

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 18, 2020**

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on February 18, 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 and Karen Schipfmann. Administrators present: Peg Monteith, Tim Foley, Jeremiah Johnston, Beth Blatt, Patrick Couture and Mike Wood. Directors present: Terry Gardenhire, Chynna Singer and Dawn Solberg.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the agenda.

Cathy Roes moved to amend the agenda by moving vouchers for payment to an action item due to a conflict of interest.. Jenni Rosencranse seconded the motion and the amended agenda was approved.

Cody High School choir director, Larry Munari, recognized the all-state choir and band students as follows:

Jace Grant, Evynn Roberson and Kaelee VanNortrick – All-State Choir

Kate Beardall, Kinley Bollinger, Micah Idema, Hunter Kindt, Nickoli Kumm, Porter Laing, Garrett Nelson, Hayley Pearson-Horner, Landon Rau and Hayden Thomas – All-State Band.

Heart Mountain Academy administrative assistant, Yvonne Henry, along with her husband, Brad, shared the story of HMA principal, Beth Blatt, and her passion for her students. It had been a dream of Mrs. Blatt's to have a bell tower for HMA students to ring upon graduation. Mr. and Mrs. Henry presented Mrs. Blatt with a beautiful, hand-crafted bell tower.

Jeremiah Johnston announced February employee of the month, Elizabeth Hanson, and read the four nominations that were made on her behalf.

Mrs. Blatt and staff member, Ben Larsen, explained the background, process and procedure that took place for HMA students to hold a "Shark Tank" with local community members. Students were strategically grouped and worked to come up with a business proposal which they had to present to the "sharks" for funding. Students have been busy working on their projects, including marketing items for sale.

Dawn Solberg gave a brief budget update and stated that \$16.5M has been expended leaving approximately 51% of the budget remaining as of January 31, 2020. The current cash reserves estimate is \$4.2M.

Mr. Gardenhire provided a facilities update which included a 2020 Projects Status and the transportation facility timeline that will soon be a new timeline once the contractor is on board. This timeline will include transportation facility key events. Trustee Bell added that in addition to the recommended award bid of \$3,424,300 to Groathouse Construction for the base bid and alternate 3, the Board intends to include bid alternates 4, 5, 8 and 9 and use contingency funds for that purpose.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the Consent Agenda and listed the items thereon noting that vouchers had been moved to an action item.

Trustee Rosencranse moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Bell seconded. Motion carried and the following consent items were approved:

**Certified Employment**

**Resignations/Terminations/Retirements**

Antony Fink, Career/Technical Education, CHS – Retirement

Tina Waters, Speech Language Pathologist, CHS – Retirement

Kathy Barnhart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Sunset – Retirement

Jennifer Bjornson, SpEd Teacher & Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teacher, CHS

**Transfers**

Jared Moretti, from Compliance Facilitator at CMS/ES to Interim Special Services Director at District Office

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**Classified Employment**

**Resignations/Terminations/Retirements**

Bonnye Borden, SpEd Para, CHS – Retirement  
Cathy Okada, SpEd Para, CHS – Retirement  
Christine Lipe, Severe Needs Para, Sunset

**Classified Employment**

Juliana Mendez, SpEd Para, Eastside  
Jennifer Saunders, Bus Aide, Transportation  
Carolyn Nordberg, Part-Time Para, Livingston  
Bailey Murray, Severe Needs Para, Sunset

**Transfers**

Leslie Romero, from Part-Time Para at Livingston to SpEd Para at Sunset

**Vouchers for Payment**

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| General Fund                 | \$181,075.23   |
| Special Revenue              | \$58,124.68    |
| Major Maintenance            | \$7,357.31     |
| Capital Construction Account | \$0.00         |
| Food Service                 | \$29,213.92    |
| Internal Service             | \$0.00         |
| Depreciation Reserve         | \$21,147.00    |
| Cody School Fund             | \$27,434.22    |
| Payroll                      | \$1,769,662.40 |

- Minutes of January 21, 2020 board meeting
- Minutes of January 21, 2020 executive session
- Minutes of January 24, 2020 special board meeting
- Minutes of January 24, 2020 executive session
- Minutes of February 4, 2020 special board meeting
- Minutes of February 4, 2020 executive session
- Approved School Nutrition Department RFP for Pizza Services for 2020-2021
- Accepted Donation of Zberdisc Games from Gary Boring for \$720
- Accepted Donation of \$800 from Soroptimist International for CHS Model UN (History Club)
- Approved early graduation request from HMA
- Approved request to purchase science resources (all but those receiving complaints)
- Granted permission to CMS to apply for WDE Trust Fund Innovations Grant
- Accepted Donations to HMA Club Account for “Shark Tank” Projects:
  - Fred Bronnenberg - \$1,900
  - Tim Blatt - \$1,700
  - Doug Gail - \$1,200
  - Bobbi Moss - \$680
  - Suzanne Rousch - \$380
- Approved HMA Graduation date change from May 28 to May 29, 2020

Chair Nelson called for Public Comments.

