

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6
Special Board Meeting
March 31, 2020

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on March 31, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom in the Superintendent's Conference 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, Jenni Rosencranse and Karen Schipfmann. Administrator present: Peg Monteith. Director present: Chynna Singer. Guest: Scott Kolpitcke.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the agenda.

On motion by Stefanie Bell and seconded by Karen Schipfmann, the agenda was approved as submitted.

Karen Schipfmann moved to convene into Executive Session for W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii) (personnel). Seconded by Stefanie Bell and carried, the Executive Session began at 5:33 p.m.

Karen Schipfmann moved to adjourn from Executive Session and resume the regular meeting at 7:04 p.m. Cathy Roes seconded. Motion carried.

The Board took a brief recess.

The meeting resumed at 7:12 p.m. and Chair Nelson called for discussion regarding staff leave.

Mrs. Singer shared that in light of COVID-19, a federal law on employee rights has been enacted, will become effective April 1, 2020 and will be posted on the district's Facebook and website. This act has a sunset date of December 31, 2020.

Chair Nelson called for an update on school closures and an adapted learning plan.

Superintendent Monteith shared that she has been in meetings with the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) twice a week so far. They have issued a requirement that each district draft and submit an adapted learning plan to explain how learning will continue for students. The district continues to issue devices to students and is helping with connectivity. She has been waiting to hear from WDE regarding any change in graduation requirements. The school nutrition department is still feeding kids and is looking at delivering five days' worth of breakfasts/lunches, but only one day per week. Currently, Park 6 is about a week ahead of other district due to not having had spring break and teaching and learning has continued. Trustee Bell asked what happens once the adapted learning plan is submitted. Mrs. Monteith answered that it will either be approved or approved pending additional information. Mrs. Schipfmann asked about the days the district used to prepare for online learning. Mrs. Monteith shared that the state had granted 10 days for preparation so Park 6 will not have to account for any extra days. Trustee Rosencranse asked about the number of students who are "off the grid." Mrs. Monteith stated the number is minimal and that Heart Mountain Academy principal, Beth Blatt, is working hard to keep her students engaged.

Mrs. Nelson called the discussion regarding spring break.

Mrs. Monteith stated that the spring break dates have not changed. The district would also like to offer those days for 12-month classified staff which would include custodial, maintenance, food service and central office staff.

Chair Nelson called for action on the administrator contract extensions.

Stefanie Bell moved that following the executive session and recommendation by Mrs. Monteith, the following administrators would receive a contract extension through June 30, 2022:

- Tim Foley
- Jeremiah Johnston
- Nick Gallagher
- Jay McCarten

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Seconded by John McCue and carried, the recommendation was approved.

Chair Nelson called for action on payment of classified staff and asked for clarification on what this would include. Trustee Bell added the extended break to 12-month classified staff should be part of the motion. Jenni Rosencranse moved to continue to pay classified staff until the end of the school year or when school resumes, whichever occurs first, and to include a paid spring break for 12-month classified staff. Cathy Roes seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the executive session minutes at the start of the meeting.

Trustee Rosencranse moved to approve the executive session minutes. Trustee Schipfmann seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Nelson called for any additional comments.

Student Trustee Deming asked if school would be extended into the summer.

Superintendent Monteith shared that extending school into the summer is unlikely but she is also waiting to hear from the Wyoming Department of Education. As long as Park 6 is providing education, there should be no extended school.

On motion by Trustee Roes, seconded by Trustee Rosencranse and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

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