

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
Special Board Meeting
November 7, 2017

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on November 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Westside Annex Board Room. Chairman Simone called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Stefanie Bell, Jenni Rosencranse, Kelly Simone, Tom Keegan, Rebecca George, William Struemke and Scott Weber. Administrators present: Ray Schulte, Tim Foley and Peg Monteith. Guest: Scott Kolpitcke.

Chairman Simone called for approval of the agenda.

On motion by Trustee Rosencranse, seconded by Trustee George and carried, the agenda was approved as presented.

District counsel Scott Kolpitcke reviewed legal opinion on the topic of board member conflict of interest when considering policy on staff concealed carry in schools. Mr. Kolpitcke explained the criteria necessary in order for conflict of interest to be present under Wyoming law. He explained that there is not an identifiable conflict of interest for trustees who hold an FFL serving on the Board that would prohibit them from voting on a policy at this time. He also explained that in the event the Board was seeking bids to purchase firearms under this policy in the future, then trustees who hold an FFL would potentially have a conflict in that situation. Following Mr. Kolpitcke's legal opinion, Trustee Bell brought forward board governance policy 1.4 and asked fellow trustees to be aware of the language in the policy that directs trustees not to use their position to advocate for themselves or other individuals.

Trustees reviewed and discussed Mr. Kolpitcke's review of, and recommended changes on, Trustee Weber's revision of proposed Policy CKA - Firearms: Personnel Authorized to Carry. Specific areas that Mr. Kolpitcke addressed in Trustee Weber's revised policy CKA included: contract employees, requiring psychological evaluations, waiver of training requirements for isolated rural schools, revocation of concealed carry privileges and three year review of policy. Legal counsel made several recommendations on this policy if it were to be considered by the Board.

After lengthy discussion, the board agreed to discuss district counsel's version of Policy CKA at the November 20th board meeting in hopes of moving forward.

Trustees reviewed a draft survey that was submitted by Trustees Bell and Rosencranse. The board considered what questions should be asked of district staff prior to the consideration of policy on concealed carry in schools. After much discussion, the board settled on three questions that would be submitted via a survey of staff and asked Mr. Foley to put the survey together for board review and ultimately for staff consideration by the end of the week.

Superintendent Schulte shared that Mr. Gardenhire would be sharing information about possible infrastructure upgrades for building security at the November 20 board meeting. He added that he would contact local law enforcement about having an increased presence of officers in or around school buildings during school hours. He will report back to the board following that discussion. Additionally, the board will look at staff emergency and disaster training

Trustees agreed to schedule a public forum in January for community members to share thoughts on the proposed firearms in schools policy.

Superintendent Schulte and Assistant Superintendent Foley spoke with trustees about the 31 student data security policies and the fact that another 36 policies will soon to be forwarded for consideration. Mr. Foley plans to work with PSCD1 and PCSD16 to develop a plan to manage the multitude of proposed cyber security policies. He explained that it might be best to include these proposed policies in a cyber security handbook and adopt one umbrella data policy. Trustee Simone asked Mr. Foley to bring forward the most applicable policy on staff training, data breaches and data disposal. A request was also made for the cyber security handbook to be available on the district website for the public to reference. Mr. Foley asked for clarification on board expectations with the cyber security policies. Trustees supported the plan brought forward by Trustee Simone to bring a policy on each of those three specific data security topics and then proceed with a handbook for additional cyber security issues. Mr. Foley will bring a cyber security policy to the November 20th meeting. The cyber security handbook will be developed by the January 1, 2018 deadline set by the state.

Policies were reviewed for the second reading at the November regular board meeting and minor changes were recommended.

A request for board-community-board emails was discussed and determined that additional information is needed along with cost to complete the request. Mr. Schulte agreed to look into the matter further and consult counsel.

On motion by William Struemke, seconded by Stefanie Bell and carried, the board moved into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 9:10 p.m.

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The regular meeting resumed at 9:17 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman of the Board

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