

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
OCTOBER 13, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District Six was held at 6:00 P.M., Monday, October 13, 2025, in the Boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill RocksundBoard Chair
Barbara Riley Vice Chair
Megan Upton Trustee
Keri Hill Trustee
Amanda Pacheco Trustee
Casey Heupel Trustee
Cory Dziowgo Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Justin Cheff Trustee
Heather Mumby Trustee

Call to order at 6:01 P.M. by Board Chair Rocksund.

Motion by Heupel, second by Upton, to approve the agenda as presented.
Passed 6-0.

Motion by Pacheco, second by Hill, to approve the consent agenda.

- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of September Bills
- Approval of Investment Reports
- Student Activity Account Transfer
 - o Fund 147-Class of 2025 to Fund 143-Junior Class 2027
- Out-of-District Approval – SY 25-26
 - o 26-193
 - o 26-194
 - o 26-195

Passed 6-0

Public Participation:

Approximately seven (7) people participated in the meeting remotely via Google Meets.
Approximately eight (8) people participated in person.

Student Body Representatives Greyson Pfeifle (Student Body Vice President) and Alston Olson (Student Body President) shared with the Board activities around the High School. The student counsel hosted a movie night on the soccer field during homecoming week. The movie was The Goonies. The fall blood drive is coming November 4th. The National Honor Society is busy planning the Veterans' Day assembly. Climates Smart Glacier County is hosting a flooding prevention presentation in the Little Theater. Both the boys' and girls' soccer teams won the northwest conference and playoffs will be starting. The football team beat Whitefish the Friday prior to the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

APPROVE CONSENT
AGENDA

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION:

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REPORTS:

Written Reports:

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

The Elementary School Principals (Penni Anello, Allison Hawes, and Ted Miller) 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 Services Director, Michelle Swank, provided the Board with a written report.

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). Montana School Board Association Annual Conference starts Wednesday of current week. Mrs. Riley was in Washington D.C. meeting with all four of Montana's congressional representatives working on the new USAC E-Rate Program rulings and trying to protect the Wi-Fi resources and hot spots on busses for rural areas. Will be meeting with diligent assembly reviewing three resolutions by schools. MTSBA put forward their GAP resolution, Missoula School District is asking to expand the elements of the school funding formula to incorporate more at risk and other basic components, and Bozeman is looking for transformational work to consolidate districts into a county wide district similar to Missoula County. Bridged Health met with the District's insurance committee. Some other districts that have decided to participate in the statewide Trust include Lewistown, Bozeman, and Corvallis schools. State wide, one district out of roughly sixty will see a marginal increase in insurance rates. The plan is very competitive and our District wouldn't see any changes to the current plan structure, but would get help with stoss loss coverage and prescriptions. There is a possible 5% reduction in costs.

District Business Manager/Clerk provided the Board with a written report. Mr. Zuffelato reported that the E-rate Program is used to reduce costs on the technology infrastructure, as well as broadband connectivity to the different schools. The District will be working on the application that is due in December. The Tech Director, Aaron Wiersma, has ideas to bolster the current services with more on how the internet is connected to each building. The District had looked at how to connect buses to the routing program and to better the communication for substitute bus drivers; The state insurance program is quite an undertaking with a minimum participation threshold of 12,000 lives. Bridged Health Alliance did a great job of structuring the program to fit all the unique Districts throughout the State. This program will be very unique, but still structured similarly to our plan. The services being a percentage of Medicare will really help control the district's costs.

Superintendent Cory Dziowgo mentioned that there have been five community meetings over the High School Facility Bond with a handful of participants. Mr. Dziowgo encourages those who still have questions to reach out and attend the couple remaining presentations. Ballots

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will be sent mid-October and must be either mailed or dropped off in Kalispell. The Trades Academy is getting a lot of attention. Mr. Dziowgo will be presenting at the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce meeting. The application will be submitted on October 30, with an interview in November, and approval in January. The Superintendent also mentioned that mid-terms report cards are posted in the schools.

Board Chair Jill Rocksund had nothing more to add.

Action/Discussion Items:

Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to approve the Master Services Agreement with Global Archives.

Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

ACTION /
DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MOTION TO APPROVE
MASTER SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH
GLOBAL ARCHIVES

Motion by Riley, second by Pacheco, to approve all policies listed on the third and final readings.

