

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6
Special Board Meeting
October 26, 2020

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Westside Annex Board Room. Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Stefanie Bell, Tom Keegan, John McCue, Brandi Nelson, Cathy Roes, Jenni Rosencranse. Karen Schipfmann joined via Zoom. Administrators present: Tim Foley. Superintendent Monteith joined via Zoom.

Chairman Nelson called for approval of the agenda.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the agenda was approved.

Mrs. Monteith shared the current data regarding COVID-19 cases and quarantine numbers within the schools as follows:

STATUS IN SCHOOLS TO DATE:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
*SUNSET	8 (All Q)	1+	9
LIVINGSTON	10 (2+; 8 Q)	3 potential/awaiting test	13
EASTSIDE	14 (1+; 13 Q)	3 (1+; 2 Q)	17
WAPITI & VALLEY	0	0	0
CMS	11 (All Q)	4 (2+; 2 Q)	15
CHS/HMA	26 (7+; 19 Q)	1+	26
TRANSPORTATION/ FOODSERVICE/ CUSTODIAL		4 (2+; 2 awaiting test) 1 (1+)	5

+Positive Q - quarantined

69 Students

17 Staff Members

*A corrected number was received October 27, 2020

She continued and explained the criteria being used at Cody High School and Heart Mountain Academy to define “Excused”, “Medical” and “Remote Present” for student attendance.

Trustees asked questions and discussed when and how families are contacted, concerns from parents that their student may bring COVID home, possible positives that are not being reported and where the district stands with remote learning.

Mrs. Monteith stressed that the district will be flexible if a parent decides to keep their student home and that they also have the option to enroll in COVE, the district’s virtual school program.

Mr. Foley reported that staff had begun training today using document cameras, but the actual Swivl unit is not expected to be shipped until the end of November.

Trustee Bell asked about the surveillance tests that were received by the district.

Superintendent Monteith shared that after much discussion, it was determined that random testing was too burdensome for one nurse to administer along with increased exposure from being put in harm’s way without proper personal protective equipment (PPE). Park County Public Health physician, Dr. Aaron Billin agreed, and it was decided that the tests be given to public health. Additionally, Mrs. Monteith talked about discussion that had taken place with administrators and how loss of staff due to COVID would be critical. It was agreed that it would be best to keep schools open on behalf of students. Trustee Bell added that parents and community members must understand that the schools are under order of public health and must follow CDC guidelines. Mrs. Monteith stated that activities and athletics, in general, have their own issues particularly with the upcoming indoor sports. Chairman Nelson stressed that the district needs to set the standards and expectations when it comes to spectators.

A brief recess was taken at 6:40 p.m.

The meeting resumed and on motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the meeting convened into Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. for W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii) personnel; and W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ix) to consider or receive any information considered confidential by law.

On motion by Cathy Roes, seconded by Jenni Rosencranse and carried, the Executive Session was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, on motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

Date

Clerk

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