

COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT #6

The **REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbus School District #6 was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 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 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, Mark Crago, Lisa Westerman, Paige Lethert Katelyn Hamilton, Tori Lewis, Wyatt Duncan, James Plymate, Riley Westervelt, Lydia Hulsey, Scott Lewis, Lane Thompson, Colton Leepes, Kendra McLaughlin, Analise Thorson, Daniel Miller, Laura Hulsey, Chris Cookingham, Marissa Cookingham, Joel Eklund, Lorie Martinez, Trista Meier, Trustin Junnke, Brayden Anderson, Seth Kornik, Jordyn Wolf, Katherine Dawe, Ashlyn Martin, Sabrina Koberna, Bailee Rahail, Ashley Jayne.

- A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Warrants, Extracurricular Balances & Expenditures.
- C. Approve Updated Substitute List

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 with the addition of 6th grade football coach resignation by Chris Rasmussen. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mark Crago addressed the board with a suggestion to allow 8th graders to participate in junior varsity and varsity sports. The board has decided at this time to not pursue this suggestion.

Ms. Martinez presented the board with her idea of a student athlete recognition wall. It was recommended to Ms. Martinez to put a proposal together of the project and represent to the board at the next meeting.

Mrs. Lewis introduced herself as a new teacher in the Elementary.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Final Readings of Board Policies: 1400, 1700, 2132, 2158, 2450, 2168, 3120, 3226, 3310, 8301

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve the final policy readings for board policies: 1400, 1700, 2132, 2158, 2168, 2450, 2168, 3120, 3226, 3310, and 8301. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Trustee Baum suggested to have policy 8301 added to the trustee book and be reviewed annually.

B. HS/MS Dress Code Policy

The board has come to an agreement with the student body. It has been decided that the recommended dress code from the September board meeting will be in effect with the exception of shorts and skirts must be longer than your fist. Trustee Baum made a motion to accept the new dress code policy with the change to the skirts/shorts. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. MCEL

The district has purchased a site license that will allow the board and administrative team to watch the MCEL presentations during the three days of October 18-20. The board can also attend in person.

B. FFA Request to Attend Nationals

The FFA presented the board with a request to attend FFA nationals in Indiana at the end of October. The chapter consists of juniors and seniors. They presented the board with their itinerary and expenses. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve the FFA Chapter's request to attend nationals with the district paying for the advisor expenses, fuel and use of the school van and \$300 per student. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

C. Superintendent Resignation

Superintendent Bermes presented the board with his letter of resignation at the end of the 23-24 school year. Trustee Baum made a motion to accept Mr. Bermes's resignation. Trustee Ivankovich seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

D. Teacher Extended Leave Requests

Four teachers have requested extended leave. Ms. Stimpson is requesting to take extended leave from October 16-20, Ms. Longin is requesting extended leave from November 1st, Mr. Eklund would like to extend the winter break by four days January 2-5th. Mrs. Bruesch would like to take off November 6-8th. Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the extended leave requests for Mr. Stimpson, Ms. Longin, Mrs. Bruesch and Mr. Eklund. Trustee Ivankovich seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

E. First Reading of Board Policy 1007FE, 1009FE, 2170, 2170P, 3141, 3225, 3413

The board discussed the following polices 1007FE, 1009FE, 2170, 2170P, 3141, 3225 and 3413. It was decided to remove policy 3141 because it will no longer be available in 2024. It was discussed if policy 1009FE trainings can be offered virtually. If the district requires the training it will be paid. Trsutee Baum made a motion to approve the first reading of board policies 1007FE, 1009FE, 2170P, 3225 and 3413. Removing policy 3141. Trustee Ivankovich seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

F. District New Hires

Trustee Wright made a motion to hire Denise Johnson-High School Para, Jolena Ray-Rollins-Kitchen Helper and Christine Langstein-High School Custodial. Trustee Ivankovich seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

G. Review, Discussion and Approval of Bid for MS and HS Vestibule Project

Three bids were received for the proposed middle school and high school vestibule project. After consulting with the District's owner rep, Shane Swandal, it was recommended that the board move forward with TW Ridley. The funding will come from the remaining elementary building bond and metal mines money from the high school and elementary. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to move forward with the vestibule project awarding TW Ridley the contract due to the lowest qualified bid received by the district. Trustee Baum seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

H. Discussion on whether to sell Old Football Field Painter

The district has been asked to sell one of the two old football field painters. It is recommended to work with Sherman Williams, the company in which they were purchased from to tune up the older of the two models and help sell the unit for us. This discussion will continue at the November board meeting.

Administrative Reports

A. Elementary Report:

- Enrollment 322
- MAPS testing has been finished.
- Midterm for the first trimester is over. Reports went home on Friday, October 6th.
- 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will go to Billings to compete in the Yellowstone Elementary School Cross Country Meet.
- Fire prevention week is coming up.
- Red Ribbon Week is October 23-27th.
- First graders will be visiting Alberta Baird Theater on October 30th to see "Pete the Cat's Big Hollywood Adventure"
- Parent/teacher conferences will take place Monday, October 30th and Wednesday, November 1st from 4 to 7.
- Halloween parties will be held Tuesday, October 31st towards the end of school.

B. Middle School Report

- Enrollment 178
- Student Council will have a Halloween dance on October 27th.
- Red Ribbon Week October 23rd-27th.
- Parent Teacher Conferences October 30th and November 1st.
- MCEL?MEA October 19th and 20th.

C. High School Report

- Enrollment 242
- FFA held their annual farm day last week.
- Homecoming went very well.
- On September 19th, Ms. Whiting took the seniors to the College Fair at MSU-Billings.
- Ms. Kraft, our BPA advisor, took six students to the BPA fall Leadership Conference on 9/31.
- Fall sports are going very well.

D. Superintendent Report

- MCEL presentations with deal with the new laws coming into effect.
 - House Bill 396
 - House Bill 676
 - House Bill 890
 - Revised Chapter 55 Graduation Requirements
 - Accreditation Process

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 8:25 pm, Trustee Wright seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.


Chairman

Attest:
