

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
Special Board Meeting
January 7, 2020

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on January 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Westside Annex Board Room. Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Tom Keegan, John McCue, Brandi Nelson, Cathy Roes, Jenni Rosencranse and Karen Schipfmann. Absent: Stefanie Bell (entered prior to the start of executive session). Administrators present: Ray Schulte, Tim Foley and Peg Monteith.

Trustee Rosencranse moved to amend the agenda to include the addition of an action item after executive session followed by adjournment. Trustee McCue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Superintendent Schulte introduced MaryAnn DeHaven, the district's contracted accreditation expert. Mr. Schulte and Mrs. DeHaven reviewed survey results from parents, staff and students at each school regarding accreditation and explained the data to trustees. Mrs. DeHaven noted that the comment portion of the survey remains in raw data form, as it is considerably lengthy, until a better way to summarize the data can be completed. Once done, it will be shared with the board.

Tim Foley introduced the district's network administrator, Amos Olson and explained to trustees, the federal E-Rate program which provides schools and libraries with discounted costs on technology equipment and services. He shared that E-Rate funds are used for two purposes; broadband access and networks within schools. Funds can now be used for purchases at the district level instead of site specific and the current intent is to replace network switches. Formal board action will be sought at the regular January board meeting.

Heart Mountain Academy (HMA) principal, Beth Blatt, shared with trustees the possibility and impact of adding an online component and GED program to HMA. She stated that enrollment has increased and she believes a blended learning atmosphere which includes online learning, project-based learning and traditional classroom learning offers a better opportunity for students, in particular, those with attendance difficulties. She asked trustees for support in investigating the possibility further as it entails a great deal of work. Mr. Schulte added that receiving online accreditation is no small task.

The board took a brief recess.

The meeting resumed at 7:07 p.m. and on motion by Trustee Roes, seconded by Trustee McCue and carried, the board moved into executive session to discuss W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii) (personnel).

On motion by Trustee Schipfmann seconded by Trustee McCue and carried, the regular meeting resumed at 9:08 p.m.

On motion by Trustee Rosencranse, seconded by Trustee Bell and carried, the board approved executive session minutes for January 3, 2020 and January 7, 2020.

On motion by Trustee Rosencranse seconded by Trustee Roes and carried, the board approved the recommendation given by Superintendent Schulte during executive session.

There being no further action to come before the board, on motion by Cathy Roes, seconded by John McCue and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

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