

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Special Meeting
April 23, 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. Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Student Celebrations: 7th Grade - Expanding Your Horizons – Ms. Feola presented a group of 7th grade girls that attended the CSU STEM conference with her last month. This is an annual trip that helps young girls open their eyes to very diverse career topics. MEF has once again granted funds towards this trip along with some other community donors. Attendees included Mackenzie Keetch, Izabella Stagg, Melanie Wangnild, Brealyn Garcia, Nora Gianinetti and Lily Cox. The trip has been a successful empowering situation for the assorted group of girls. The group was selected by lottery from a pool of about 20.

General Public Comment:

There was no General Public Comment.

Public/Committee Reports:

URA has not met.

DAC – This group has reviewed the teacher and principal evaluation process. The middle school updated DAC on the Strategic Vision. The high school presented information on the new curriculum they would like to purchase as well.

MEF – Has not met but approved a \$500 grant electronically.

BOCES- Mr. Amack reported that there are some communication changes coming in the future. Mr. Amack has been working with Joyce Key, BOCES VP from Rangely on the best processes for communication from BOCES and the two districts. Mr. Amack noted that Mrs. Schott has been sending a bi-monthly update and will let her know that the remainder of the Meeker Board would like to be included in these updates. Dr. Dorsett noted that the RB BOCES contingent scored the highest in state growth for Math and Reading.

Principal Reports:

Meeker Elementary School - Kathy Collins – Mrs. Collins noted they are trying to keep everything updated on the website, so check there for events you might want to attend.

Barone Middle School - Jim Hanks- No additions

Meeker High School - Amy Chinn- No additions. Dr. Dorsett asked if during the recent fire suppression inspection if there were any major findings. Mrs. Chinn noted there were minimal infractions.

Superintendent Report:

Additions:

The district received the TLCC survey (formerly TELL Survey) results. There are a few potential areas in need of improvement, but overall the results were favorable. 100% of the staff that took the survey felt that Meeker School District was a good place to learn. The favorability score is higher than the state average.

Finances are looking brighter than what we budgeted for especially after receiving SRS Forest money that we did not expect. Expenses are also currently lower than expected which could mean we do not deficit spend for 17/18. This only prolongs our deficit spending and allows us to offer more programs and staff increases longer. The Board will need to discuss budget items at the next workshop so that our Preliminary Budget can be ready for the May meeting.

Educator Effectiveness Assurances is something that will need to be approved every year.

Policy reviews for Action Items 3 and 4 - GDA include A and B versions to approve one or the other.

The Citizen Task Force met last Wednesday. A diverse community group met and discussed strategies to give information to the entire community. Mr. Selle will meet with community groups before soliciting input on the possibility of a BOND for a new high school. A BEST grant cannot be granted for any of the bus garage work that needs completed, however there are other grants such as DOLA that might be accessed for this.

The administration team met with a threat assessment team last week and will be updating the Emergency Operation Plan to reflect this training.

Consent Agenda:

Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on March 26, 2018

Approval: Minutes from Special Board Meeting on April 9, 2018

Approval: 2018 Educator Effectiveness Assurances

Approval: Superintendent Evaluation Summary

Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for March 2018

Acceptance: March 31, 2018 Quarterly Financial Report

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

Action Items:

1. Approval: BE - School Board Meetings (3rd Reading - [Online Policy Link](#))
2. Approval: EEA - Student Transportation (3rd Reading - [Online Policy Link](#))
5. Approval: GCE/GCF-R, GDE/GDF, GDE/GDF-R (3rd Reading - [Online Policy Link](#))
6. Approval: GCE/GCF, JF, JF-E, JFABD, JFABD-R, JFABE, JFABE-R, JFBB, JFBB-R, JKA-E-2, JLC, JRA/JRC, JFA/JRC-E-2, KBA, KBA-E (3rd Reading - [Online Policy Link](#))
7. Approval: Policy Repeal (3rd Reading - [Online Policy Link](#)): GDA, JF-R, KBA-E-1, KBA-E-2

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Items 1,2,5,6,7 with a second from Ms. Simonsen. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

3. Approval: GDA - Version A - Support Staff Positions (3rd Reading - [Online Policy Link](#))

Dr. Dorsett moved to approve Action Item 3. Motion failed to receive a second.

4. Approval: GDA - Version B - Support Staff Positions (3rd Reading - [Online Policy Link](#))

Mr. deVergie moved to approve Action Item 4 with a second from Mr. Allen. Dr. Dorsett warned the Board that they should not give ultimate power to the Superintendent and give up Board authority over any position. He believes it is the duty of the Board to delineate and approve positions especially ones that are curriculum derived. The present leadership is stable but he worries that when leadership changes it could be troublesome.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Allen – aye, Mr. Amack – aye, Mr. deVergie – aye, Dr. Dorsett – no, Mr. Ridings – aye, Ms. Simonsen – aye, Mr. Smith – aye. Motion passes 6-1.

Other Board Information:

1. Policy Presentation: ADF-R School Wellness (1st Reading) - result of DAC work.

Executive Session (if needed)
No Executive Session needed

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Bud Ridings, President

Tom Allen, Vice-President

David Smith, Secretary

Kevin Amack, Member

Bill deVergie, Member

Robert Dorsett, Member

Laura Simonsen, Member