

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6**  
**Board Meeting**  
**March 16, 2021**

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on March 16, 2021 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, Jessica Case, Tom Keegan, Brandi Nelson, Cathy Roes, Karen Schipfmann, Sheri Schutzman and student trustee, Paige Martinez. Administrators present: Peg Monteith, Tim Foley, Jared Moretti, Jeremiah Johnston, Beth Blatt, Tony Hult, Patrick Couture, Nick Gallagher, Jay McCarten and Mike Wood. Supervisors present: Chynna Singer, Terry Gardenhire, Sam Hummel and Dawn Solberg.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the amended agenda.

Trustee Roes motioned to move Consent Item 3.15 to an Action Item 5.6. Trustee Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried and the amended agenda was approved.

Chair Nelson shared that anyone watching the meeting that wished to submit public input could do so via email to [park6@park6.org](mailto:park6@park6.org) and to include their name, phone number and topic.

Chairman Nelson called for student recognition.

Wrestling coach, Trev Wood, introduced All-State Wrestler, Jackson Wood.

Assistant Alpine Ski coach, Taylor Hensen, introduced All-State Skiers Nicole Wagler, Aspen Kalkowski, Catherine Lovera, Sterling Banks and David Reed.

Chair Nelson called for employee recognition.

Nick Gallagher introduced the winner of the Wyoming Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science, Katie McCue.

Mike Wood introduced certified employee recognition winner, Emmie Schramm, and read the nomination.

Kelly Merager introduced classified employee recognition winner, Melissa Corbin, and read the nomination.

Chair Nelson called for secondary school reports.

Jeremiah Johnston and Beth Blatt presented a slide show on WYTOPP and ACT data with comparisons. Trustees posed several questions pertaining to the ACT data. Student Paige Martinez shared a review of the past year with the pandemic from the perspective of several students along with social and emotional difficulties including suicidal ideation. But on a positive note activities and athletics have helped to create a feeling of normalcy, comradery and school spirit.

Kelly Merager and Patrick Couture reported on the social emotional well-being of students at Cody Middle School. Overall, staff have mentioned that the overall greatest strength has been student resiliency. While they have seen increased social anxiety, the biggest concern has been student lack of empathy for others. The guidance center has helped to support students throughout the pandemic and continues to support students and CMS has been very fortunate to have Eileen Scott's expertise. The CMS staff has been amazing and supportive throughout the challenges posed over the school year.

Dawn Solberg gave a brief budget update as of the end of February, 2021 stating the district has 47% of the budget remaining.

Mr. Gardenhire gave a facilities update and explained the various changes to some of the projects and bid recommendations that are on the agenda for approval. Transportation director, Sam Hummel explained the reasoning behind the skid steer he is recommending to purchase stating that there are many added benefits on the particular

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model and the new facility has a much larger area for snow removal. Trustees had a lengthy dialogue about the higher cost.

Superintendent Monteith spoke about the past year and all that the district had to adapt and adjust to with the pandemic. The most recent health orders allow for more spectators, but school districts will continue with masks. About 60% of staff have been vaccinated and having students in school and engaged without shutting down has been remarkable. The hope now is to have a more traditional graduation. Chair Nelson added that the mask mandate is still in place and the district will continue to work with Dr. Billin.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the Consent Agenda.

Trustee Keegan moved to approve the consent items. Trustee Schipfmann seconded. Motion carried and the following consent items were approved:

**Certified Employment**

**Resignations/Terminations/Retirements**

Amy Couture, Special Education, Cody High School

**Classified Employment**

**Resignations/Terminations/Retirements**

Sophie Broussard, Administrative Assistant, Wapiti  
Jennifer Saunders, Bus Aide, Transportation

**New Hires**

Ruby Woods, P/T Regular Paraeducator, Eastside

**Vouchers for Payment**

General Fund	\$252,847.81
Special Revenue	\$66,249.97
Major Maintenance	\$0.00
Capital Construction Account	\$81,674.80
Food Service	\$26,180.78
Depreciation Reserve	\$0.00
Cody School Fund	\$12,234.20
Payroll	\$2,093,730.94

- Minutes of February 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of March 2, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- Minutes of March 8, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- Minutes of March 11, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- Accepted \$281.75 Donation to FFA Club
- Granted Permission to Apply for Consolidated and IDEA Grants
- Reappointed Business Manager to School Risk Retention Program Board
- Awarded Bid to Heart Mountain Construction for CMS Work - \$50,853
- Awarded Bid to Haskell Furniture for CHS Carpet Replacement - \$67,864.66
- Awarded Bid to Summer Shade for District Lawn Care - \$57,000
- Awarded Bid to Denny Menholt for a 2021 Chevy Equinox - \$25,895
- Approved 2 New Eastside Club Accounts
- Approved Conflict of Interest and Consent to Representation between City of Cody and Park 6
- Approved Donation to New Cheryl Turk-Barrus Scholarship Fund - \$5,411.22
- Approved Agreement for Use of City Softball Fields

Chair Nelson called for Public Comment. There was none.

