

## **COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT #6**

The **REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbus School District #6 was held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in the middle school commons area. Chair Morse called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Ryan Meier and Trustee Jay Baum. Superintendent Jeff Bermes, Elementary Principal Tom Kurtz, Middle School Principal Joseph Morse, High School Principal Jim Browning, CCEA Union President Vickie Gibson, Kelley Vesbach, Becky MacEwen, Tanya Ellis-Baum, Jeannie Eaton, Bailey Eaton, Lucas Bruursema, Braden Bruursema, Lorie Martinez, Ginny Alegria, Jonathan Alcyn, Lisa Westervelt, Casey Olsen, Jordyn Wolf, Kiley Frank.

- A.** Approve Board Meeting Minutes
- B.** Approve Warrants, Extracurricular Balances, and Expenditures
- C.** Renew Memberships for 2024-25 MHS

Trustee Baum made a motion to accept the agenda with the following changes: no termination hearing and Approval/Denial of Out-of-District Student Attendance Applications for 24-25 can't start till 7 p.m. because that was the time in the letter sent out. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously

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

Warrant approved 26167-26242

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

The parents of the senior class would like to ask permission to use the middle school commons, high school commons, library, gym and Mrs. Martinez's room on Sunday, May 19th for the Senior Bash from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Trustee Baum made a motion to allow the senior class to use the facilities for their Senior Bash. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Trustee Baum updated everyone on the Hard Rock Mining meeting that was held on May 6, 2024 in Helena. Trustee Baum shared that Park City is not a listed entity and can not ask for an amendment.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Final Reading of Board Policy 7320**

Montana Statues have changed regarding bids and contracts which require us to modify our current board policy to match new statue limits. The recent legislation has changed the minimum

amount going out for bids from \$80,000 to \$150,000. Per discussion from the first reading, the superintendent can approve up to \$15,000 without board approval. Trustee Wright made a motion to approve the final reading of Board Policy 7320. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Termination Hearing**

This item was removed and approved at the beginning of the meeting.

### **B. Reorganize Board/Approve Clerk**

Trustee Morse was sworn in as the newly elected Trustee. Kari Econom was sworn in as district clerk. The following nominates and appointments were made for board chair, vice chair and district clerk. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to nominate Joe Morse as Board Chair, Trustee Wright seconded. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to nominate Jay Baum as Vice-Chair. Trustee Meier seconded. Trustee Ivankocich made a motion to accept Kari Econom as District Clerk. Trustee Meier seconded. All motions were voted on and passed unanimously.

### **C. Approval of the West Engineering Proposal**

West Engineering would like to perform a Utility and Topographic Survey for a possible building site on the vacant school land south of the current hospital. This survey will allow the district to determine the feasibility of a future building site conducive to current utilities in the area in relationship to current topography of the plot. The cost of the survey is \$6,210 coming out of elementary and high school metal mines funds. Trustee Wright made a motion to approve the West Engineering Proposal to conduct a utility and topographical survey and conceptual site plan for a possible building site on school property located south of the current hospital, 50% from elementary metal minds and 50% from high school metal mines. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

### **D. Resignations**

Resignations- Curt Robbins, Head of Maintenance, Tammi Kirch, Pep Club, Rachel Ryan, Assistant High School Volleyball, Anna Kraft, Business Teacher and Braydin Ellis, Assistant High School Football. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve the resignations of - Curt Robbins, Head of Maintenance, Tammi Kirch, Pep Club, Rachel Ryan, Assistant High School Volleyball, Anna Kraft, Business Teacher and Braydin Ellis, Assistant High School Football. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

### **E. Hiring of Athletic Director/ Maintenance Supervisor**

Ron Osborne is being offered the position of district athletic director and adding the Maintenance/Custodial Employee Supervisor duties to his current duties. Duties as Maintenance/Custodial supervisor will include supervision of all custodial and maintenance employees of the district, maintain budgets and records for the department, ordering, and working with the Superintendent to facilitate and schedule projects. Trustee Baum made a motion to approve Mr. Ron Osborne as the 2024-25 Columbus Athletic Director/Maintenance and Custodial Supervisor. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed 4-1.