- 2150 Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- 2335 Human Sexuality Instruction and Identity Instruction
- 3141 Out-of-District Student Enrollment
- 3655 Student Protection
- 8560 Display of Flags and Banners on District Property
- 5122 Criminal Background Investigations
- 5321 Leave of Absence
- 8111 Transportation of Students with Disabilities

Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
ALL LISTED POLICIES
ON THIRD AND FINAL
READING

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve the CFEA Collective Bargaining Agreement for SY 25-26.

Chair Rocksund thanked the union for interesting, good discussions. Mrs. Rocksund believes the outcome is a strong CBA and salaries make us competitive with other surrounding districts.

Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE CFEA 25-26 CBA

Motion by Pacheco, second by Riley, to approve the recommended changes to the following bus routes:

- Bus 11
- Bus 14

Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
BUS ROUTE CHANGES

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve the following independent contract agreements:

- Virginia Paulson
- Susan Hartman

Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
INDEPENDENT
CONTRACT
AGREEMENTS V. PAUL
SON AND S. HARTMAN

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PERSONNEL:

Personnel:

The Board acknowledged the following resignations previously accepted by the Superintendent: Shelby Rohletter – Junior High Special Education Paraeducator; Ashley Thomas-Meager – Junior High Special Education Paraeducator; Camilla Emond – Ruder Kindergarten Paraeducator; Tabitha Freeman – District Bus Driver and Hot Lunch Helper/Floater; Jarrod Joy – District Bus Monitor; Joshua Forke – High School Campus Professional Development Specialist

MOTION TO APPROVE
ELEM. DISTRICT
HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Upton, second by Pacheco, to approve the following Elementary District hiring recommendations: Ryan Floyd – Junior High Study Hall Paraeducator; Leslie Craver – Junior High Library Paraeducator; Christopher Grace – Junior High Football Coach; Julie Scribner – Ruder Special Education Paraeducator; Eric Backes – Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach; Benjamin Woody – Junior High Long-Term Substitute Teacher
Passed 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
HS AND DISTRICT-
WIDE HIRING
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Heupel, second by Hill, to approve the following High School/District-wide Hiring Recommendations: Michael Clickenbeard – District Bus Monitor; Brittney Hulett – District Non-CDL Activity Bus Driver; Alysha Wassam – High School Assistant Cheer Coach; Kyle Babcock – High School Head Swim Coach; Joy Jacobus – High School Special Education Paraeducator; Benjamin Woody – High School Head Drama coach
Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
SUBSTITUTE HIRES

Motion by Riley, second by Upton, to approve the substitute hires.
Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
CFHS CHOIR TRIP TO
SPOKANE

Motion by Riley, second by Heupel, to approve the proposed CFHS choir trip to Spokane, Washington.
Superintendent Dziowgo shared that the trip qualifies to be paid for by the Advanced Opportunity Grant to help take the burden off families of \$750 per student.
Public comment was requested and there was none.
Passed 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE OUT-OF
STATE TRAVEL
RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion by Riley, second by Hill, to approve the Professional Development Committee recommendations for the following PD Grant Applications for out-of-state travel:

- Bridget Chiarito – National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference – February 11-13, 2026 – Indianapolis, IN
- Dawn Wheeler – National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference – February 11-13, 2026 – Indianapolis, IN
- Alicia Hakes – Get Your Teach On Conference – January 17-19, 2026 – Las Vegas, NV
- Emily Hagreen – Get Your Teach On Conference – January 17-19, 2026 – Las Vegas, NV
- Tricia Hall – Get Your Teach On Conference – January 17-19, 2026 – Las Vegas, NV
- Callie Moore – Get Your Teach On Conference – January 17-19, 2026 – Las Vegas, NV
- Alia Hanson – National Council for Teachers of English Annual Conference – November 20-23, 2025 – Denver, CO

Passed 6-0.

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Motion by Upton, second by Pacheco, to approve the following out-of-state travel requests:

- Becky Bates and Jessica Moultray – Northwest Council for Computer Education Conference – February 25-27, 2026 – Seattle, WA – Funded through the Carl Perkins Grant

Passed 6-0

Miscellaneous and Future Planning:

- Special Board Meeting – October 27, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
- Election – November 4, 2025
- Regular Board Meeting – November 10, 2025
- Insurance Committee Meeting – November 19, 2025 – with a voting deadline on BHA on October 29, 2029

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 6:31 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk

MOTION TO APPROVE
CARL PERKINS OUT-
OF-STATE TRAVEL

MISCELLANEOUS
AND FUTURE
PLANNING:

MEETING
ADJOURNED