

SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6  
AUGUST 25, 2025

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, August 25, 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  
Amanda Pacheco ..... Trustee  
Cory Dziowgo ..... Superintendent of Schools  
Dustin Zuffelato ..... Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Justin Cheff ..... Trustee  
Casey Heupel ..... Trustee

Call to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Rocksund.

Motion by Riley, second by Pacheco, to approve the agenda as presented. The purpose of the Special Meeting is to call for the High School Facility Improvement Bond Election to be conducted on November 4th to coincide with the General Election to allow the Flathead County Election Department to administer the election.  
Passed 6-0.

Public Participation:

Approximately two (2) people participated in the meeting remotely via Google Meets. Approximately seven (7) people attended the meeting in person.

Action/Discussed Items:

Motion by Upton, second by Riley, to approve Resolution 445: Resolution Calling for a Bond Election.

Superintendent Dziowgo shared a presentation on the Facility Enhancement Bond Resolution for the High School. The objective is to look at building a High School for the future. The main areas of focus were safety and security, infrastructure, and 21st century learning coming out of the long-range planning for the District. During the life of the bond, the District is planning for a High School that can serve 1,000 students. One area of safety improvement is developing parking lots with better traffic flow, lighting and more spaces; also adding additional access points. The recommendation for the bond project is \$84.8 million over a twenty-five year term. Bridget Ekstrom from D.A. Davidson added that a strong bond rating will allow the District to sell the bonds for a premium. Also adding that interest rate on the bonds will be approximately 4.25%. Mr.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #445

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Dziowgo continued to share that the \$84.8 million was established by looking at light rebuild, moderate rebuild, and new build areas; these number were compared to other construction sites recently. The District has already levied twenty-one mills for the roof project over the classroom wing that will be expiring next year to coincide with the debt service associated with the new bonds being added to the tax levies. The High School District bonding compacity is approximately \$95 million based on the statewide tax value, not the \$65 million as previously estimated based on the District tax value. Mr. Zuffelato touched on the timing of the project. Ballots for the vote will go out from the County Election Office on October 17, 2025, and the District will need to do the best it can to educate the community.

Public comment was requested and there was none.

Passed 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS  
AND FUTURE  
PLANNING

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

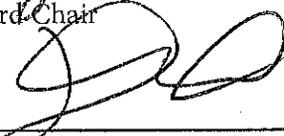
Long-Range Planning Committee – September 8, 2025 – 5:00 P.M. before the next Regular Board Meeting

Certified Negotiations – September 10, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

MEETING  
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 6:28 P.M.

  
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Board Chair

  
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Business Manager/Clerk