

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
Special Board Meeting
March 12, 2019

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on March 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Westside Annex Board Room. Chairman Rosencranse called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Stefanie Bell, Tom Keegan, John McCue, Brandi Nelson, Cathy Roes, Jenni Rosencranse and Karen Schipfmann. Administrators present: Ray Schulte, Jeremiah Johnston and Tim Foley. Supervisors present: Terry Gardenhire.

Chairman Rosencranse called for approval of the agenda.

On motion by John McCue, seconded by Karen Schipfmann and carried, the agenda was approved as submitted.

Mr. Johnston gave a brief explanation of why Cody High School decided to move to a trimester schedule and shared a parent handout. He explained that financially, with staff downsizing due to attrition, it was a cost savings to move to trimesters. On the positive side, they are able to have more class offerings with shorter class periods. A lengthy question and answer period followed.

Jennisen Lucas shared with trustees, a proposal and reasoning to move district libraries from Alexandria to Destiny library management software. For students, the change would offer:

- More visual interface
- Access to catalogs district-wide
- Student created reviews
- Collections – student can create their own list

For teachers, the change would offer:

- Access to materials district-wide
- Student engagement reading
- Curation

For the district, the change offers:

- Resource management for technology or any other department needing to track assets
- Integrates with the library manager

Initially, the cost is more, but the payback on investment would be approximately 2.5 years. Trustees will see this as a consent item on the regular March board agenda.

Superintendent Schulte shared information regarding the preliminary accreditation recommendation from the Wyoming Department of Education. A memo from Bill Pannell, WDE Accreditation Supervisor, will recommend full accreditation to the State Board of Education. Along with the memo, Mr. Schulte referred to the district's website that speaks to accreditation and school improvement plans.

Terry Gardenhire presented an update on the Beacon Hill property. He received feedback from a local developer and had additional discussion with City staff. Trustees reviewed information and discussed how to proceed determining that appraising the property should be put on hold until a decision on how to sell the property is complete. Mr. Schulte shared advice he received from a Cheyenne attorney who recommended getting two appraisals and hiring a real estate agent, engineer or developer. After a lengthy discussion, trustees agreed to have Mr. Gardenhire coordinate a meeting with additional developers and proceed with an appraisal unless more questions arise.

Chairman Rosencranse called for selection of an audit firm.

On motion by Trustee Keegan, seconded by Trustee Bell and carried, the firm of Fagnant, Lewis & Brinda, PC was selected in the amount of \$37,500 per year not to exceed estimate and travel costs.

Chairman Rosencranse called for approval of school improvement reports.

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On motion by Trustee Bell, seconded by Trustee Keegan and carried, the board received and accepted the school improvement reports.

Mrs. Rosencranse called for discussion on the superintendent's evaluation scoring format. A recommendation was made to create a committee to work on this and present it to the board in June. It was suggested to visit with other Wyoming school district board members about their process. Trustees Bell, Roes and Schipfmann agreed to serve on a committee with Mr. Schulte to complete the work by June.

Mr. Schulte presented Policy KDB – Inspection of Public Records and recommended the board delete the policy once Policy EGAB – Fees, Costs & Charges For Inspection, Copying and Producing of Public Records is approved. Trustee Bell stated he would like to see the policy Casper schools are using.

Mr. Schulte presented Policy DLA – Pay Day Schedules and shared the reason for revision is due to staff survey results pertaining to December payroll.

Trustee McCue asked that the evaluation policy for the superintendent be changed to match the practice that currently exists to discuss salary during budget discussions rather than during the evaluation.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

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Clerk

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