

COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT #6

At 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November, 14, 2023 the board met for a work session. 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, November 14, 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, Lisa Westervelt, Jennifer Crago, Katie Martin, Paige Lethert, Katelyn Hamilton, Tanya Ellis-Baum.

- A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve Warrants, Extracurricular Balances & Expenditures.
- C. Approve Resignation of Jamie Holbert – MS Track and VB; Denise Johnson - Para

Board policy 3141 needed to be removed from item A under Old Business.

Trustee Baum made a motion to accept the agenda with the exception of board policy 3141. 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 25847-25909 were approved.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Student Council President Katelyn Hamilton and Vice President Paige Lethert reported to the board that the student body did not have any issues with the new dress code policy.

Park City Trustees would like to be allowed back into the co-op. The board would like to do some research on this topic and discuss placing it on the board agenda.

No other public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading on Board Policies 1007FE, 1009FE, 2170, 2170P, 3141, 3225,3413

Board Policy 3141 was removed during the October meeting. Policy 1009FE substitute training is in progress to being added to the handbook. Policy 3235 is posted in the handbook and signs are currently being made for the busses. Trustee Wright made a motion to approve the final reading of Columbus School Board Policies 1007FE, 1009FE, 2170, 2170P, 3225 and 3413. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

B. Approval to Void District Checks over 180 Days

Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the voiding of the following district checks that are over 180 days old from the date of issue. Payroll checks: 32071, 32929, 33114, 33198, 33259, 33559 and Claims Check: 24502. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Parental Request Regarding Participation in Graduation Ceremony

The board has agreed at this time to not change the policy to allow home school participants to participate in the 2023-2024 graduation ceremonies.

B. Governmental Code of Fair Practices Hiring Review

Upon annual review of our recent hires and policies, Columbus Public Schools is in compliance with the Governmental Code.

C. Course of Study Approval for Student

Each member of the board was provided with a letter from Mr. Browning explaining the student's situation and the proposed course of study change. After each board member read the letter Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve the course of study change for student 751 so that the student may graduate on time with their classmates. Trustee Baum seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

D. 3 Year Resolution for the High School and Elementary Multi-District Agreement

The district's multi-district agreement between the high school district and the elementary district is up for renewal. This agreement allows the district to form a fund to place money from specified funds from the high school and the elementary district into one account so that the district can use those funds for the district as a whole without designation of a high school or elementary expenditure. Allowing flexibility to spend funds as needed. Trustee Wright made a motion to approve the resolution to create and maintain a multi-district cooperative between the Columbus High School District and the Columbus Elementary District for the operation and maintenance of the participating districts for the 23-24, 24-25, and 25-26 fiscal years. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

E. Interlocal Agreement with Stillwater/Sweet Grass Special Education Cooperative

Trustee Meier made a motion to approve the Stillwater/Sweet Grass Cooperative Inter-local Agreement which was revised on August 15, 2023. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

F. Resolution to Dispose of Obsolete District Property

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve the resolution to dispose of obsolete or undesirable district property, to include the old gas-powered field sprayers that is no longer needed with the purchase of our new field painter. Trustee Baum seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

G. Posting Job for Open Superintendent Position

The Board has decided at this time to keep the hiring process of the new superintendent in house. The job opening will be posted on OPI, SAM and Columbus's school website. Closing date will be January 26th. Trustee Meier made a motion to approve the posting of the upcoming superintendent position. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

H. Teacher Resignation Effective the End of School Year

Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the resignation of Stacy Stimpson effective at the end of this school year. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

I. New District Hires

Trustee Wright made a motion to approve the hiring of Nancy O'Reilly, Hannah Marchant and John Wegner. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

J. New District Fund 20 - Lease or Rental Agreement Fund

Trustee Baum made a motion to approve the addition of a Fund 20 for the elementary district and the addition of a Fund 20 for the high school district to be referenced as 120 for elementary and 220 for the high school for the purpose of maintaining and accounting for district rental property income and expenditures. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

K. Destruction of all Allowable District Business Records before June 30, 2015

The board reviewed the list of records and retention schedule that was handed out to determine what financial records could be destroyed. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve the destruction of finance records, through shredding by an outside company, that meet the required retention schedule as stated by State Statute. Trustee Wright seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Administrative Reports

A. Elementary Report:

- Enrollment 316.
- Cat/Griz Project Hope food drive.
- Principal pie in the face on December 21st at 9 a.m.
- Report cards will go out November 21st.
- October A.R. challenge winners are Mrs. McDermott's 5th grade class and Mrs. Delzer's 3rd grade class.
- Book fair was successful.
- Halloween parties went really well.
- Parent/Teacher conferences were a success.
- Discovery Education.

B. Middle School Report

- Enrollment 178
- Flu shots Thursday November 9th.
- Pie in the face.
- Picture retakes November 9th.
- Cat/Griz Food Drive.
- Student Council Halloween dance successful.

- The Great American Shake out was October 27th.
- MS Band Concert December 14th 7:00 HS gym.
- MS GBB and WR are coming to an end.
- Student council tree planting and talent show.

C. High School Report

- Enrollment 240
- Mr. Taft wrote a grant to the Gianforte Foundation to help support robotics. He was awarded \$1,200.
- Avant STAMP 4s test for Spanish program.
- Fall activities have been successful.

D. Superintendent Report

- Recognition of State Volleyball and Cross Country at a basketball game.
- December 12th board meeting will be discussing 8th grade participation in high school sports. The board will talk to the coaches at 5:00 p.m. and public comment will begin 5:30-6:30.

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 7:57 pm, Trustee Ivankovich seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.



 Chairman

Attest:


