

## **COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT #6**

The **REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbus School District #6 was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, in the middle school commons area. Chair Morse called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 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, Rachel Osborne, Brandon Garoutte, Kevin Osborne, Izaak Huncovsky, Tanya Ellis-Baum, Westyn Baum, Lisa Westervelt, Scott Olson, Marsha Olson, Bean Huncovsky, Julie Hamilton, Michael Grizzaffi, Jann Whiting, Scott Lewis, Alexis Cazier, Jeremy Burke, Casey Olsen, Jace Garoutte, Larie Martinez.

- A.** Approve Board Meeting Minutes
- B.** Approve Warrants, Extracurricular Balances, and Expenditures
- C.** Resignations- Nancy O'Reilly-Elem Para

Trustee Baum made a motion to accept the agenda with the following changes: Resignation-Mark Albrecht-Track. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously

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

Warrant approved 26243-26338.

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

No Public Comment

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Construction Update**

- Reader board sign will be ordered.
- Sod will be laid in open area at Elementary School. Kids will need to stay off of it for at least a year.
- A punch list was made for the vestibules at the Middle School and High School. Will be completed soon.
- Carpet was laid in the elementary hallway by error. Will need to be tore up and replaced. All other areas are completed.
- Roofing bid.
- Have not heard anything on the survey of the land over by the hospital.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. End-of-the-Year Expenditures and Transfers**

All unspent funds from the high school general fund be transferred to the district's multi-district fund. Allowing the district to spend moved funds as needed without encumbering any funds from this account. Trustee Meier made a motion to authorize the business department to issue checks for invoices through June 30<sup>th</sup> to close out the 23-24 fiscal year and transfer any remaining funds within the general fund of the high school for the 23-24 fiscal year to the multi district account. Trustee Wright seconded. All motions were voted on and passed unanimously.

### **B. Activity Fund Account Revisions and Approvals**

The Class of 2024 has graduated and no longer needs their account. We will close this account and then re-open it for the Class of 2028. The fund account number will not change. Any remaining balances in the Class of 2024 account will transfer to the Student Council account. The Junior National Honor Society is also requesting to add an activities account for their organization, making this account # 27. Trustee Wright made a motion to change activities account #23 from Class of 2024 to Class of 2028 with any remaining funds to be transferred to Student Council and approve the addition of Activities Account #27 for Jr. National Honor Society. Trustee Baum seconded. All motions were voted on and passed unanimously.

### **C. Re-Hire Classified Staff for 2024-2025**

The following staff continued employment for next school year:

Custodians: Jim Morris, Sarah Medina, Allen Viig, Tom Tindale; Head Cook: Open; Asst. Cook: Leah Quimby; Kitcehn Helpers: Becky Wagner, Christine Deacon, Andrea Hanes, 1 open position; Asst. Business Manager: Julie Hamilton; Head of Maintenance: Mike Dodoer; Secretary: DeAnne Nelson, Kayte Gorino, Middle School Open; Computer Tech: Joe Kern; HS Para: Stefanie Mullins, Rebecca Gardiner, Autumn Baluka, Hannah Marchant; MS Para: Kelly Ault, Cary Frank; Elem Para: Janelle Holten, Megan Jones, Samantha Best, Janis Wistain, Wendy Hould, Carly Kraft, Jacob Renouf; Head of Trans: Al Sipes, Bus Drivers: Mark Ranstrom, Brett Hollingsworth, Betty McCorie, Kevin Exstrom, YBGR Route Open; Study Hall: Melissa Cookingham; Title I Aide: Jenny Kurtz.

The following staff non-renewal:

Secretary: Cadie Cumin; Elem Para: Britain Baxter.