### **F. Hiring of Extra-Curricular Positions**

Trustee Baum made a motion to hire the following extra-curricular coaching positions: Jennifer Crago, HS Cross Country, Thea Karamzadeh, MS Cross Country, Nichole Brower, HS Volleyball, Danielle McGowan, HS Volleyball, Joseph Morse, HS Football, Jim Browning, HS Football, Michael Robinson, HS Boys' Basketball, Mike Matovich, HS Boys' Basketball, Phil Davey, HS Boys Basketball, Jeromy Burke, HS Girls Basketball, Kay Faust, HS Girls Basketball, Mark Hamilton, HS Girls Basketball, Rocky Rothwell, HS Wrestling, Tanner Cook, HS Wrestling, Jennifer Crago, HS Track, Mark Albrecht HS Track, Thea Karamzadeh, HS Track, Tom Kurtz, HS Track, Travis West, HS Baseball, Cactus Anderson, HS Baseball, Justin Wayland, volunteer Highschool Baseball, John Smith, HS Girls Softball, Joseph Morse, HS Girls Softball, Jeromy Burke, HS Golf, Bob Fitzgerald, HS Golf, John Smith, MS Football, Michael Robinson, MS Football, Kat Sindelar, MS Volleyball, Tammi Kirch, MS Volleyball, Danen Johannes, MS Girls Basketball, Kyla Rouane, MS Girls Basketball, Mesa King, MS Girls Basketball, Rocky Rothwell, MS Wrestling, Danen Johannes, MS Boys Basketball, Mesa King, MS Boys Basketball, Mesa King MS Track, Michael Robinson, MS Track, Kiely Frank HS Cheerleading, Theresa Miller, volunteer HS Cheerleading, Johanna Kern, HS Speech and Drama. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Trustee Baum made a motion to hire Blake Hoge, High School Head Football Coach. Motion failed due to absence of a second. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to not renew Blake Hoge, High School Head Football Coach. Ryan seconded. Motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

Trustee Baum made a motion to hire Blake Hoge, Assistant High School Wrestling Coach. Motion failed due to absence of a second. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to not renew Blake Hoge, Assistant High School Wrestling Coach. Ryan seconded. Motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

Head High School Football Coach and Assistant High School Wrestling Coaching position's will be opened.

### **G. District Hires**

Trustee Baum made a motion to hire the following for the 24-25 school year: Millie Nordman, Data Specialist, Cody Stahl, part time MS/ part time HS Math Teacher, Mary Hajek, PT Elem Custodian, Stefanie Mullins, Summer Cleaning, Anna Killibrew, Concession Manager, Casey Olsen, Indian Education Director, Kyle Miller, Custodial and Kade Shultze, Music Teacher. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **H. Approval of the CEA and Other Staff Negotiations**

The negotiations teams of the CEA, CCEA and the Columbus School Board have come to an agreement for the 24-25 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the CEA and the CCEA along with the other staff of the district which includes principals, maintenance and bus drivers. Trustee Meier made a motion to approve the 24-25 CBA of the CEA and CCEA in addition to the salaries and benefits of the admin staff, maintenance and bus drivers as negotiated by the board negotiation team on behalf of the Columbus Board of Trustees. Trustee Baum seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **I. Approval and Denial of Out-of-District Student Attendance Agreements**

At this time Trustee Baum made a motion to move to executive session at 7:06 p.m to discuss students ELD24251 and MSD24251. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

At 8:05 p.m. Trustee Baum made a motion to exit executive session. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the following out -of-district attendance agreements: Elementary students- EL24250 to E1242540; Middle School students-MS24250 to MS242518; High School Students HS24251-HS242518, ELD24251 and MSD24251. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **J. Review and Approval of Roofing Bids**

