

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**March 1, 2022**

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on March 1, 2022 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 present: Tim Foley and Jared Moretti. Jeremiah Johnston and Beth Blatt arrived later. Supervisors/Directors present: Dawn Solberg 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.

Chair Nelson called for Mrs. Ryzewicz and her students to present information regarding their request for a potential trip to Ireland to attend an international film festival.

Students Abel Cordero and Christian Dudrick talked about the documentary they created along with Danielle Lipe (who was unable to attend the meeting) featuring ice climber, Aaron Mulkey. They have been working on this film since November and want to also create a documentary regarding how they created the film. Mrs. Ryzewicz added that the students came up with the idea to enter their film in the international film festival in Dublin, Ireland and, if accepted, how they could travel to the festival. Trustees asked questions and discussed the fundraising that would be necessary. Mrs. Ryzewicz added that the students also have a contingency plan if they are unable to raise enough funds to travel internationally wherein they would possibly attend a film festival closer to home. After further discussion, trustees agreed that the Academic Support Committee should discuss the policy pertaining to student travel and possibly create a better system/process that includes more detail. Trustees agreed that permission to begin fundraising could be an item on the March 15 board agenda.

Mr. Moretti shared a presentation about special education funding and how it works, adding that it falls outside of the block grant. He reviewed special education terms, student data, funding streams and student placements.

District Literacy Coach, Leanna Morton, reviewed the district literacy plan with trustees, noting it was a “fluid” document. The district literacy team had investigated best evidence-based practices and did a system analysis of the current literacy program. They will also be applying for the 3-year WYBILT grant. She stated that next year, all elementary schools will be using the same screener. Additionally, a literacy professional development plan has been created. A question about the inclusion of preschools was posed and Ms. Morton replied that Mrs. Sieg is part of the district’s literacy team.

Ms. Broadus presented the Winter Interim WY-TOPP data. Her presentation reviewed the performance of students in mathematics and language arts in grades 3-10. Students will take the summative assessment in April of 2022.

Mrs. Singer shared a quick staffing update that included recent job openings for late hires as well as openings for certified retirees and resignations and some newly created positions.

Chair Nelson called for a 5-minute break.

The meeting resumed at 7:20 p.m.

Discussion on the Cody High School master schedule began with Mr. Johnston sharing that a survey had been sent to high school certified staff regarding three basic schedules. Department chairs, who were in attendance, shared how each type of schedule affects their department. A lengthy dialogue continued between trustees and staff. All agreed that any change in scheduling would take plenty of advance planning, if warranted.

Trustees discussed Policy DA – Fiscal Management and Goals. Finance Committee chair, Karen Schipfmann, stated that the policy had a great deal of redundancy and that Policy DBB had been incorporated within Policy DA. Slight modifications were suggested.

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Trustees agreed that since Policy DBB – Fiscal Year was incorporated into Policy DA, deletion was warranted.

Academic Support Committee chair, Stefanie Bell, reviewed the recommended changes in Policy JLCC – Communicable Diseases. District nurses were consulted as was district counsel on the suggested revisions that were made to eliminate any ambiguity. Trustees had additional comments and it was decided to return the policy to the committee for further review.

Cathy Roes, Performance and Monitoring Committee chair, addressed the committee’s work pertaining to Policy BDB – Board Officers. Language was moved around to reflect current practice within each position. Trustee Bell inquired as to whether or not any of the language was in state statute.

Trustee Roes also addressed committee work on Policy BGA – Policy Development. Language from policies BGB – Policy Adoption and BGC – Policy Revision/Review/Deletion were incorporated into Policy BGA so those policies would subsequently be recommended for deletion. Trustees reviewed the recommended revisions and suggested a few modifications.

Mr. Foley shared with trustees that administration had recently identified the need to possibly offer retention bonuses. These “incentive” payments would be offered in an increasing amount over the course of three years. Mrs. Solberg stated that during a recent WASBO meeting, she discovered that many districts are planning to do this and are able to do so with ARP/ESSER monies. The thought would be that by offering these, staff would stay employed with the district through the summer and receive a payment with the September payroll along with the caveat that they had to have been hired by the 2021/2022 school year. Trustee Roes addressed the fact that bus drivers are now required to have 105 hours per DOT regulations and asked if probationary drivers would be eligible for the incentive. Mrs. Singer responded that she had been working with legal counsel on various stipulations particularly if all of the driver’s training was paid for. Trustees all agreed that they preferred the word incentive rather than bonus.

Chair Nelson called for approval of the purchase of the football field video scoreboard.

Tom Keegan moved to approve the bid from Daktronics in the amount of \$176,658.00. Sheri Schutzman seconded. A lengthy dialogue ensued with trustees sharing various concerns. Mr. Foley stated that sponsor contracts are currently being drafted by legal counsel. Motion passed.

Chair Nelson called for approval of certified employment recommendations as follows:

**Resignations/Retirements/Terminations**  
Gabbi Wright, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Sunset Elementary School

On motion by Trustee Bell, seconded by Trustee Roes and carried, the certified employment recommendations were approved.

There being no further regular business to come before the board, on motion by Tom Keegan, seconded by Karen Schipfmann and carried, the Board convened into executive session for the purpose of W.S. 16-4-405(a)(ii) personnel at 9:48 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:13 p.m. and on motion by Jessica Case, seconded by Sheri Schutzman and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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