

**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**Board of Education Minutes – Special Meeting**  
May 21, 2018

The President called the special 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 deVergie, Bob Dorsett, Bud Ridings, Laurie Simonsen and David Smith.

Absent: None

Mr. Amack led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Amack moved to approve the Revised Agenda with addition of Consent Agenda Item 4. Approval: 2018-2019 ESEA Consolidated Programs Application and Updated Curriculum purchases information, with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Student Celebrations: FCCLA National Qualifiers Kolbi Franklin, Jacob Slone and Kirsten Brown presented the projects that each student submitted that won them their individual places to compete at Nationals June 27- July 3 in Atlanta, Georgia. These three qualifier will also attend other classes and workshops while attending Nationals.

General Public Comment:

Senior Sierra Williams invited the Board of Education to the annual Senior/BOE Brunch on Thursday May 24, 2018 at the high school cafeteria starting at 10:30 a.m.

Kari Brennan thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak about some of the behavior issues that she has witnessed in the elementary school during the time she volunteers and helps with the Children's Health Coalition. Mrs. Brennan has first grade and preschool students and commends the staff for the work they do, but is concerned about the bullying and physical threats that some of the children in these classrooms exhibit. Mrs. Brennan has gone through the chain of command addressing these issues and has seen some improvement, but feels there should be quicker responses for some issues that have happened. She worries that these behavior issues are disrupting the learning of most the other students in the classroom and are very concerning. Her daughter was also punched by one of the behavior issue students. Mrs. Brennan wants all students to be safe at school and wants to make sure that the entire Board has heard her concerns. She would like the reactions of the Administration to be proactive not reactive to these situations. The Brennan family will consider home schooling their children if they do not believe any improvement is made towards this issue.

Mr. Selle and Mr. Ridings will provide a response to the Brennan family.

Dr. Dorsett would like to make sure that there are no cracks in the student policies on how these situations are to be handled.

Public/Committee Reports:

URA has not met.

DAC – Reviewed the group's statutory responsibilities, principal evaluations, budget review and strategic vision updates.

MEF – MEF has decided to extend their small grant cycle to be available year round. The golf tournament fundraiser will be in July. WREA has donated \$5400 towards the US Government curriculum purchase and may also have a subsidiary group wanting to help out with the band instrument purchase.

BOCES- Mr. Amack reported that the BOCES has sent out a climate survey and will be sending semimonthly director updates. Mr. Amack feels the information gleaned from the survey provided good feedback and results. The director will no longer be mandated to attend the district board meetings due to sending out the updates. Expenses are high, but are consequence to providing behavior specialist support in the buildings.

Principal Reports:

Meeker Elementary School - Kathy Collins – Mrs. Collins reported that the ES held their rodeo today and STEM activities.

Barone Middle School - Jim Hanks- No additions

Meeker High School - Amy Chinn- The track team did wonderful this last weekend with Meghan Shelton placing first in discus and Gracie Bradfield placing second.

Superintendent Report:

Additions:

General Fund balance is the highest Mr. Selle has seen it since he has been here, noting that fund balance will likely grow again this year. This is mainly due to revenues that were not anticipated and to some underspending. The preliminary budget shows a deficit of \$600,000 plus. If the Board is not comfortable with this amount, some items can be manipulated.

BEST Grant information and community engagement talks will continue to happen updating the community on this issue. Mr. Selle is asking the BEST Board for feedback on the grant submission that was declined to be able to better understand the submission process and if there are areas to improve or change. Mr. Selle wants to know from the community on their wishes on pursuing a bond initiative in the Fall. The District has already committed to George K Baum for the survey service and community education on the facility needs. We will finish up this task and then decide what to do next after receiving the information back from the community.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on April 23, 2018
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for April 2018
3. Acceptance: Resignation - Paula Kracht (Elementary Paraprofessional)
4. Approval: 2018-2019 ESEA Consolidated Programs Application

Mr. Amack moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel
  - a. Art Cox - Part-Time Groundskeeper
  - b. Brandon Grasmick - Volunteer HS Wrestling Coach
  - d. ELL Paraprofessional - Ana Moreno

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 1. A,b,and d to abstain from item c, with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

1. Approval: Personnel  
c. Georgann Amack - Part-Time MS Science Teacher

Mr. Smith moved to approve Action Item 1. C, with a second from Mr. Allen. 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.

2. Approval: ADF-R - School Wellness (2nd Reading)

Ms. Simonsen moved to approve Action Item 2, with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye

3. Approval: Curriculum Purchases – Purchase amounts likely to change.

Mr. Smith moved to approve Action Item 4 with a second from Ms. Simonsen.  
Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Other Board Information:

Dr. Dorsett would like to confirm that policy on student discipline does not need changed. Does policy give administrators enough support to deal with the issues Mrs. Brennan noted earlier?

Executive Session (if needed)  
No Executive Session needed

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Bud Ridings, President

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Tom Allen, Vice-President

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David Smith, Secretary

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Kevin Amack, Member

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Bill deVergie, Member

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Robert Dorsett, Member

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Laura Simonsen, Member