The District has received two bids for the reroofing project of the asphalt shingles surrounding the high school gym area. The bids are from Rock Creek Contracting and Perfect 10 Roofing. One bid includes new gutters in the total price and the other bid has the gutters as an additional cost. Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the bid from Rock Creek Contracting with the addition of the rain gutters and pan for water. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **K. Approval of Park City/Columbus Co-op in Softball and Baseball**

The Board has given tentative approval to support a co-op in softball and baseball with Park City Schools pending their approval of our terms. In March, Park City Schools approved the contract to co-op with Columbus for Softball and Baseball for the next three seasons. Softball team would be placed as in the A classification unless a decision would be made to petition the MHSA Board to remain in B/C. It is felt that Class A would be a better option for our softball team given travel, less school missed, and that the team in the past has been competitive with Class A schools. If 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation is discussed, the decision will be made based off of the policy Columbus Schools has in place. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve the 3 year co-op for baseball and softball between Columbus Schools and Park City Schools with the team being identified as the Columbus Cougars. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **L. Approval of the New Reader Board for the MS/HS**

At the April 29, 2024 working meeting, the board reviewed two bids to install a new digital reader board at our middle school/high school location. The Hershrud family would like to sponsor half of the total cost of the sign as a memorial for their late father and mother as “Hersh” was a former teacher of the district and his wife a strong support of our school system. With the district having a substantial sponsor, we can move forward with completing this project that has been on our “want to complete when funds are available” project list. The district will cover \$15,550 coming out of metal mines funds. The family will remove the old memorial sign for Hersh this summer. Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the EPCON Sign Company bid of \$31,400 to install a new reader sign to replace the current sign located at the southeast corner of the middle school as designed and presented to the board on April 29, 2024. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **Administrative Reports**

##### **A. Elementary Report:**

- Enrollment 322
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip to Chief Plenty Coups State Park
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to Norm’s Island and the MT Audubon Center
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Pompey’s Pillar
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Shadow Day
- Track and Field Day
- Last day of school assembly will be a 9 a.m.
- Mrs. Maureen Culbertson and Mrs. Misty Staudinger will be offering tutoring this summer to our kids.
- 1<sup>st</sup> graders had their Publishing Party in the park last Friday.
- Mrs. Bruesch and our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade music students did a great job with their spring concert.
- Last day of school is the 22<sup>nd</sup> and we release at noon.

**B. Middle School Report**

- Enrollment 178.
- Finished up MAST Testing
- Student Council is planting trees Friday
- Builders Club is putting together a community clean-up day
- MS music concert to be held May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders will orientate in the middle school.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade walkthrough with high school.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion is 5/21 at 5 p.m.
- Final Dance was last Friday with a neon beach theme.

**C. High School Report**

- Enrollment 245
- TrigStar winners Brooklyn Coles, Remmy Larson, Ethan West.
- High School music program last Wednesday.
- FFA annual plant sale.
- Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> annual senior awards night.
- BPA Nationals in Chicago. Payne Brower was the National Champion in Financial math Analysis and placed in the top 10 in another event. Emmy Zachary placed in the top 10 in her event as well.
- ACT scores. Payne Brower received a perfect score.
- Boys golf team won Divisional this year and are currently competing at state. Girls team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and are also at state. Girls track team won districts and the boys team took 2<sup>nd</sup>. Baseball lost the game that would have put them into a play in game for the state tournament.

**D. Superintendent Report**

- Co-Op agreement on the second page state no 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation for softball or baseball.
- Trustee Meier and Trustee Ivankovich will hand out diplomas for graduation on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Budgets will be put together for next meeting.
- Trustee Morse and Trustee Baum will be on stage for the Middle School graduation on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Next meeting will be June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Year End Expenditures will be presented at June meeting.

**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 8:16 pm, Trustee Ivankovich seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

  
Chairman

Attest:  