Chair Nelson called for approval to purchase the School Pass visitor management system.

Tom Keegan moved to approve the purchase of School Pass for improved building safety per the State's security initiative. Cathy Roes seconded. Trustees shared concerns about the considerable amount of work needing to be done

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in PowerSchool prior to implementation of the system. All trustees agreed that the visitor management system should not begin until everything is ready. Motion carried to purchase School Pass in the amount of \$10,910.

Chair Nelson called for first reading of Policy DJE – Bidding Procedures.

On motion by Trustee Bell to move Policy DJE to second reading and seconded by Trustee Schipfmann, Trustee Keegan asked if the revisions were in accordance with state statute. Superintendent Monteith replied that they were. Motion carried and Policy DJE – Bidding Procedures was moved from first to second reading.

Chair Nelson called for deletion of Policy GCQEA – Wyoming Retirement Benefit: Certified.

Superintendent Monteith explained that the policy is simply redundant, as well as outdated, as this information is included in salary letters. Mrs. Singer added that retirement information is included in salary letters to all incoming and existing staff.

On motion by Cathy Roes, seconded by Stefanie Bell and carried, Policy GCQEA – Wyoming Retirement Benefit: Certified was deleted.

Chair Nelson called for deletion of Policy GDBDAC – Wyoming Retirement Benefit: Classified. This recommendation is based on the same explanation as the certified policy GCQEA.

On motion by Cathy Roes, seconded by Karen Schipfmann and carried, Policy GDBDAC - Wyoming Retirement Benefit: Classified was deleted.

Chairman Nelson called for action on the proposal to reduce Cody High School graduation credits.

Trustee Bell moved to reduce Cody High School graduation credits from 27 to 26.5 beginning with the class of 2025. Trustee Case seconded. It was noted that this is for Cody High School only. Trustee Roes reminded trustees that Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements would be updated and brought before them to act upon. Motion carried.

Chairman Nelson called for the bid award to purchase a skid steer.

Tom Keegan moved to accept the bid from Bobcat of the Bighorn Basin to purchase Model A770 with attachments in the amount of \$60,319.58. Stefanie Bell seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Nelson called for Board Reports.

Cathy Roes said the 3x3 process is moving along and her committees work is going well.

Jessica Case was disappointed at the cancellation of the WSBA legislative forum due to weather, but will finish the WSBA board training. She found the time with Dr. Joel to be quite helpful.

Karen Schipfmann has been getting good information from the insurance committee. She has attended some school events.

Tom Keegan shared that the performance and monitoring committee work is coming together and the operations committee meets next week. Shoshone Recreation District grant applications are due next week. He also enjoyed the time with Dr. Joel.

Sheri Schutzman announced that state basketball was great. The finance and budget committee work is hinged on the outcome of the legislative session.

Stefanie Bell made a trip to Wapiti. The academic support committee continues to work on policies. The budget committee is working on the current budget which has yet to receive information from the legislature. She encouraged all to email local legislators about the importance and benefits our students receive from Wyoming educators.

Paige Martinez shared how exciting it was to have made it this far through the school year. Make-a-Wish week is in full swing and plans are being made to move forward with prom.

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Chairman Nelson called for the Superintendent's Report.

Mrs. Monteith shared that everything is moving forward, and there is a lot of work to be excited about. She touched on the early childhood liaison update and gave a shout out to the work done by the board committees, administration and Mrs. Solberg. She spoke about HB173 and SF143 and encouraged board members to reach out to legislators.

There being no further regular business to come before the board, on motion by Tom Keegan, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the meeting convened into executive session at 8:29 p.m. for W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii) (personnel); 16-4-405(a)(iii) (pending or proposed litigation); or 16-4-405(a)(ix) (to consider or receive any information considered confidential by law).

The executive session adjourned and the regular meeting resumed.

On motion by Tom Keegan, seconded by Sheri Schutzman and carried the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Chairman of the Board

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