

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
MARCH 17, 2026

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of School District Number Six was held at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the boardroom of the administration offices at 501 Sixth Avenue West, Columbia Falls, Montana.

PRESENT:

Jill Rocksund..... Board Chair
Barbara Riley Trustee
Casey Heupel Trustee
Amanda Pacheco..... Trustee
Keri Hill Trustee In at 5:09
Megan Upton..... Trustee
Cory Dziowgo Superintendent of Schools
Dustin Zuffelato Business Manager/Clerk

ABSENT:

Justin Cheff..... Trustee
Heather Mumby..... Trustee

Board Chair Rocksund called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

Motion by Upton, second by Pacheco, to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 5-0

Public Participation:

Chair Rocksund requested public participation on any agenda or non-agenda items. No members of the public attended in-person. None via remotely. There was no public participation.

Action/Discussed Items:

The Board considered the inclement weather day on March 12, 2026. Chair Rocksund noted that the agenda was amended to include this item subsequent to the required 48-hour notification. Preliminary consideration is necessary to facilitate payroll and a subsequent vote during the properly noticed April 13, 2026 Board Meeting will be necessary. Trustees may close school for one day each year for unforeseen emergencies that is not subject to state funding reduction in accordance to 20-9-806(2), MCA.

Motion by Pacheco, second by Heupel, to cancel school on March 12, 2026 without rescheduling the pupil instruction time lost during the 2025/26 school year because of inclement weather. Passed 5-0.

Executive Session:

The Board conducted an expulsion hearing for student 26-01. As the individual's right to privacy outweighs the public's right to know, Chair Rocksund called the meeting into executive session at 5:04 P.M.

Trustee Hill in at 5:09 P.M.

Open meeting resumed at 6:01 P.M.

The Board considered the executive session meeting minutes.

Motion by Heupel, second by Hill, to approve the executive session meeting minutes. Passed 6-0

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE AGENDA

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL ON MARCH 12, 2026, WITHOUT RESCHEDULING TIME LOST DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

MOTION TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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MOTION TO RE-ADMIT
STUDENT 26-01 WITH
DISCIPLINARY
CONTRACT

Motion by Pacheco, second by Riley, to re-admit student 26-01 to the High School subject to an executed disciplinary contract that includes a requirement for the student to park on campus and be subject to random vehicle searches. Passed 5-1. No – Trustee Upton.

The Board conducted an expulsion hearing for student 26-02. As the individual's right to privacy outweighs the public's right to know, Chair Rocksund called the meeting into executive session at 6:05 P.M.

Open meeting resumed at 6:42 P.M.

MOTION TO APPROVE
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

The Board considered the executive session meeting minutes.

Motion by Upton, second by Pacheco, to approve the executive session meeting minutes.

Passed 6-0

MOTION TO EXPEL
STUDENT 26-02 FOR
REMAINDER OF
SY 25-26


Motion by Riley, second by Pacheco, to expel student 26-02 for the remainder of the 2025/26 school year. Readmittance to the High School for the 2026/27 school year is subject to an executed disciplinary contract. Passed 5-1. No – Trustee Heupel.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chair Rocksund adjourned the meeting at 6:44 P.M.



Board Chair



Business Manager/Clerk