry	Peacock	James	0.15
Drivers Education	Frissell	Peregrine	0.00085
Drivers Education	Cincis	Chad	0.00085
Drivers Education	Perry	Amanda	0.00085
Drivers Education	VanNess	Wade	0.00085
Elementary School Music			0.03
Stipend Department Head	Bates	Rebecca	0.02
Stipend Department Head	Browne	Peter	0.02
Stipend Department Head	Danley	Anna	0.01
Stipend Department Head	Forke	Josh	0.02
Stipend Department Head	Gress	Shelly	0.02
Stipend Department Head	Heinz	James	0.02

Coaching Contract Title	LName	FName	FTE
Stipend Department Head	Moran	Willow	0.01
Stipend Department Head	Pendergast	Leslie	0.01
Stipend Department Head	Vestal	Nia	0.01
Stipend Department Head	Whitman	Julia	0.02
Stipend Extend	Christfaens	Rory	10 Days
Stipend Extend	Mack	Cherie	10 Days
Stipend HOSA	Hulett	Brittney	0.03
Stipend HOSA	Webb	Mary	0.03
Coach HS Art Club	Forke	Shelby	0.01
Coach HS Prom Graduation	Victor	Manolo	0.12
Stipend Key Club Advisor	Moultray	Jessica	0.03