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# **Vision Statement**

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#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

President- Kurt Douglas Vice Pres- Joyce Key Secretary- Samuel Tolley Director- Jason Cox Director – Casey Ducey

# RANGELY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4 Board of Education Tuesday, April 17th, 2018 EARLY EDUCATION CENTER 6:15pm MINUTES

(This agenda is tentative until approved by the board)

#### **BOARD'S CORE VALUES**

Respect Focus Transparency Achievement

#### **NOTES**

Your insights are needed and welcomed and the board encourages you to meet with the most appropriate person among the district's many leaders.

Public participation is an opportunity to present brief comments or questions to the board for consideration or follow-up. Each person is asked to focus comments to five minutes and sign in on the podium.

The consent agenda is based around "need for action" decisions which are highly routine or backed by prior information and discussion.

If you are interested in helping the district's efforts, please speak with any member of the district or call the district office at 675-2207. Opportunities abound and your participation is highly desired.

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by President Douglas

# 2. ROLL CALL

All present with Sam Tolley and Casey Ducey via phone

# 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

# 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Motion: I move to approve the Agenda as presented

MOTION: Key SECOND: Cox

**ROLL CALL:** All ayes

# 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent agenda allows the Board of Education to act on several items in one motion. If you would like to comment on any of these items please notify the board by registering on the sign-in sheet.

- 5.1 Approval of board meeting minutes for March 13, 2018
- 5.2 Approval of financial information for the month of March 2018.
- 5.3 Personnel Addendum

Recommended Motion: I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented

MOTION: Cox SECOND: Key

**ROLL CALL:** All ayes

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# 6. RECOGNITIONS

#### 6.1 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The February Student of the Month award is presented by the Rangely Elks Lodge by Ross Alire; the female student of the month is Kaitlyn Brown, she will be attending CNCC going through the Dental Hygiene program and playing basketball for them. The male student of the month for February is Rylie Boydstun and is looking at going into wildlife and parks management. The March Student of the Month award is presented by the Rangely Police Department by Chief Wilczek; the female student of the month is Kaylee Mecham, she will be attending Utah State University to be a Social Studies teacher. The male student of the month is Jonathan Pennell. He will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering and wants to work in the automotive industry and design engine components, he will be attending CNCC for the first year and then transfer from there.

#### 6.2 OTHER

Mr. Scoggins recognized Gretchen Huebner, Kristy Boydstun for coordinating and decorating Prom and what a success it was. Also to all those who helped with rowdy worm. He also mentioned the success of the staff years of service appreciation lunch and everyone who helped with that being a great success.

# 7. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Aaron Peacock addressed the board with concerns of the safety in the school. His concern is how things aren't being dealt with as far as a student assaulting/bullying other students. He stated that this isn't providing a safe environment and is a distraction from education, it is a problem at the elementary school and he would like the board to do something.

The FFA addressed the board to give them a quick update on their chapters District's CDE's competition in Craig. The Livestock Judging Team placed 4<sup>th</sup>, the Agricultural Mechanic Team and Floriculture Team both placed 6<sup>th</sup>. The board congratulated them. They also invited the board to their annual dinner/auction which will be Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 6pm and dinner served at 7pm.

# 8. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT, ADMINISTRATORS AND COMMITTEES

- 8.1 PVE Mike Kruger
- 8.2 JSHS Crandal Mergelman
- 8.3 BOCES Teresa Schott
- 8.4 RDA update Joyce Key

# 8.5 Superintendent – Matt Scoggins

\*Matt informed the board that Crandal and Mike have gone to job fairs for recruiting. We will also try sending letters and will be creating a video. He stated that it is hard when there is such a shortage of teachers.

\*He informed the board that the transportation state statute that they had discussed a couple of meetings ago has been changed and the statute now is disallowing it. But he will still be fighting for it. He stated that the county is still agreeable to use the funding

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# for other projects.

\*We have also been participating in a transportation audit, we submit annually in August our mileage and theirs a reimbursement percentage portion of transportation reimbursement based on route mileage. They were auditing 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 and anticipate \$25,000 - \$60,000 back.

\*He informed the board of the health insurance that is out to bid and we have changed our representative for our workman's comp. and will be able to find some savings.

The board reports are available in the District Office

# 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

#### 9.1 New Business:

**9.1a 2018-2019 School Calendar** - the only two changes suggested is if we want to have the last day of school a half day, we will keep it on the calendar as full day but can adjust it and work with transportation, Mike and Crandal.

Recommended Motion: I move to accept the next year school calendar as presented.

MOTION: Ducey SECOND: Cox ROLL CALL: All ayes

#### 9.1b Cell Phone use

Matt asked the board if they will be in favor and support of him developing a policy or regulation, with the admin. Team, on eliminating the use of cell phones in the classrooms. He stated he had spoken with the teachers and it was a unanimous support of eliminating the student use of cell phones. The board was in support as long as there is an assurance that the phone will be answered, by a person, if parents call the school. Matt stated we would make every effort to make that happen.

