

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6
Board Meeting
May 18, 2021

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on May 18, 2021 at 5:52 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. Absent: Paige Martinez, student trustee. Administrators present: Peg Monteith, Tim Foley, Jared Moretti, Jeremiah Johnston, Beth Blatt, Sean Murray (Interim Asst. Principal at CMS) Nick Gallagher, Jay McCarten, Allison Lewis, and Betsy Sell (Interim Principal at Livingston). Supervisors present: Chynna Singer, Terry Gardenhire, Sam Hummel and Dawn Solberg.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the amended agenda.

On motion by Tom Keegan, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the amended agenda was approved.

Chair Nelson moved the meeting into the budget amendment hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Dawn Solberg explained the budget amendment increase would be \$1,515,080 for general fund, \$13,190.00 for special revenue fund and \$284,532.00 for major maintenance for an overall total increase for all funds of \$1,812,802.00.

Chair Nelson called for any public comment. There being none, the hearing concluded and the regular meeting resumed at 6:00 p.m.

Early Childhood Liaison, Brooke Sieg, shared some of the highlights of her program over the school year. She was able to build good relationships with families, make good connections at the public library, and attend meaningful trainings. This year's program was the most well attended year to-date and she announced that she was hosting a virtual preschool activity night shortly with 31 families registered. She reminded the audience of the new policy pertaining to incoming kindergarteners.

Bret Engdahl introduced all-state indoor track athletes Grace Shaffer and Kinsie Reed.

Chris Wagner introduced all-state girls' basketball athletes, Molly Hays and Kennedy Niemann.

Sam Hummel and Sean Murray shared a brief story about the April 15 bus accident where three middle school students intervened to help calm students on the bus, as well as help with calls to parents. Claire Zollinger, Luis Cordero and Ben Wright were recognized for their good citizenship.

Sam Hummel and Jim Collins recognized the Cody High School CTE senior projects completed by Triston Wittman and Oscar Rodriguez. Mr. Collins shared about the process the students underwent to create and complete their projects.

Stephany Anderson recognized the Wyoming State History Day winners/national qualifiers. She announced Sahale Allen, Paula Medina, Bailey Liebert and best entry on Wyoming history winner, Elisa Wachob.

Chair Nelson recognized student trustee, Paige Martinez (who was unable to attend the meeting), for serving on the board for the 2020/2021 school year and how much she was appreciated. Incoming student trustee, Beau Burlingame was introduced.

Chair Nelson called for employee recognition.

Mr. Murray introduced certified employee of the month, Anissa Bree, and read his nomination.

Mr. Gallagher introduced classified employee of the month, Roxann Woods, and read her nomination.

Gretl Class and Teresa Merager, gave an update on the GATE program and spoke about all of the positive impacts and relationship building that had taken place this year. Throughout the year, they were able to meet with parents and work on community presence.

Dawn Solberg gave a brief budget update as of the end of April 2021 stating the district had approximately 31% remaining from the general fund.

Mr. Gardenhire gave a brief facilities update regarding the design of the new kitchen classroom at Cody High School, the postponement of the replacement of middle school serving line window, the HVAC ionization bid amount, the security panic bar project and the recently submitted update for the landscape project at the new transportation facility.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the Consent Agenda.

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

Certified Employment

Resignations/Terminations/Retirements

Lucas Grant, Guidance Counselor, Livingston

New Hires

Jaime Ivanoff, 1st Grade, Livingston

Kayla Swank, 4th Grade, Livingston

Danell Branstetter, Special Education, Livingston

Laura Campbell, Special Education, Sunset

Will Trombley, Elementary Computer Science, Livingston

Larry Gerber, Director of School Programs/Rural School Principal

Transfers

Anissa Bree, from Choir at CMS to PT Choir at CMS and PT Choir at CHS

Larry Munari from Choir at CHS to Music at Livingston

Bret Engdahl, from Adaptive PE to PT Adaptive PE and PT PE at CMS

Mike Denning, from PT Science/PT PE at CMS to FT Science at CMS

Jez Krubeck, from 3rd Grade to Elementary Computer Science, Sunset

Classified Employment

Resignations/Terminations/Retirements

Maureen Shuler, Paraeducator, Sunset – Retirement

New Hires

Connor McLeod, Season Maintenance, District

Jeral Bartel, School Nutrition Delivery Driver, District

Transfers

Sarah Magargal, from Tech Para to Media ParaPro, Sunset

Abby Resch, from Tech Para, Livy to Career Center ParaPro at CHS

Vouchers for Payment

General Fund	\$424,712.94
Special Revenue	\$94,414.39
Major Maintenance	\$34,432.15
Capital Construction Account	\$7,961.69
Food Service	\$61,276.85
Depreciation Reserve	\$64,233.58
Cody School Fund	\$26,515.79
Payroll	\$1,864,358.50

- Minutes of April 23, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- Minutes of April 20, 2021 Executive Session
- Minutes of May 4, 2021 Special Board Meeting

