

COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT #6

At 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December, 12, 2023 the board met for a work session on 8th grade Athletic Participation Policy. There was no action taken at this time.

The **REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbus School District #6 was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, in the middle school commons area. Chair Morse called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 Ryan Meier, Trustee Sue Ivankovich, Trustee Stephanie Wright and Trustee Jay Baum. Superintendent Jeff Bermes, Middle School Principal Joseph Morse, Elementary Principal Tom Kurtz, High School Principal Jim Browning, BCEA Union President Vickie Gibson, Lisa Westervelt, Sydnee Rothwell, Jennifer Crago, Nichole Guza Waltner, Ron Osborne, Travis West, John Smith, Kay Faust, Nichole Brower, Dean Brower, Tanya Ellis-Baum, Nicole Means, Lydia Hulsey, Analise Thorson, Lane Thompson, Colton Leeper, James Plymale, Daniel Miller, Rebecca Reed, Preya McDermott, Katherine Dawe.

- A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Warrants, Extracurricular Balances & Expenditures.
- C. Approve Resignation for Fran Lueck- Head Coach

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

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

Warrant numbers 25910-25963 were approved.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

No Student Council update.

No public comment.

The FFA chapter reported back to the board on their trip to the National FFA Conference.

Elementary Teacher Becky Reed presented to the board her progress with the Discovery Education platform.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Construction Updates

Superintendent Bermes updated the board on the following construction projects going on at this time:

- Vestibule project for the high school and middle school gym entrances will begin March 1st.
- Vinyl planks will go down in the elementary hallways and removing of the flooring and putting vinyl planks back down in the art room will happen over the holiday break.
- Quotes will be coming at the beginning of the year for the asphalt shingles on the roofs around the high school gym, the two carports at the duplex, and bids to remodel the garage into apartment space.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 8th Grade Extra-Curricular Participation Policy

The board has decided to table this discussion until the January 2024 meeting. Trustee Baum made a motion to table the 8th Grade Extra-Curricular Participation Policy until January 2024 meeting. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

B. Extra-Curricular and New Staff Hires

Trustee Wright made a motion to hire John Smith as the high school head softball coach and Mesa King as the new middle school track coach. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

C. Extended Leave Request

Ms. Price, Librarian, is requesting to extended her leave from March 13th to March 21st. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve the extended leave request. Trustee Baum seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

D. Review and Approval of New Bus Bids

The board discussed to approve the bid for two buses by Bluebird for the price of \$317,000 minus any trade-in value to be taken out of the high school and elementary depreciation fund at 50% each. One bus will be traded in to the dealer and the other one will be sold privately due to the fact that only one of the two buses is on the depreciation schedule. The earliest bus will come February of 2025. Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the Bluebird bid for two buses at a

cost of \$317,000 minus any trade in value to be taken out of the high school depreciation fund at 50% of the total cost and elementary depreciation at 50% of the total cost. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

E. Discussion to pursue Co-op with Park City in Softball and Baseball

The board has asked Mr. Bermes to do some research on the following questions:

1. How many numbers is Park City bringing over for each softball and baseball?
2. Are they willing to pay a start up fee to join?

Discussion will continue after these questions are answered.

Administrative Reports

A. Elementary Report:

- Enrollment 316.
- K-3 Christmas Concert on December 20th at 7 p.m.
- 4th and 5th graders will do a band/music recital on December 21st at 9 a.m. Pie in the face will happen after recital.
- A.R. challenge this month is the top 3 readers in each class will get a visit to the hot chocolate bar.
- Staff gathering for presents will be Tuesday, December 19th after school.
- Winter MAPS testing window has been opened and will close on January 19th.
- Christmas parties will be from 2:15 to 3:00 on Thursday, December 20th. Clean up and pack from 3:00 to 3:20.

B. Middle School Report

- Enrollment 178
- Christmas Concert on December 14th.
- Honor Society is going to Laurel on Wednesday to buy gifts for project hope's angel tree.
- Honor Society is implementing play60 from the NFL to give a 5 min break to students during two classes.
- MSBBB basketball starts up on the 18th of December. First games are January 11th for 6th grade and January 13th for 7th and 8th grade.
- BPA is holding a dance for the Middle School December 22nd from 7-9:00 p.m.
- Maps testing January 16-19th.
- Spelling Bee is January 24th for the school bee and February 20th for the county spelling bee.

C. High School Report

- Enrollment 241

- FFA results from the John Deere Ag Expo in Bozeman on 11/17. Grace Moore placed 5th in Jr. Food Science and 6th in Jr Ag Business Management; Kaydyn Ivey placed 7th in Ag Sales, and Tayah Kovanda placed 2nd in Horse Judging.
- FFA results from the Agronomy and speaking Contest in Belfry on 12/6. Agronomy team 2nd place over all; Ana Thorson, 4th in Agronomy; Alyssa Crago, 1st Extemporaneous Speech, 3rd prepared speech; Lydia Hulsey, 5th Extemporaneous Speech.
- Robotics team wen tot Butte on 12/3. Finished in the middle of the pack.
- Winter sports started two weeks ago.
- Speech and Drama has been doing extremely well.
- Mr. Hoge is going to Kalispell to pick up \$30,000 worth of free science equipment the school as received due to Mr. Hoge's dual enrollment agreements with Flathead Valley Community College and Montana Tech.

D. Superintendent Report

- Kitchen update- Shannon Meier has moved to the head cook position. Currently looking for an assistant cook.
- MHSAs proposals were included in packet to look at to discuss for January 2024 meeting.
- Possibility of adding another math teacher.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation:

Personnel Committee:

Buildings:

Finance: They met to approve and sign warrants.

Technology:

Policy:

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Baum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm, Trustee Meier seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.



 Chairman

Attest:


