

**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting**  
September 19, 2017

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 Kevin Amack, Bob Dorsett, Bud Ridings, Todd Shults and David Smith.

Absent: Tom Allen and Bill deVergie.

Dr. Dorsett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Shults moved to approve the Agenda moving Other Board Information Item Number 3. Discussion - Facilities Master Plan Findings and Next Steps, to an earlier discussion following Student Celebrations. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

There were no Student Celebrations.

Other Board Information 3. Discussion - Facilities Master Plan Findings and Next Steps:

The Board telephoned Julia Fitzpatrick about the Master Plan and the timeline for submitting a BEST Grant. Currently the district does not have a final draft of the Master Plan. If the district wants to pursue a BEST Grant, the cycle begins right after New Year's.

There are two types of grants that may be awarded, a cash grant in which the grantee adds matching funds and a COP grant where funds are derived from other loans and interest and are also matched with grantee funds. COP also uses the current facilities as collateral. COP grants may not be awarded in the future if funding is not secure. A BOND would need to be secured for a BEST Grant to move forward. These grants are not typically used for bus garage renovations and can harm a grantee's chances of attaining such if included in a school grant.

Grant submissions are rated on a priority level. Priority one is a health and safety level and has the most competition for funding. Priority two is for overcrowding relief. Priority three is all other needs. The grantors have never made it past a priority one grant.

Discussion ensued around waiting to ask for a High School Bond until the current Elementary School Bond is paid off which would be in 2026 or nine more years. There is some worry that the community would not support a new Bond, a Mill Levy Override if needed and the current Elementary Bond.

The Board decided to wait until the Master Plan is final and has been submitted by Bennet, Wagner and Grody to talk further about Meeker's options and a plan for the future.

There was no General Public Comment.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on August 15, 2017
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for August 2017
3. Acceptance: Resignations - Gary Zellers (HS Drama Sponsor), Mike Dinwiddie (MS Boys Basketball Coach)
4. Approval: Meeker School District Emergency Operations Plan

5. Approval: Policy 2nd Reading - List Attached
6. Approval: Policy Repeal 2nd Reading

Mr. Amack moved to approve items 1-7, with a second from Mr. Smith. Mr. Amack asked about the fee schedule and how each school was collecting fees. The current fee schedule is somewhat misleading and will need to be revised. General consensus was that each building be consistent with the other and collect band fees and athletic fees, if that is what is expected.

Mr. Amack then amended his motion to approve items 1-7, removing item number 7. Approval: Student Fees, until a revision is brought to the Board and decided on at a later meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the amendment. Roll Call Vote: all members aye on the amendment. Roll Call Vote: all members aye on the amended motion.

Dr. Dorsett mentioned that Policy EC about buildings and grounds maintenance should not be repealed and should be a governance of the board providing usable and maintained grounds.

#### Public/Committee Reports

URA – the URA has not met.

DAC – Georgeann Amack was re-elected as the DAC President along with Kathy deVergie as Secretary. The annual meeting between DAC and the school board will take place October 17, 2017 a half hour before the Regular Meeting.

MEF – MEF will be hosting their golf tournament and steak dinner this Saturday September 23, 2017. This tournament will be one of the Foundation's fundraisers for the year. Please plan to attend.

BOCES – BOCES recently approved their final budget for 17-18 which includes a reduction in the payment that Meeker School District annually pays to the BOCES for their services. Board members discussed having the BOCES Director in attendance at meetings.

#### Principal Reports

There were no additions to the Principal Reports

#### Superintendent Report

Additions to the Superintendent Report include:

The annual financial audit is the week, September 18-21, 2017.

The next Employee Council Meeting will be September 27, 2017 at 4:15 p.m. where Policy GBEB-R will be discussed further. The Employee Council was hesitant to have a policy like this in place where most actions noted in the policy were legal issues and would be handled by authorities.

The board felt very strong about the need for this regulation and will support some deletion of items and rewording of others to ensure that staff feel comfortable with the revisions.

#### Action Items:

1. Approval: School Accreditation
2. Approval: Approval: Personnel Hires
  - a. High School Coaches - Beth Bennett (Vol. Cheer), John Strate (Vol. Cross Country)

- b. High School Drama Sponsor - Shana Holliday
- c. Certified and Classified Substitutes - Samantha Lopez, Shanna Lewis
- d. Student Custodial Substitute - Zach Kehrig

Mr. Smith moved to approve Action Items 1. School Accreditation and 2. Personnel Hires a-d, with a second from Mr. Shults. Dr. Dorsett wondered if low participation rates discounted our ratings. Mr. Selle noted that at this time it should not. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

3. Approval: GBEB-R (2nd Reading)

Mr. Shults moved to approve Action Items 3. GBEB-R (2nd Reading) and 4. JFBB-R (2nd Reading), with a second from Mr. Smith.

These two items should be voted on separately. Mr. Shults moved to amend his prior motion to only vote on Action Item 3. GBEB-R (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) with a second from Mr. Amack.

Most Board Members are in favor of Policy GBEB-R as it addresses many issues that could happen. Dr. Dorsett is inclined to lean towards the Employee Council recommendation to repeal this policy. This policy will be added to the October Agenda after the Employee Council has had time to review it again.

Roll Call Vote: all members aye on the amendment. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Amack – aye, Dr. Dorsett–no, Mr. Ridings – aye, Mr. Shults – aye, Mr. Smith – aye on the amended motion. Motion passes 4-1.

4. Approval: JFBB-R (2nd Reading)

Mr. Shults moved to approve Action Item 4. Approval: JFBB-R (2nd Reading), with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Other BOE Information:

Policy Presentation (1st Reading) - JKD/JKE, JKD/JKE-R  
Policy Repeal (1st Reading) - EEAG-E

No Executive Session needed.

Adjourned 8:58 p.m.

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Bud Ridings, President

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Kevin Amack, Member

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Robert Dorsett, Member

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Todd Shults, Member

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David Smith, Member