

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6
Special Board Meeting
October 6, 2020

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on October 6, 2020 at 6:00 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, Tom Keegan, Brandi Nelson, Cathy Roes, Jenni Rosencranse and Karen Schipfmann. Absent: John McCue. Administrators present: Peg Monteith and Tim Foley. Directors present: Terry Gardenhire, Dawn Solberg and Chynna Singer.

Chairman Nelson called for approval of the amended agenda.

On motion by Tom Keegan, seconded by Karen Schipfmann and carried, the amended agenda was approved.

Kori Black presented information about the use of a therapy dog at Cody Middle School. She is currently in a nine-week therapy handler course with her three-year-old registered yellow British lab, Magnus. She stated the dog could be used up to two hours per day, three days per week and would receive a certificate of completion for the therapy handler course through Pet Partners. Insurance is provided through the handler and the Wyoming Department of Education has no rules governing therapy dogs aside from using professionalism. Trustees had several questions about allergies, fear of dogs, use, maintenance and costs. Mrs. Black answered many questions and trustees asked for another presentation at the end of the school year. Once they are comfortable with the program, they will just want frequent reports. Magnus will come visit at the next board meeting.

Mr. Gardenhire presented an update on the new transportation building stating that things are moving quickly. He reviewed a proposal from Kip Thiel of Theil Construction about purchasing a 10' strip of land that abuts his new home lots for a reduced amount. Trustees held a lengthy discussion and determined they were not interested in selling the property.

Mr. Gardenhire opened discussion about the method of sale of the old transportation facility.

Chairman Nelson called for approval of the Consent Agenda.

On motion by Jenni Rosencranse, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the following consent agenda items were approved:

Classified Employment

John Thomas, Relief Driver, Transportation

Resignations/Terminations/Retirements

Leslie Romero, Severe Needs Para, Sunset

Kim Smith, Administrative Secretary, Livingston

Elizabeth Wilson, Severe Needs Para, CHS

Brandy Lasseter, SpEd Para, CMS

- Approved Fall/Winter Coaching Contracts
- Approved Emergency Procurement of 230 Swivl Links - \$22,770
- Approved Emergency Procurement of Disinfectant Tablets for Foggers - \$14,000

Chairman Nelson called for a discussion on substitutes since the topic of not having enough substitutes has consistently been raised by staff. She stated that Powell has raised their substitute pay to \$17/hour or \$136/day. Mrs. Singer shared information on filled/unfilled positions as well as where subs were not needed. Trustees held a lengthy dialogue with Mrs. Singer on possibilities to improve the sub situation and also posed several questions. Mrs. Singer shared that Teton County has seven (7) permanent subs with teaching certification who are employees of the district and receive benefits. She also tries to stay in communication with new subs so she can notify the buildings when they are subbing in hopes of providing additional help to them. The Board agreed that a focus group for subs would be helpful and to notify Chair Nelson of any concerns they may have by the end of the week. Karen Schipfmann agreed to work on the sub focus group and Trustee Bell suggested the former sub caller, Andi McLeod, be asked to participate.

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Chairman Nelson called for discussion of DJ R-1 – Procurement and DJ R-3 Construction Contracts Bidding and Awards.

Superintendent Monteith shared that these regulations have been recommended by legal counsel to be approved at the same time. The changes apply only to state funds and we need to understand what funding this is coming from. Business Manager, Dawn Solberg, added that there is a threshold change in DJ R-1 and a language change in DJ R-3 plus a requirement to publish on the website. Trustees shared their thoughts and concerns that the regulations might have been better as policy but agreed that they were important to notify the board of the changes even though they don't require Board approval.

Chairman Nelson called for discussion of the method of sale of the old bus barn.

Mrs. Monteith shared that she had visited with broadcast journalism teacher, Erika Quick and that she was very excited about getting her students involved in marketing the property for the district. Mrs. Quick plans to get a proposal to Mrs. Monteith by the 13th and that she and her students will make a presentation to the Board in December. Mrs. Monteith recommended utilizing the sealed bid process. Trustees discussed details and Chair Nelson agreed that sealed bids would be best.

Chairman Nelson called for discussion on possible WSBA resolutions and voting delegates. In addition, the board discussed the work of the Joint Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration. Chair Nelson received a letter from the committee co-chairs and information from the Legislative Services Office. The committee is requesting information regarding the impact of reduction in funding to the district. Trustees Roes, Schipfmann and Bell will draft a response.

A handout regarding Board goals was shared.

Chairman Nelson called for action on the method of sale for the old bus barn.

Stefanie Bell moved to utilize a sealed bid process for the sale of the old bus barn and requested a roll call vote. Cathy Roes seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye. Trustee McCue was absent.

On motion by Jenni Rosencranse, seconded by Karen Schipfmann and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Chairman of the Board

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Clerk

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