

## **COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT #6**

The **REGULAR** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Columbus School District #6 was held on Tuesday, September 12, 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, Michael Zachary, Lindsey Cross, Hayden Steffenson, Kyra Powell, Madison Lind, Jetta Briggs, Emily Zachary, Teegan Rager, Beach Huncasky, Rachel Ryan, Tanya Ellis-Baum, Anna Kraft, Lisa Westervelt, Chris and Melissa Cookingham, Rebecca Reed-Weatherman, Elizabeth Jorgenson, Kasidy Robbins, Eli Zachary, Jordyn Wolf, Lorie Martinez, Cary Jones, Kiley Frank, Emma Johnson, Ramon Ochoa, amy Williams, Casey Olsen.

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

Changes to the agenda: The sub list did not change from school year 22-23. Concrete bid includes roofing and tree removal. Additional hire of extra-curricular position.

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

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

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

There was no public comment.

New teachers for the 23-24 school year stood up and introduced themselves to the board.

Ms. Martinez's Student Athlete Recognition Presentation was be moved to the October meeting due to time crunch.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. High School and Middle Student Dress Code Policy**

Trustee Ivankovich presented the board with a dress code draft policy. After hearing the concerns of students, parents and staff it was decided to have the student body come up with their own dress code proposal and present it at the October meeting. Trustee Baum motioned to table the dress code policy until the October board meeting. Trustee Mieir seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

### **B. High School and Middle School Library Position**

The board discussed to move high school para, Beth Price who is a certified teacher, into the Librarian position for the rest of the year. By placing a certified teacher in this position, the District will still get an accreditation ding if we are unable to get a provisional, but with a certified teacher in the position we will still retain our state payments for a quality educator. Ms Price will work on securing her provisional. Trustee Wright made a motion to move Ms. Price into the High School/ Middle School Library Position. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Approve New Classified Hires**

Trustee Meier made a motion to hire Barb Johnson, Kitchen Helper, Carly Kraft, Elementary Para and Judy Ruprecht, Elementary Para for the 23-24 school year. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

### **B. First Reading for Board Policies**

Trustee's reviewed the following policies: 1400, 1700, 2132, 2158, 2450, 2168, 3120, 3226, 3310, 8301. Policy 8301 was discussed to not include the optional language stated as it could be used against the superintendent and board if not applied correctly. Policy 3310 was also discussed in regards to discipline action for using, possessing, distributing, purchasing or selling tobacco products, alternative nicotine, vapor products, alcoholic beverages. The following policies were also reviewed even though they are not required: 1007FE, 1009FE, 2170, 2170P, 3141, 3235, and 3413. Trustee Baum made the motion to approve the first reading of required policy's listed. Trustee Ivankovich seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

### **C. Concession Manager**

Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to approve the hiring of co-concession managers of Julie Hamilton and Jeff Bermes for the 23-24 school year. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

### **D. Concrete Bid for Duplex Carports**

The board discussed having cement pads poured on each side of the duplex for carports so the main garage can be remodeled into a full apartment. Along with that it was discussed to add a cement pad by high school track and long jump for timing clock to be level. God's Country Construction provided the District with a proposal of \$8,430. Bids for the roof and tree removal

were also discussed. Trustee Ivankovich made a motion to accept the bids on the cement pads, tree removal and roof. Trustee Meier seconded. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**E. Out-of-District Application**

The District's Out-of-District Applications are closed at this time. There are two unique situations in regards to Board Policy 3141. The board will table this discussion for a later date if the family is unable to reside in our district by January 2024.

**Administrative Reports**

**A. Elementary Report:**

- Enrollment 324.
- Finishing up MAPS testing.
- First fire drill of the year will be coming.
- School pictures are on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September.
- 1<sup>st</sup> trimester midterm is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October.
- Trained reading dog is coming in twice a month for an hour each.
- 4<sup>th</sup> graders have started learning how to do their recorders and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders have started learning their band instruments.
- Five new teachers this year and they are all doing very well.
- The month of October there will be Fire prevention Week, Red Ribbon Week, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and Halloween.

**B. Middle School Report**

- Enrollment 181.
- Maps Testing is Finishing up.
- Student Council elections will be Friday.

**C. High School Report**

- Enrollment 244.
- Fall sports have been going well.
- Ms. Whiting held our annual senior meeting on Wednesday, 8/30.
- The seniors will be going to MSU-B on Tuesday to the college and career fair held there.
- Ms. Kraft, our new business teacher, has been actively recruiting students to be in BPA.
- All of our new staff members have settled in and are starting off the year wonderfully.
- Visually impaired student will be enrolling at the first of the year and braille materials will need to be purchased.

**D. Superintendent Report**

- MCEL sessions will be held in Billings. Sessions will be in person and online.

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams are in need of uniforms. Looking at purchasing gender neutral mesh jerseys. Green on one side and white on the other.
- Activity policy can be carried over from sport to sport as long as it is during the school year.
- Homecoming parade will be routed from 4<sup>th</sup> ave due to construction on main route.
- The new bus is out of commission due to the motor.

## 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 8:43 pm, Trustee Ivankovich seconded it. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

  
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Chairman

Attest:

  
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