- Minutes of May 4, 2021 Executive Session
- 2021/2022 Payroll Period Schedule
- 2021/2022 Paid Holiday Schedule for 9-10 Month and 12-Month Employees
- Applications for Admission of Wyoming Resident Out-of-District Students (4 students)
- Title I, Part A Designation for Eastside and Sunset Elementary Schools
- 2021/2022 Salary Schedules
- Bid Award for District Panic Bar Project to Doorway Solutions - \$150,000
- Purchase of 2 WA Spot Vision Screeners from School Health - \$15,532 (ESSER Funds)
- 2020/2021 Ratification Document
- \$250 Donation to CHS Wrestling Club
- Application for Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Grant
- 2021/2022 Jamf Pro Renewal - \$21,690
- Surplused 4 Buses and Authorized for Sale:
 - Bus 132, 2004 Bluebird All American, VIN 1BABNBXA14F216943
 - Bus 133, 2004 Bluebird All American, VIN 1BABNBXA54F216945
 - Bus 134, 2004 Bluebird All American, VIN 1BABNBXA74F216946
 - Bus 113, 2004 Bluebird All American, VIN 1BABNBXA34F216944
- \$692.17 Donation to CHS Alpine Ski Team

Chair Nelson called for Public Comment

Sheila Leach spoke on behalf of the Park County Action Group about critical race theory and the 1619 Project and requested a statement from the superintendent or the board that these topics will not be taught in Cody schools.

Tim Lasseter spoke about the school district's finances and that he's going to be watching how the money is spent.

Chair Nelson called for discussion about Art on a Cart.

Superintendent Monteith stated that administration had been looking at how to support art at the elementary level utilizing ESSER funds. Several community members have already contacted the district asking how they can help. Discussion about how Art on a Cart was run in the past was posed and Trustee Schipfmann suggested input from a former Art on a Cart teacher. Trustee Bell recommended that input from Cindy Aune be sought. She stated that should the district utilize such a program, it would need to have expectations defined. Trustee Case offered to be involved.

Chair Nelson called for discussion of a teacher on special assignment position that resulted from a substitute focus group meeting.

Mrs. Singer shared that this position would be a classified position but she would be looking for a certified teacher. A great deal of research had been done and the recommendation would be for this individual to move from classroom to classroom and would likely be placed within the building with the highest student population for the majority of work. The position would be supported by ESSER funds and would be a benefited position. Trustees posed questions but overall supported the idea.

Chair Nelson called for second and final reading of Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements.

On motion by Trustee Keegan, seconded by Trustee Schipfmann and carried, Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements was approved on second and final reading.

Chair Nelson called for second and final reading of Policy JEB – Entrance Age.

On motion by Trustee Bell and seconded by Trustee Roes, Trustee Bell shared that a change had been added about how a student's parents may be eligible to petition the district for entry. Motion carried.

Chair Nelson called for second and final reading of Policy JEA – Compulsory Attendance Age and Procedure For Withdrawal of a Minor Student.

On motion by Tom Keegan, seconded by Jessica Case and carried, Policy JEA - Compulsory Attendance Age and Procedure For Withdrawal of a Minor Student was approved on second and final reading.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the 2020/2021 budget amendments.

On motion by Cathy Roes, seconded by Stefanie Bell and carried, the 2020/2021 budget amendments were approved.

Chair Nelson call for approval of the Curriculum Leadership Institute (CLI) contract for 2021/2022.

Mr. Foley gave trustees an overview of CLI and described how the process helps to provide the framework for development of curriculum.

On motion by Trustee Bell, seconded by Trustee Keegan and carried, the 2021/2022 contract with CLI was approved.

Chair Nelson called for approval to open a District Math and a District Literacy Coach position to be paid with Title II funds.

Superintendent Monteith explained her concerns that after elimination of the instructional facilitator positions, teachers would need some support for math and literacy and this would be a good use of Title II funds. Trustee Bell asked if the bulk of work would be at the elementary schools and Mrs. Monteith said it would, but also some at the middle school and potentially at the high school.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Karen Schipfmann and carried, approval was granted to open district math and district literacy coach positions.

Chairman Nelson called for Board Reports.

Trustees all stated that it had been a busy month with committee meetings and policy work, the district retirement party, celebration of staff appreciation, scholarship awards night, attending Quilts of Valor at CMS, participating in online training, 3x3 meetings, 6x6 negotiations, along with various activities and athletic events, just to name a few. Trustees shared their appreciation for student trustee, Paige Martinez, and how they are looking forward to graduation ceremonies. Trustees Keegan and Bell offered apologies that personal obligations would preclude them from attending graduation but congratulated seniors on the upcoming celebration.

Chair Nelson stated that the Board would be starting work on new goals in June and had made good progress with communications work, student and staff safety protocols, academic status of students and committee policy work.

Chairman Nelson called for the Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent Monteith shared her excitement about student accomplishments this year. COVID cases have seen a slight increase recently and while Dr. Harrist considered revoking the mask exception granted to the district, she had urged Dr. Billin to convince Dr. Harrist to let the district finish the year without masks. The school district was contacted about offering a COVID vaccine clinic for 16-18-year-olds, but the offer was declined. She attended a Profile of a Graduate listening session today with three Cody High School students who were remarkable and articulate about what they believed were some needs of graduating students. Heart Mountain Academy graduation will be held May 28th at 7:00 p.m. in Wynona Thompson Auditorium and Cody High School graduation will be May 29th at 2:00 p.m. on the football field, weather permitting, otherwise they will move indoors. She announced a special legislative session would be held in July to discuss ESSER funds, a board retreat is slated for June 24 and 25 with Dr. Joel and central office staff will work various summer hours with four 10-hour days being an option, beginning June 7th.

A break was taken at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting resumed and on motion by Tom Keegan, seconded by Karen Schipfmann and carried, the Board entered into executive session at 8:00 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 executive session concluded and the regular meeting resumed.

On motion by Tom Keegan, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

Date

Clerk

Date