

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6
Special Board Meeting
February 2, 2021

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on February 2, 2021 at 5:30p.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, Jessica Case, Tom Keegan, Brandi Nelson, Cathy Roes, Karen Schipfmann, and Sheri Schutzman. Administrators present: Peg Monteith and Tim Foley. Supervisors present: Terry Gardenhire and Dawn Solberg.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the amended agenda.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Tom Keegan and carried, the amended agenda was approved.

Tim Foley shared that one member of the subject area committee and one member of the curriculum coordinating council would be presenting a request on February 16th to place proposed mathematics textbooks for grades 6-12 on 45-day public display for adoption. The estimated cost of \$168,000 would be split between this year's and next year's curriculum budget. Trustee Bell mentioned that the depreciation reserve account could be utilized for textbook purchases. Mr. Foley agreed to visit with Mrs. Solberg about using funds from that account. Mr. Foley then explained the process involving the curriculum coordinating council and the subject area committees when it is time to purchase new textbooks. He agreed to send the long-term plan and budget breakdown to trustees.

Mrs. Solberg reviewed a budget calendar of dates with trustees, noting that some dates are a statutory requirement. She also reviewed a memo she drafted outlining some budget areas that could possibly be reduced. The budget committee, comprised of Trustees Bell, Schutzman and Nelson, will meet with district staff next week to work on additional areas that could be looked at for further reductions.

Chair Nelson called for review of Policy HB and regulation, HB-R, stating this was an annual item for review, however recent updates had been made in December. A portion of the policy requires notification of the CEA participation rate. Mr. Corbin shared that the rate was 65%.

Chair Nelson spoke about the board standing committees and how this would be similar work to the district's PLC model. She asked that each committee establish a chairperson, set goals and to begin the policy review for the sections assigned to each committee. Trustee Bell noted that the subscription to the WSBA policies had been renewed and all trustees would have access to those templates. Trustee Roes asked about the expectations of inclusion of staff in the committee meetings. Chair Nelson stated that either Mrs. Monteith or Mr. Foley should always be involved. Trustee Bell encouraged each committee to begin scheduling meetings and set up standards for who would be involved, what would be discussed, etc. Mr. Foley will begin setting up committee email groups so staff know who the chairperson will be and which committee to contact, should the need arise.

Chairman Nelson called for discussion of the proposed CHS CTE courses. One of the course proposals was removed due to an impending retirement, however a new construction trades class proposal was added for review. The business management class had been reviewed prior and both would appear for approval on the February 16 board meeting agenda. A lengthy discussion took place on what the construction trades class would entail and was viewed favorably by trustees. Discussion of the personal finance class was raised for a possible .5 credit reduction. Additional discussion was held regarding requirements of the Perkins grant.

Mr. Foley presented updated Policy JEB – Entrance Age Requirements. Statutory changes were made by legal counsel and the new policy goes into effect July 1, 2021. Mr. Foley shared that the district should also focus on the emotional maturity of kindergarten students during screening, not just academic readiness. Trustee Nelson asked about modifying the policy language for better intent as it is confusing. Trustee Bell stressed that the inclusion of proof of birth had again been included, where proof of age would be better. The board's curriculum committee, comprised of Trustees Case, Schipfmann and Bell agreed to review the policy. Trustee Roes encouraged clarifications from legal counsel.

Mr. Gardenhire reviewed information pertaining to new security cameras. Video surveillance was included in the top 20 items recommended by the State for security. He gave examples of how antiquated the current system is, including

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very poor resolution. Four bids for state-of-the-art systems were received and carefully reviewed for comparison and one company and its cameras will be added to the February 16th agenda for approval. He further noted that additional ESSER funds may be used for enhancements to the HVAC system by installing a bi-polar ionization system, but will depend on when the funds are made available.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the purchase of CHS band instruments.

Trustee Schipfmann shared a response from band instructor, Wade French, explaining that many basic instruments are purchased or leased by students, however the bigger, more expensive instruments are purchased by school districts. Many of those instruments have a 20-25-year depreciable life. Superintendent Monteith added that the purchase would come from the depreciation reserves. Trustee Bell encouraged Mr. French to continue to seek donations. On motion by Trustee Roes, seconded by Trustee Schipfmann and carried, the purchase of band instruments in the amount of \$13,668.50 was approved.

There being no further regular business to come before the board, a break was taken at 8:10 p.m. prior to executive session for personnel or to consider or receive any information considered confidential by law.

Tom Keegan moved to convene the executive session at 8:16 p.m. Karen Schipfmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Trustee Keegan moved to adjourn from executive session as well as the regular meeting at 9:14 p.m. Trustee Bell seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman of the Board

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