

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting
February 20, 2018

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, Bob Dorsett, Bud Ridings, Ms. Simonsen and David Smith.

Absent: Bill deVergie

Dr. Dorsett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Student Celebrations:

Ann Franklin from the ES Library presented a few of the 58 5th graders that are in her robotics class that she has been working with. The six students that presented their robots were Kayla Scott, Cooper Arnold, Dillon Hobbs, Brooklyn Bowdoin, Thomas Curry and Graycee Cravens. This class is supported by MEF, ERBM, Dr. Dorsett, Brandon Lozano-HS Student, Meeker Library and Meeker School District. Mrs. Franklin is very pleased with this group noting that they have engaged, committed and pushed each other positively. This group of students demonstrated how each of their robots are programmed either with ultra sound or infrared information.

General Public Comment:

Kenneth Rennick attended the meeting. He is the new volunteer track coach.

Jacob Sloan and Jordan Goodwin, both HS students that are members of FCCLA reported to the Board that February is CTE month and what each of them will be competing for at State for FCCLA. The snacks provided to the Board tonight are compliments of FACS catering class. Next meeting the group will provide a taco bar for the Board.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on January 16, 2017
2. Approval: Minutes from Special Board Meeting on February 6, 2017
3. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for January 2018

Mr. Amack moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 2, and 3, with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Public/Committee Reports:

URA – Once again, after an RFQ was sent out, no general contractor submitted an application for the Adventure Center. Katelin Cook will orchestrate a shift in emphasis from the Adventure Center to an incubator concept that could include private, public, and or private and public funding for other smaller scale adventure center type ideas.

MEF – January grants included Mrs. Robinson, Mrs., Holliday, and Hoops for Science. There has been a need identified in the music department and the Lion's Club has donated \$1000 to be used for this need. Fundraising ideas will definitely include another golf tournament which netted roughly \$7600

last year. Colorado Gives Day netted \$267 which was not bad for the very first attempt. The Endowment fund is sitting around \$47,000.

DAC – The group received updates on the Strategic Vision and talked about the Wellness Policy. Mr. Selle reported on the BEST Grant status.

BOCES – Mr. Amack reported that he has been voted in as the Board President, while Joyce Keys as VP and Sam Tolley as Secretary. The consensus is to review policy modifications to more promptly vote in new board members to keep governance more timely. The board is modifying the BOCES Director evaluation, condensing it much like the District is for the Superintendent evaluation. The prelim budget for 18/19 will be equal to 17/18 noting most of the budget is salaries. Per pupil allocation of funds was discussed along with the contribution that Rangely makes to the BOCES.

Principal Reports:

Additions to Principal Reports

BMS – Mr. Hanks reported for Mrs. Casey that History Day is in full swing and the projects are located in the Commons Area of the Middle School for review from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Many of these students will continue on and compete at Districts and then the State competition at the Auraria Campus in Denver. These students are learning about how to use primary and secondary resources for these projects.

A group of teachers along with Mr. Hanks attended the Learning and the Brain conference in San Francisco last week. Their learning was wide and had many different avenues which these teachers are already implementing in their respective classrooms. There were 25 countries that attended the conference which is impressive.

MHS- Mrs. Chinn reported back about the junior student that petitioned to graduate early and the progress this student has made towards this goal.

The HS staff also discussed in length the highest honors and honors debate that the Board inquired earlier in the year about, thinking that having so many students identified diluted the effort. The staff unanimously voted to keep the system the same as it has been, noting that many students are identified as freshmen.

In light of the past week's events, the lockdown drill went very well and the building secured the students safely in 15 seconds during a very busy time of the day. A text was sent out to all parents/guardians notifying them that the drill was happening to make sure they were informed of the drill and to relieve any unwarranted anxiety. The district is also working with the authorities and is gaining feedback on any areas that can be improved. Constant practice is good. Currently the staff is nurturing the relationships that they have with parents and students which in turn provides good feedback and prior knowledge of incidents that could come to fruition. The district will teach students about the Safe to Tell site which will also increase the awareness of the population and supports another avenue for anyone to give prior notification of a suspected incident. Small communities have a strength due to the relationships that we already have but there are other things we can be doing to cover all basis.

Superintendent Report:

Additions to Superintendent Report:

The BEST Grant is complete and will be submitted. The reason for the cost estimate being high is due to the fact of construction escalation which increases 1% per month. The CDE facility report still needs to be reengaged.

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - a. HS Volunteer Track Coach - Kenneth Rennick
 - b. Food Service Worker - Roberta Kinnamon
2. Approval: 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 School Calendar
3. Approval: Superintendent Evaluation Rubric

Mr. Smith moved to approve Action Items 1. A and B, 2, and 3, with a second from Mr. Amack. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

4. Approval: Revised 2018 School Board Meeting Calendar (2nd and 4th Mondays)

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 4 with a second from Mr. Allen. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Other BOE Information:

- o Policy Presentation (1st Reading - Online Policy Link): BE - School Board Meetings
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- o Policy Repeal (1st Reading - Online Policy Link): GDAA, JF-R, KBA-E-1, KBA-E-2
- o Discussion ensued about whether or not the Board should act as a whole and take a stance on gun control. This topic may be added as an agenda item to discuss in the future.

Executive Session:

Mr. Smith recommended that the Board of Education go into EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO CRS 24-6-402 (f). The purpose of discussion will be Personnel. Those present at the outset of the executive session will be the members of the Board of Education and Chris Selle. Mr. Amack seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Executive Session Convened at 8:35 p.m.

Regular Session reopened at 9:08 p.m.

Regular Meeting Adjourned 9:09 p.m.

Bud Ridings, President

Tom Allen, Vice-President

David Smith, Secretary

Kevin Amack, Member

Robert Dorsett, Member

Laura Simonsen, Member