

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**June 1, 2021**

The Board of Education of Park County School District #6 met June 1, 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: Stefanie Bell, Jessica Case, Tom Keegan, Brandi Nelson, Cathy Roes, Karen Schipfmann and Sheri Schutzman. Administrators: Tim Foley, Jared Moretti, Jeremiah Johnston and Beth Blatt. Supervisors: Terry Gardenhire and Chynna Singer.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the amended agenda.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Karen Schipfmann and carried, the amended agenda was approved.

Senator R.J. Kost was introduced and shared his perspective on the outcome of the legislative session. Making some budget cuts would have helped, but he is hopeful that legislators will do a better job during next February's budget session. He is very much focused on the future of our kids and emphasized that students are in the forefront of his concerns in the Senate. He cautioned the district about how federal funds are spent as there are often many strings attached. Questions about the Governor's advisory council, the savings cap, entrance age and special education cap were shared and discussed. Senator Kost encouraged people to reach out to him at any time with any concerns.

Mr. Johnston, Mrs. Blatt and CHS guidance counselors, Karen Day, Josh Hays and Jamie Espeland all shared information about Naviance career planning software and how it would help assist students at both CHS and HMA with career interest and planning. Naviance was recently acquired by PowerSchool so it will be fully integrated and will provide a communication tool for parents. The software can track a student's progress with work on things like FAFSA and scholarships, as well as CTE completers, while also giving parent access. Discussion was held regarding how Naviance was selected.

Jared Moretti shared a little history about Title IX up to and including recent regulations that were updated in 2020 incorporating sexual harassment. He reviewed the district's response and planning along with the training that was held in December 2020. Investigations are extensive and time consuming, but very thorough. Trustee Bell asked about the role of the Board. Mr. Moretti explained the only time the Board would be involved is if it resulted in a recommendation for a student expulsion or employee termination.

Mr. Foley introduced Dr. Jonathan Brendefur and Keith Krone, from Developmental Math Thinking Institute (DMTI). He explained that originally DMT work started with a volunteer group of teachers within the district. Work has continued and grown and now they are working with the math subject area committee. Dr. Brendefur and Mr. Krone shared their history of how DMTI was created along with their experiences and work in schools.

A brief break was taken.

Mr. Foley introduced Stacey Bruton, president of Curriculum Leadership Institute (CLI) and shared an overview of the CLI process from start to finish. The CLI model is also integrated into district policy (IG) with the curriculum coordinating council overseeing curriculum development work. Mrs. Bruton added that it was also discovered that Professional Learning Communities (PLC) and CLI work very well together.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the consent agenda.

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On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the following consent items were approved:

**Certified Employment**

**Resignations/Terminations/Retirements**

Teresa Collingwood, Special Education, Eastside

**New Hires**

Maria (Elena) Raver, Math Teacher, Cody Middle School

Gabbralee Wright, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Sunset

Greer Clark, Reading Teacher, Livingston

**Transfers**

Chad Smith, success Reading Teacher to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Livingston

Danell Branstetter, Special Education Teacher, Livingston to Eastside

**Classified Employment**

**New Hires**

John Sizer, Summer Maintenance, District

Cheyann Morris, Bus Aide, Transportation

- Disposal of Bus #123 – 2007 Bluebird Type D RE

Chair Nelson called for discussion items.

Mr. Gardenhire brought the board up to speed on the HVAC bipolar ionization project. After receiving one bid that was much higher than anticipated, he met with Long Technologies as well as another company about what the district's needs are and how to proceed but with a lesser cost to the district. He recommended rebidding the project.

Chair Nelson called for any comments on the CHS and CMS activities handbooks. No action was taken, but trustees were encouraged to send their comments and suggestions to Mr. Hult by Friday, June 4.

Mr. Moretti shared information about a proposal from the director of Region V BOCES to open a day school in Cody. This would not be a Park 6 school but it would offer a bridge between school and residential treatment for students who need an alternative placement, and still allow them to be home with their family at night.

Chair Nelson called for action to amend the November 3, 2020 board action regarding the budget for advertising the sale of the old transportation facility.

After some discussion, on motion by Cathy Roes, seconded by Stefanie Bell and carried, the board amended the total budget amount from \$2,000 to \$2,500 with \$2,000 to be paid to the Broadcast Journalism club and a \$500 stipend to advisor, Erika Quick.

Chair Nelson called for action to authorize new advertising for bids for the bipolar ionization project.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Sheri Schutzman and carried, new advertising was approved.

Chair Nelson called for action on the Solution Tree PLC at Work Live Institute.

Mr. Foley explained that this will be a live streamed event PLC event where instead of staff traveling, they will live stream and open the event up to several staff members.

On motion by Cathy Roes, seconded by Karen Schipfmann and carried, the Solution Tree PLC Live Institute event was approved in the amount of \$28,000.

Chair Nelson called for action on the contract for The Jeremy Anderson Group for staff professional development.

Mr. Foley shared that this would be for staff professional development on August 24, 2021.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Jessica Case and carried, the contract for The Jeremy Anderson Group was approved.

Chair Nelson called for action on the Naviance Career Planning Software.

On motion by Karen Schipfmann, seconded by Jessica Case and carried, the board authorized the purchase of Naviance software for three years to be paid with Perkins grant funds and ESSER funds and with the expectation that eventually they would like to see this become a general fund expense if the district finds value in the program.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the meeting moved into executive session at 9:50 p.m. for 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 regular meeting resumed at 10:22 p.m. and on motion by Tom Keegan, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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