Trustee Meier made a motion to approve the hiring of the classified staff members listed above along with approving the nonrenewal of contracts for the 24-25 school year. Trustee Baum seconded. All motions were voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **D. New Hires/ Extra-Curricular Hires**

The following staff for hire: Katie Browning, HS Business Teacher; Kelly Ault, Pep Club Advisor and MS Student Council; Justin Fletcher, Asst. Maintenance; Matt Seibert, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Football; Jamie Holbert, MS National Honor Society Advisor and High School Yearbook Advisor; Danen Johannes, Builders Club; Kacey Kosel, Key Club Advisor; Christi Longin, MS Yearbook Advisor; Lori Martinez, FCCLA Advisor; Daniel Miller, FFA Advisor; Cade Schulze, Pep Band Advisor; James Taft, ACT Prep and Robotics Advisor; John Wegner, PT Custodial; Rhonda Peterson, Bus Route Driver; Kari Blaylock, HS National Honor Society Advisor; Amber Downs, HS Asst. Volleyball.

Trustee Meier made a motion to approve the above 24-25 new hires/ extra-curricular hires. Trustee Wright seconded. All motions were voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **E. 24-25 District Bus Routes**

The district will have seven bus routes for the 24-25 year, including the route to YBGR. No changes have been made to the routes or mileage set for each route. Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the 24-25 district bus routes. Trustee Meier seconded. All motions were voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **F. Resolution to Dispose of Obsolete and Unwanted School Property**

The district has two items that are in need of disposal. 1. 2001 MCI Activity Bus that is being replaced with a new activity bus this year. Sarpy Transportation has expressed interest in this bus. The district has priced this bus at \$10,000. 2. 2008 Toyota Avalon with 158,000 miles on it. The district has a number of other district cars and this is one is used the least. The district will need to decide what is actually needed in terms of district cars as we have a rather large fleet that adds to our insurance coverage costs. The next two vehicles needing to be discussed, in the upcoming future, are the Dodge Caravan and Ford Flex. These are currently being used to help transport special needs students, which will be ending in the future, and are both high mileage cars that either need to be taken off the district fleet roster or replace in the future. Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the disposition of abandoned, obsolete, and undesirable property resolution pursuant to 20-6-604, MCA for 2001 MCI Activity Bus and the 2008 Toyota Avalon. Trustee Wright seconded. All motions were voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **G. Teacher Housing Remodel Bid**

Only one bid was received for the apartment remodel for the studio/garage area. The bid from T.W. Ridley came in at \$184,900 which includes remodeling the garage from a studio apartment

to a two-bedroom apartment with upgrades to the kitchen, bathroom, heating, and insulation and the construction of two new carports. It was discussed that the district will not accept T.W. Ridley's bid and Superintendent Bermes will take the two carports off the bid and reopen to local contractors. Trustee Baum motioned to take the two carports off the bid and reopen to local contractors. Trustee Meier seconded. All motions were voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **H. City of Columbus's SRO Cost Proposal**

Mayor Mandeville notified the district, via letter, that the city wants to increase the SRO cost of the district from \$37,500 to \$80,000 per year in order for the district to maintain SRO services from the city and renew the contract for next year. The city will still be obligated to respond as needed to the school even without an SRO on site. The board has decided to write a letter to the City of Columbus countering a 3% raise from \$37,500. Trustee Baum made a motion to counter the City's SRO proposal of \$80,000 with a counter offer of the \$37,500 with a 3% increase. Trustee Meier seconded. All motions were voted on and passed unanimously.

#### **I. Inquiry of the Nonrenewal of Coach Hoge/Reconsideration**

The district had received a community request that the board discuss the issues leading to the nonrenewal of Blake Hoge from his coaching duties. With this request the board was asked to reconsider their original decision and rehire Coach Hoge to his positions of Head Football Coach and Asst. High School Wrestling Coach.

Trustee Baum started the discussion with a point of order. With this being a reconsideration vote, the motion to reconsider has to come from the prevailing party from the original motion, the two that did not vote in favor of the previous motion are ineligible to make this motion. It has to come from some one on the three side. In this particular case tonight Ryan or Stephanie would have to make the reconsidered motion according to Robert's Rules of Order.

The community voiced their concerns and asked questions to the board in regards to the nonrenewal. After listening to the community and careful consideration, Trustee Wright and Trustee Meier chose to stand by their original decision of nonrenewal.

#### **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 6:50 pm, Trustee Meier seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

  
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Chairman

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