

## **COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT #6**

The **REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbus School District #6 was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, in the middle school commons area. Chair Morse called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was established, and the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Those participating were Trustee Joe Morse, Trustee Sue Ivankovich, Trustee Stephanie Wright, Trustee Dewell, Trustee Baum, Superintendent Casey Klasna, District Clerk Kari Econom, High School Principal Jim Browning, Middle School Principal Joe Morse, Elementary Principal Tom Kurtz, Athletic Director Ron Osborne, RaeAnna Westervelt, Lisa Westervelt, Paden Nation, Jen Larson, Cooper Cook, Michelle Cook, Max Schwabe, Lexi Hagemeister, Tanya Ellis-Baum, Kinley Baum, Lorie Martinez, Kiley Frank.

### **Changes in Agenda, Adopt Agenda**

Superintendent Klasna asked for Item E to be removed and to add Casey Olsen to Item F. Trustee Baum made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

- A.** Approve Board Meeting Minutes
- B.** Approve Warrants, Extracurricular Balances, and Expenditures

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Trustee Baum seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Warrants approved: 26480-26538

Board minutes approved: September 3, 2024 and September 10, 2024.

## **PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

No comment.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Consideration to adopt Policy 4330F “Gymnasium and Weight Room use Agreement”**

The Board of Trustees discussed the options of Policy 4330F and Policy 4330P. Trustee Baum made a motion to table the discussion of Policy 4330F and Policy 4330P until tomorrow night's policy review meeting. Trustee Dewell seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**B. Consideration to adopt Policy 4330P “Rules and Regulations for Building/Facility/Equipment Use”**

Tabled for Wednesday, October 9ths policy review meeting.

**C. Consideration to adopt Policy 8426 “Therapy Animals”**

Policy 8426F and 8426 governs the use of therapy animals in school. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent for approval each school year and/or whenever the owner wishes to use a different therapy animal. Trustee Dewell made a motion to accept the first reading for 8426 and 8426F. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Trustee Baum recommends to change the wording “therapy dog” to “therapy animal.”

**D. Consideration to adopt Policy 8426F “Request to Use Therapy Animal in School”**

Please see above.

**E. Discussion on Athletic Facility on 30 acre parcel**

Last year the Board of Trustees agreed to have the 30 acres located by the Billings Clinic surveyed. Travis West surveyed and provided a map of where an athletic facility could be located. The board discussed building a bus barn on the 30 acres and remodeling the current bus barn to be a practice facility for the kids. This way the kids are practicing on campus next to their respective schools. Trustee Dewell made a motion to give Superintendent Klasna authority to put together a proposed plan and bring back to the next board meeting. Trustee Baum seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration to approve High School Assistant Wrestling Coach**

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to hire High School Assistant Wrestling Coach Max Schawbe. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**B. Consideration to approve 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Wrestling Coach**

Trustee Baum made a motion to hire 7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach Cooper Cook. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**C. Consideration to approve Assistant Speech, Drama and Debate Coach**

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to hire Assistant Speech, Drama and Debate Coach Rebecca Gardiner. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**D. Consideration to approve NASA Club and Stipend**

Science Teacher, Jennifer Larson presented to the board on wanting to build a NASA club. With this club, they will need to fundraise like all other clubs. The board will give the NASA club \$2,000 as start-up money. Mrs. Larson stipend would be set at \$1,583. Trustee Dewell made a motion to recommend the stipend of \$1,583 and start up money at \$2,000. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**E. Consideration to Approve New Activity Account**

Removed from agenda. Any money received for Policy 4330F and 4330P will run through the District's Fund 15.

**F. Consideration to approve Sub/Activity Drivers**

Trustee Baum made a motion to approve Superintendent Casey Klasna and teacher Casey Olsen as substitute/activity bus drivers. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Administrative Reports**

Tom Kurtz, Elementary Principal, Joseph Morse, Middle School Principal, Jim Browning, High School Principal and Athletic Director Ron Osborne presented the board with updates in their buildings.

- Baseball committee is recommending running baseball all in one division: North, South East and West.
- Middle School would like to form pure groups with an adult supervisor for each group.

**Superintendent Report**

- A. Montana Association of School Superintendent Fall Conference
  - Indian Ed for All Presentation
  - Legal Updates
  - Insurance Health Trustee update with John Dorrin
- B. Policy Review with MTSBA
  - Tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m.
- C. Elementary Cafeteria Flooring
  - Quote from the flooring company on fixing the slick floor
- D. Sibanye-Stillwater Mine Layoff

- Will not know how this will affect our school numbers until after the first of the year

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation:

Personnel Committee:

Buildings:

Finance: Met to approve and sign warrants.

Technology:

Policy:

## ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Baum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m., Trustee Wright seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

  
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Chairman

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