

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting
February 22, 2021

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The President called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Urista called roll. Those present were Tom Allen, Kevin Amack, Bill de Vergie, Bud Ridings, Laurie Simonsen, Bob Dorsett and David Smith – via teleconference.

Absent: None

Mr. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Amack moved to approve the Revised Agenda with addition of Consent Agenda Item 5 – Acceptance - Resignation – Kathy Collins (Meeker Elementary School Principal) and Action Item 6 – Certified Substitute – Georgann Amack. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. Roll call vote: all members aye.

Student Celebrations – Middle School Mathcounts – Sam Hightower and Tucker Chinn are part of a group of six students at Barone Middle School that participate in Mathcounts. This group of students meet before or after school to work on math problems and prepare for competition in the State. The two attended the Chapter competition where they took first and second place, which will advance them to the Regional test this Thursday.

Staff Celebrations – There were no Staff Celebrations.

General Public Comments – There were no General Public Comments.

Public/ Committee Reports:

DAC - The group discussed School Finance and will give direction for future expenses.

MEF - Approved three to four grants virtually..

BOCES – The Audit was extended and has been approved through the State. The Director contract was approved for the 20-21 School Year, but details are still being discussed.

Principal Reports:

MES – No additions

BMS – No Additions

MHS – No Additions

Superintendent Report:

Attendance rates are not looking too bad, but some students are not in the building due to being quarantined, but are attending online so they are not counted as absent.

COVID relief Funds could be used partially as a staff bonus since all of our staff have increased time and duties due to COVID related issues.

Legislative session has a lot of controversial topics to discuss.

Tax revenue streams are appropriate for the time of year. Oil and gas reduction haven't affected taxes as of yet. Delinquent taxes were higher than usual.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on January 25, 2021
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for January 2021
3. 2021-2022 Final Calendar
4. 2022-2023 Preliminary Calendar – Both calendars have the required amount of hours and days to be approved by the State. There is not much change from year to year except after Christmas Break we start back earlier in January because of normal rotation in a yearly calendar. Employee Council will give feedback on the Calendars.
5. Acceptance: Resignation - Kathy Collins (Meeker Elementary School Principal)

Ms. Simonsen moved to Approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 5, with a second from Mr. Amack. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel
 - a. 2020-2021 Spring Coaches (As presented)
 - b. Middle School Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach - Cory Bullen
 - c. Substitute and Activity Bus Driver - Travis Goodwin
 - d. Administration Accounting Intern - Dannie Massey
 - e. Certified Substitute - Louis Bencini
 - f. Classified Substitute - Roxy Chintala

Ms. Simonsen moved to approve Action Item 1 a through f, with a second from Mr. Amack. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

2. Approval: Resolution in support of suspending state assessments for 2020-2021 - Mr. Selle gave background about the State of Colorado applying for a suspension on state assessments. This suspension would involve CMAS 3-8 only, and not PSAT or SAT. Instructional time has been reduced this year and some students are attending online classes, so it is hard to justify testing. Mr. Selle would like to protect instructional time and we really do not know what type of information we will glean from the test.

Mr. Allen moved to approve Action Item 2, with a second from Dr. Dorsett. Roll Call Vote: All members aye.

3. Approval: GBQEA - Voluntary Early Retirement (3rd Reading) – Remove “Early” verbiage.

Ms. Simonsen moved to approve Action Item 3, with a second from Mr. Allen. Roll Call Vote: All members aye.

4. Did not approve: Fire and Security Alarm Monitoring Bid - TABLE March 8 - Dr. Dorsett asked about the financial figures for each of the contracts. John Usery explained some of the costs are combined and hourly rates are built into the figures. There seems to be discrepancy between the proposal and the actual contract. Mr. Usery will report back as to the details of the payments. Sub-contractor work is included in the contract without liability. Mr. Usery will review the contracts with the school district's attorney and report back for the March 8, 2021 Board Meeting.

Mr. Amack moved to Table Action Item 4, with a second from Mr. Simonsen. Roll Call Vote: All members aye.

5. Approval: CASB Recommended Policy Updates - [Online link](#) (2nd Reading)
 - a. Summary Document
 - b. JEB - Entrance Age
 - c. GBGG - Staff Leave

Ms. Simonsen moved to approve Action Item 5, with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: All members aye.

6. Approval: Certified Substitute - Georgann Amack

Mr. Allen moved to approve Action Item 6, with a second from Ms. Simonsen. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Allen - aye, Mr. Amack – abstain, Mr. deVergie - aye, Dr. Dorsett - aye, Mr. Ridings – aye, Ms. Simonsen – aye, Mr. Smith – aye. Motion passes.

Other BOE Information:

1. John Usery from NV5 attended and updated the board about the additional bus barn area. Final numbers to the existing garage area will be reviewed with the Exec Committee. Stadium improvements permit and BMS permit is contingent upon BEST grant. Commissioning log is almost complete. Lighting at the bus garage will be reviewed to make sure there is no complaints from the community neighbors do to the brightness of the lights. Mrs. Chinn will review the HS lights as well.

2. COVID trends are improving dramatically across the district. There are a couple cases within one of the extracurricular activities teams that could create some complications. The outcomes of those situations are unknown at this time.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Bud Ridings, President

Kevin Amack, Vice-President

Tom Allen, Secretary

Bill deVergie, Member

Bob Dorsett, Member

Laurie Simonsen, Member

David Smith, Member