Tim Lasseter asked the Board to consider reviewing an article he read recently, about Yale University being under investigation for receiving foreign donations from China, before trustees commit to Mr. Niemann’s recent presentation with Yale professor, Dr. Charles Wexler, on mind modification for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Eastside.

Chair Nelson for the bid award for construction of the new transportation facility.

Trustee Keegan moved that the bid be awarded to Groathouse Construction in the amount of \$3,424,300. Trustee McCue seconded and the motion carried.

Chair Nelson called for designation of First Bank as a bank depository of public funds.

On motion by Trustee Bell, seconded by Trustee Schipfmann and carried, First Bank was approved as a bank depository of public funds.

Chair Nelson called for award of the lawn care bid.

On motion by Cathy Roes, seconded by Tom Keegan and carried, the lawn care bid was awarded to Summer Shade in the amount of \$57,000.

Chair Nelson called for action on board governance policies.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Tom Keegan and carried, the board moved to eliminate board governance policies, but to retain them for reference purposes, and to operate under the Section B – Board Governance and Operations Policies.

Chair Nelson shared that the Policy Committee, which includes Trustees Keegan, Bell and Nelson and Superintendent Monteith, had met and reviewed policies that have been forwarded to the entire board for recommended changes.

On motion by Jenni Rosencranse, seconded by Stefanie Bell and carried, Policy BGA – School Board Policy Development was moved from first to second reading.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Karen Schipfmann and carried, Policy BGB – Policy Adoption was moved from first to second reading.

Trustee Bell moved to have the minutes reflect that the Board had reviewed Policy BGC – Policy Revision/Review by adding a date of review to the policy. John McCue seconded the motion. Trustee Roes asked about the review by the Policy Committee being included in the policy language.

Trustee Bell amended her motion to move Policy BGC from first to second reading. John McCue seconded. Motion carried.

On motion by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Rosencranse and carried, Policy BGD – Board Review of Administrative Regulations and Exhibits was moved from first to second reading.

Chair Nelson called for approval of vouchers for payment.

Stefanie Bell moved to approve vouchers for payment with roll call vote. Karen Schipfmann seconded. Cathy Roes – abstain. All others – aye. Motion carried.

Chair Nelson called for the Student Report.

Danny Deming stated he had just returned from the legislative session after lobbying with Youth for Justice. Several activities are preparing for state events, so the student body has been very busy.

Chair Nelson called for Board Reports.

Trustee Roes shared she had recently been interviewed by CHS Wired, she helped judge the speech tournament and was very impressed, and she has been visiting schools.

John McCue met with Mrs. Monteith, Mr. Gardenhire and Mr. Hummel recently regarding the transportation facility and also with Mr. Hummel regarding security.

Karen Schipfmann has been attending several middle school basketball games and traveled to Pahaska and Sleeping Giant with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mrs. Rosencranse attended the Park County Legislative Forum, participated in a phone conference with Dr. Joel and has been busy with Livingston's second grade book buddies.

Mr. Keegan announced that grant applications are available from Shoshone Recreation District and due March 20<sup>th</sup>. He attended the policy committee meeting and parent/teacher conferences.

Stefanie Bell also attended the policy committee meeting, has been working on 3x3 dates, is headed to the WSBA Legislative Forum and rode a bus route, which was very enlightening.

Brandi Nelson gave kudos to all of our bus drivers, she recently visited and had lunch at Wapiti, she attended the Certified PMC meeting, Policy Committee meeting and Park County Legislative Forum. She encouraged all to attend the CMS "Lion King" this Friday or Saturday.

Chair Nelson reflected on the board goals progress and strategic priorities by staying committed and moving forward with the recent appointment of Mrs. Monteith as interim superintendent and communicating with Dr. Steve Joel regarding future progress. She shared that Trustees Bell and Roes will be attending the WSBA Legislative Forum in Cheyenne.

Superintendent Monteith reviewed a memo from Mr. Hummel regarding Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse changes. She attended certified evaluation committee meetings where the group discussed the practicality of involving staff and students in providing feedback for improvement. The possibility of a survey has also been discussed. She shared an update from Brooke Sieg which included information about an Early Childhood Expo on February 29 and an informational meeting on March 24 for parents of incoming kindergarteners. The Wyoming Department of Education will be hosting an Early Childhood Listening Tour on March 12 and all trustees are welcome to attend. Mrs. Monteith will share more information with the Board as it becomes available.

Mrs. Monteith briefly reviewed several legislative bills pertaining to education that are being discussed at the current Wyoming legislative session. She reported that the Select Committee on Recalibration plans to consider moving forward with recalibration, there is discussion about capping transportation, but they are lifting the cap on Special Education, and WDE is looking at a model threat assessment for school safety and security. Other bills being considered include Medicaid, health insurance and student seizures. Special Services will also have an onsite visit in Cody the end of March.

Chair Nelson called for Visitor Comments.

There being no further business to come before the board, on motion by Trustee Schipfmann, seconded by Trustee McCue and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Chairman of the Board

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