

COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT #6

The **REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbus School District #6 was held on Tuesday, July 16, 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. Superintendent Casey Klasna, Elementary Principal Tom Kurtz, Middle School Principal Joseph Morse, High School Principal Jim Browning, Matt Ivankovich, Kirk Ivankovich, Lindsey Cross, Jeff Obert, Randy Smith, Shannon Meier, Julie Hamilton, Nicole Means, Jann Whiting, Shaun Zachary, Becky MacEwen, Amber Emmett, Jenny Kurtz, Kiley Frank, Larry Crowder, Kelly Ault, Michael Grizzoffi, Lisa Westervelt, Webb C. Mandeville, Dennis Holten, Allan Sipes, Charlie Denison, Danen Johannes, Aaron Uecker.

- A.** Approve Board Meeting Minutes
- B.** Approve Warrants, Extracurricular Balances, and Expenditures
- C.** Resignations- Custodial-Thomas Tisdale

Trustee Wright made a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously

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

Warrant approved 26339-34535.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Mandeville spoke on behalf of the city council in regards to the school resource officer. At the council's August 5th meeting the city's attorney will have an agreement put together to be voted on by the council accepting the District's proposal of a 3% increase. The total the district would be paying is \$38,625.

Chair Morse read a resignation letter on behalf of Trustee Meier.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Staffing Needs

The district is still in need of a head cook, two kitchen helpers, a YBGR non CDL Driver, a custodian, and elementary paraprofessional.

B. Construction Update

- Bruco will be coming in a few weeks to refinish the gym floors.
- Tile is being placed down at the elementary.
- Roof repair in the gym is still on going.

- Sod was laid at the elementary school.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Montana Rural Education Association Presentation

Executive Director of MREA, Larry Crowder, came and spoke to the board on the benefits of MREA. Montana Rural Education Association is an organization that was created several years ago to represent smaller size schools, primarily in Eastern Montana. They offer services from lobbying services, legal services as well as MCS, Montana Cooperative Services that offers discounts through certain vendors.

B. Consideration to Approve Montana Rural Education Membership for 2024-2025

The membership is \$2,500 a year, but also an additional \$1,250 for the legal option. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 membership without the legal option. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

C. Consideration to Approve School Board Policy 1420F-Notice Regarding Public Comment

Policy 1420F states Montana law requires school district and other public agencies to include on the agenda for public meetings an item allowing public comment on any public matter not otherwise specifically listed on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the agency. Trustee Wright made a motion to update the school board policy 1420F. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

D. Consideration to Hire Head Football Coach

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to hire Head Football Coach, Tom Kurtz. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

E. Consideration to Hire Assistant Football Coaches

Trustee Wright made a motion to approve Joseph Morse and Matt Seibert as Assistant Football Coaches. Board Chair Morse abstained from voting.

F. Consideration to Hire Middle School Secretary

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to hire Britney Blaylock as the Middle School Secretary starting at \$15.75. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

G. Consideration to Approve amended 2024-2025 School Calendar

In June, a mistake on the 2024-2025 calendar was caught. The calendar needed an additional four days to be added to ensure that the district is meeting the required hours for accreditation. It was determined to add four additional days to the calendar. The union and committee have decided to keep the days the same, but to add an additional 8-10 minutes to the school day. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve the amended 2024-2025 calendar. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

H. Consideration to Approve District Fees and Prices

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to keep the District Fees and Prices the same as the 23-24 school year. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

- Breakfast and Lunch: Students \$3, Adults/Guests \$4, Breakfast \$2.50, milk \$.50.
- Student Athlete Pass: Students \$30/sport; Student pass at \$50; Adult pass at \$60; and Senior Pass at \$50. You must be 65-year-old or older to qualify for a Senior Pass.
- All admission prices will remain the same as the 23/24 school year.
- The max payment for a family for the activity pass is \$250.

I. Consideration to Hire Bus Driver

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to hire bus driver, Curt Robbins. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent Report

- School Budget Presentation
- Transportation Committee Meeting-All 7 bus routes have been approved.
- Board Retreat August 19, 2024 at 5:30 at Palladium Brewing.
- Annual Budget Meeting August 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation:

Personnel Committee:

Buildings:

Finance: They met to approve and sign warrants.

Technology:

Policy:

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm, Trustee Ivankovich seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.



Chairman

Attest:



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