# 9.1c Safety

Matt informed the board that the administration and some of the staff have gone through training on safety. We have had an audit from The School Resource out of Denver which gave us high marks. We have used "I Love You Guys", and their research shows that there hasn't ever been a student hurt behind a locked classroom door. In our schools we operate under "locked and propped" so our doors are always locked and propped so if there is an emergency they pull the doors shut. We will be putting proto call posters up in the hallways. He stated that the town uses ALICE, and that protocol is you fight back if someone tries to get into the classroom. We are pursuing, to provide through VISIPLEX, a system we can use that will alert everyone without having to use the intercom, which is a concern. With the new alarm system the staff would know to shut the door immediately and if the fire alarm went off as well you would know not to go outside of the classroom. They are sending a demo to us and we will try it in the EEC building. We will try to have a community wide drill, and will be coordinating with the police department, fire department, hospital, town, etc. We have fixed the front door

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at the high school. The county has agreed to pay for the equipment for both Meeker and Rangely School Districts if the school district and the town share the cost of an officer. In the long bill there is \$34 million dollars to be set aside for safety - specifically for resource officers. Without any extra support it will be about \$42,000 for us and \$42,000 for the town. We are trying to be proactive and have met with the town manager and the chief of police Mr. Wilczek and will continue to do so. To make sure we put our student's safety first. Joyce asked about the internet safety. Have changed to a new system. Matt shared that we are working on the limitation of what the students have access to.

# 9.1d Budget

Matt informed the board that the larger class sizes with para's that we went with this year isn't working as well as we had hoped. We will be looking at staffing and the revenue. We are looking to see what type of funding we can get from the state, one thing we are seeing is a one-time funding for small districts that are under 1000 students and allocate it through the student count, but we are waiting to see how that comes out. The state is talking about the reduction of the negative factor that may help us. We will no longer have the specific ownership tax once the bond is paid off so will see a loss but will get a little bit from the mill levy override, although it will be less than what we had hoped for. We will be receiving \$72,000 from the county reserve impact fees and need to thank Jeff Rector and the other commissioners for this. Our health insurance will be going up more than 18 percent and will get it out to bid. He stated he will be sending information out and will have a budget conversation in May and then approve a budget. He explained to the new board members that we don't determine our final revenue until after the October count, and going into January we can revise the budget. So we adopt in June and revise in January.

# 9.2 Old Business:

#### 9.2a Weighted GPA

Matt added wording on the policy just for clarification. It will now will read a GPA will be capped at a 4.0 for cumulative purposes. A cumulative GPA will not exceed a 4.0 even with weighted grades for class ranking.

9.2b Final Reading of, CASB's Required by Law, Revised Policies cumulative

GCE/GCF - Professional Staff Recruiting/Hiring

GDE/GDF - Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring

JF - Admission and Denial of Admission

JFABD - Homeless Students

JFBA - Intra-District Choice/Open Enrollment

JFBB - Inter-District Choice/Open Enrollment

JRA/JRC – Student Records/Release of Information on Students

# Rhubarb

KBA - District Title I Parent and Family Engagement

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# 10. ACTION ITEMS:

10.1 CASB's Required by Law, Revised Policies

Recommended Motion: I move to accept the policies GCE/GCF, GDE/GDF, JF, JFABD, JFBA, JFBB, JRA/JRC, and KBA as presented.

MOTION: Key SECOND: Cox ROLL CALL: All ayes

#### 11. Good of the Order

Joyce requested the good of the order to be on the agenda, at the end, from here on out and explained to the board that this section of the agenda, as we progress through our board meetings, is for questions that we can address that come up amongst the board or audience that they have an opportunity to ask for clarification. She started with the first good of the order stating that at the town council meeting she attended they asked if she would present a concern they have regarding the bus stop at Kennedy Drive and the college, which is right at the intersection. She stated that she was there when a child was getting on the bus and it was less than 30 seconds for the child to get on the bus, so she didn't think that was too bad and feels the one at the bottom of the hill is worse. They were asking if the bus stop can be changed to a different stop. Joyce turned it over to Matt.

#### 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

#### 12.1 Personnel Matters

Recommended Motion: "I move that the Board of Education go into executive session to discuss personnel matters required to be kept confidential by the Colorado Open Records Act C.R.S. 24-6-402(4), and that by this motion the Board announces that such is the purpose of the executive session."

MOTION: Key SECOND: Cox ROLL CALL: All ayes

# 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm and return to regular board meeting on May 15th

Submitted by\_\_\_

Shari Plummer, District Board Secretary

Date Submitted

Approved by

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Date Approved