

COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT #6

The Board of Trustees Policy Review Session was also held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in the middle school commons area at 5:00 p.m. Tony Koenig, Director of Legal and HR Services for Montana School Boards Association led the Trustees in review of our District policy's.

The **REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbus School District #6 was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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 Russ Dewell, Trustee Jay Baum, Trustee Nichole Guza-Waltner, Superintendent Casey Klasna, District Clerk Kari Econom, High School Principal Jim Browning, Middle School Principal Joe Morse, Lisa Westervelt, Avery Daniels, Claire Smith, Tylene Juhnke, Nicole Means, Carter Short, Tayah Kavanda, Max Schwabe, Cade Schulze, Meadow Brooker, Sheldon Kasma, Yamilet Gutierrez and Ava Thorson.

- A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Warrants, Extracurricular Balances, and Expenditures
- C. Resignations- Michael Robinson- MS Track and Field

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

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

Warrants approved: 26689-26740

Board minutes approved: Regular Board Meeting January 14, 2025.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Assistant Wrestling Coach Max Schwabe updated the board on how the eight-grade participation went.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Facility Naming Committee Update Trustee Russ Dewell**

Trustee Dewell handed out a policy form and updated the board on the progress of the naming committee.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to add Jacob Cox as a Sub Teacher and Sub YBGR Driver

Trustee Baum made a motion to approve Jacob Cox as a sub teacher and sub YBGR driver. Trustee Dewell seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

B. Consideration to Hire Reed Johnson for Assistant High School Softball Coach

Trustee Dewell made a motion to approve Reed Johnson for Assistant High School Softball Coach. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

C. Consideration to Hire John Smith to Instruct Spring/Summer Traffic Education

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to hire John Smith to instruct spring/summer traffic education. Trustee Dewell seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

D. Consideration to Hire Kelly Mountain Sheep for Kitchen Helper

Trustee Baum made a motion to hire Kelly Mountain Sheep for kitchen helper. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

E. Consideration to Approve Bus Route Reimbursement Claims (TR-6) for Semester 1

Trustee Baum made a motion to approve Elementary and High School TR-6 forms for semester one. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

F. Consideration to Approve Purchasing a New Route Bus Using Bus Depreciation Funds

Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the purchase of a new route bus using bus depreciation funds for \$187,000. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. 35% will come from the High School Bus Depreciation Fund and 65% will come from the Elementary Bus Depreciation Fund. Trustee Dewell stated Bus Depreciation Funds will still be flush after purchase.

G. Consideration to Declare School Trustee Election and School General Fund Levy Election

Trustee Dewell made a motion to declare a School Trustee Election. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to declare a school levy election. Trustee Baum seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

H. Consideration to Remove Jeff Bermes and Michelle Mills from Yellowstone Bank Accounts

Trustee Dewell made a motion to remove Jeff Bermes and Michelle Mills from Yellowstone Bank Accounts. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Superintendent Klasna will be added to the account.

I. Consideration to Approve Sanding and Repainting Elementary Gym Floor

Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the bid by Wester Flooring to sand and repaint the Elementary Gym Floor. Trustee Dewell seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. The funds will come from the Elementary Building Bond.

J. Consideration to Approve Installing Elementary Cafeteria Flooring

The board discussed the consideration of installing new flooring in the Elementary Cafeteria due to safety purposes. Currently, it is cement that becomes very slippery. The new flooring would be vinyl to match the hallways. The funding for this will come from the Elementary Building Bond. Trustee Dewell made a motion to approve KC Interior's to install new flooring in the Elementary Cafeteria. Trustee Guza-Waltner seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

K. Consideration to Approve Montana School Board Policy Revisions

Trustee Dewell made a motion to table this discussion. Trustee Baum seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

L. Consideration to Advertise for Bids for Bus Barn Facility

Trustee Dewell made a motion to pursue the 60x180 bus barn facility project as one project and begin the process for advertising for bids. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. This project will not affect the General Fund. This project will be funded by Transportation and Metal Mines.

M. Consideration to Approve Quest Services to prepare Bid Documents for Bus Barn Facility

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve Mark Qualman of QuEst Services to prepare the bid documents for the bus barn facility. Trustee Dewell 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 presented the board with updates in their buildings.

Superintendent Report

- A. Montana Legislature Update
 - STARS Act.
- B. General Fund Levy Discussion
 - Working on news letter to send to community.
 - Setting up email specifically for levy questions.
 - Visiting with coffee groups in town.
- C. Negotiations Update
 - Waiting on Preliminary Budgets and Insurance Rates.
 - Sent CBA's to legal to make sure language is correct.
- D. Accreditation Update
 - Working on updates.
 - Miss assigned teachers scored at 2's and 3's.
- E. Summer Facility Projects
 - Gym Floor in Elementary, Middle School and High School.
 - Cafeteria in Elementary.
 - New parking lot on high school side. Last done in 2002.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation:

Personnel Committee:

Buildings:

Finance: Met to approve and sign warrants.

Technology:

Policy:

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m., Trustee Baum seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.


Chairman

Attest:
