

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

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on March 2, 2021 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: Jessica Case, Tom Keegan, Brandi Nelson, Cathy Roes, Karen Schipfmann, and Sheri Schutzman. Stefanie Bell arrived shortly thereafter. Administrators present: Peg Monteith, Tim Foley, Mike Wood, Nick Gallagher, Allison Lewis, Jay McCarten, Jeremiah Johnston and Beth Blatt. Directors present: Chynna Singer.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the amended agenda.

On motion by Karen Schipfmann, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the amended agenda was approved.

Tim Foley and Cortnie Broadus presented winter interim assessment data that included: WY-TOPP, Winter 2020/Winter 2021 Comparison, Park 6 Comparison to State scores, Fall to Winter Distributions by Grade, Winter MAP Data for Grades 6-8 and Cody High School Graduation Data for 2010-2020. Overall, graduation rates for Cody High School average 87% while the state averages 80%. In summary, Park 6 students have done quite well and any areas of deficiency are receiving additional review and work. The trustees expressed appreciation for the presentation and the knowledge that student achievement is front and center.

Tim Foley and Mary Ann DeHaven gave an informative report on the district's accreditation results provided by Cognia. An Index of Educational Quality (IEQ) is used to measure overall performance based on the comprehensive 31 standards and review criteria on a scale of 100-400. Park 6 scored 326.45. Areas the district performs at very well and areas of improvement were reviewed. Chair Nelson congratulated everyone involved as the resulting score is excellent.

Tim Foley and Peg Monteith shared the purpose of Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) that has been utilized by the district over the past eight years. This educational framework focuses on academic and social/emotional support for students to help improve educational outcomes. Building principals shared that their individual building teams meet frequently and they each reviewed how they implement MTSS in order to meet the needs of every student.

Chairman Nelson called for approval of the Consent Agenda.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Sheri Schutzman and carried, the consent agenda was approved as follows:

Certified Employment

Resignations/Terminations/Retirements

Patrick Couture, Asst. Principal, CMS/Principal, Wapiti

Transfers

Danielle Litton, Speech Language Pathologist to Compliance Facilitator, Sunset

Chairman Nelson asked for board committee feedback, adding that the upcoming meeting with Dr. Joel will also help clarify committees' purpose.

Trustee Roes shared concern that the committees haven't really been explained to district staff or the community as to what they are doing. Trustee Bell added that the Academic Support Committee (name change to occur later in the meeting) had been working on policies and felt that changes to Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements should encompass the entire board's decision. Chairman Nelson encouraged trustees to share concerns with Dr. Joel. Trustee Roes also shared concern over policy changes if there is a legal concern. Chairman Nelson encouraged committees to check with Brian Farmer at the Wyoming School Boards Association.

Chairman Nelson called for discussion of the credit reduction for health and personal finance classes from 1 to .5 at Cody High School.

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Trustee Bell shared she had polled some districts around the state and found that these classes are frequently only .5 credit. Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Blatt agreed that the credit reduction would work and that they are looking at revamping the personal finance class in order to keep critical components. Mr. Johnson added that they would like to do a better job of communicating career pathways and suggested the possibility of offering an exploratory class to 8th graders.

Chairman Nelson called for the update on the sale of the old bus facility and a possible date for a ribbon cutting for the new facility.

Mrs. Monteith shared that advertisements were now in the Cody Enterprise and Powell Tribune, the website Park6sales.org is live and five bid packets had already been requested. She spoke with Mr. Hummel who told her they hope to be fully moved into the new facility in three weeks. She suggested an April ribbon cutting.

Chairman Nelson reviewed Board Goal 2 wherein there was recommendation to form a communication committee, which has not yet happened.

Trustee Roes felt that this would fall within the Performance and Monitoring committee, but felt the expectation was too vague. Chair Nelson agreed that this would be a good topic to visit about with Dr. Joel. Trustee Bell stated the need to include the administrative team as well, in order to identify the goal.

Chairman Nelson called for approval of the Andros Island stipend.

On motion by Trustee Keegan, seconded by Trustee Roes and carried, a \$1,500 stipend for Amy Gerber was approved.

Chairman Nelson called for a committee name change from Board Curriculum Committee to Academic Support Committee.

Trustee Bell advised that the original name created some confusion within the district.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Karen Schipfmann and carried, the name Academic Support Committee was approved.

Chairman Nelson called for approval of the addition of a new Cody High School club account for the Construction Projects (Tiny House) class. She then referred trustees to a memo that had been provided by business manager, Dawn Solberg.

On motion by Tom Keegan, seconded by Stefanie Bell and carried, the addition of a CHS club account for the CTE Construction Projects (Tiny House) class was approved.

Chairman Nelson called for acceptance of the \$25,000 donation from Allen Wyoming, LLC.

On motion by Trustee Roes, seconded by Trustee Schipfmann and carried, the \$25,000 donation was accepted for the purpose of starting the Construction Projects (Tiny House) class.

Chairman Nelson called for the credit reduction for health and personal finance classes from 1 credit to .5 credit.

On motion by Trustee Keegan, seconded by Trustee Case and carried, both classes were reduced from 1 credit to .5 credit.

The regular meeting concluded at 8:40 p.m. and the board took a brief break prior to convening into executive session.

The meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m. and moved into executive session for the purpose of W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii) (personnel) or 16-4-405(a)(ix) (to consider or receive any information considered confidential by law).

The executive session concluded and the regular meeting resumed. On motion by Tom Keegan, seconded by Brandi Nelson and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

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