

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting
December 13, 2016

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 deVergie, Bob Dorsett, Bud Ridings, and David Smith.

Absent: Todd Shults

Mr. Ridings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Allen moved to approve the revised agenda as presented with the following changes: additions of Action Item 1. Approval Personnel Hires: c. Food Services Worker - Jess Bayles and d. Classified Sub - Una Mlakar. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Student Celebrations

The MHS Football Team will attend a later meeting.

There was no General Public Comment.

Presentation of Draft Financial Audit:

Joe Hood reported for Hays, Maggard and Hood regarding Meeker School District's FY 2016 Audit. Mr. Hood noted that he had the final audit with him in bound copy to distribute to the Board. Mr. Hood also reported that the district's finances were found to be in excellent working order and found no difficulties while performing the audit. Mr. Hood reviewed the audit process for the Board and gave them an understanding of the components of the report. The overall highlights of the financials show that General Fund revenues were above budgetary expectations and expenditures were below expectations resulting in an overall increase in fund balance of \$214,996. The overall savings are indicative of the efforts to provide services in the most economical manner. The Board and Mr. Hood reviewed some areas to be used for best practices in the future in regards to approval of purchase orders, stale checks and small inactive balances in the activity accounts at the building levels.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on November 15, 2016
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for November 2016
3. Acceptance: Resignations - Julie Bowman (HS Volleyball Coach), Jessica Stout (Food Services)

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

Public/Committee Reports:

DAC met and listened to a review of the strategic vision alignment from Mrs. Collins. Mr. Selle will meet with teachers to find out what information they believe will be most helpful to include in the graduate survey.

MEF is hoping to set a date soon for their annual fundraiser. Currently they are thinking January 30, 2017 will be best.

Principal Reports:

Additions to the elementary school report:

Mrs. Collins reported that the first and fourth grade Christmas program will be held December 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The elementary school continues to stay on top of attendance issues noting they had 87 students with perfect attendance during second quarter even though there is quite a bit of sickness going around. Immunization compliance is another area Mrs. Collins has been keeping up with. Out of almost 400 students, she is happy to report that only eight students are in need of updating their immunizations.

Additions to the middle school report:

None

Additions to the high school report:

Mrs. Chinn reported that the high school staff and students are very focused and striving to finish their finals tests before the break. Family and Consumer Science's Teen Choices Class had State Patrol Officer Dibenedetto guest speak about the consequences of texting and driving and drinking and driving. This was a great presentation and really made students aware of these two very real issues teens are faced with every day. In November, the high school completed a successful lockdown drill which provided Mrs. Chinn with information on what situations they are doing well with and some areas that need attention. Mrs. Smith is busy with Senior Class members helping them decide what direction they will go after graduation. Haley Kracht is doing a wonderful job keeping students in credit recovery on task. There are a couple of students who will be facing the possibility of not graduating. Attendance contracts have helped some of these students realize what they must do to complete high school.

Additions to Superintendent Report:

The Board reviewed the recommendation from Mr. Selle to keep overall tax burden down by setting the Bond Mill the same as it was from last year, which would mean the district would need to use some reserve balance to make the next year's payment. The Board discussed what they believe would be the best scenario over the next ten to twelve years to pay off the Bond. After much discussion, they decided it would probably be in the best interest of the community to pay the Bond off early, relieving the district of roughly two years payments and tax collections. By doing this, they also believe should they need a mill levy override or another Bond Issue, it should help attain one.

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - a. Certified Substitute - Trevor Wasmund
 - b. Volunteer Coach - Jim Amick (HS Wrestling)
 - c. Food Services Worker - Jess Bayles
 - d. Classified Sub - Una Mlakar

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 1. Personnel Hires a-d, with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

2. Acceptance: FY16 Final Financial Audit

Mr. Amack wanted to know if the Risk Assessment list that the auditor provided was something the Board needed to concern themselves with. Mr. Selle explained that the Risk Assessment is typically a tool for large districts, however the board will evaluate the list at a future work session.

Mr. Allen moved to approve the FY 16 Final Financial Audit with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

3. Approval: 2017 Mill Levy Certification

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 3. Approval: 2017 Mill Levy Certification of General Fund Mill Levy for 2017 to 6.435, Override Mill to 0.649, Abatement Mill to .0019 and to change the Bond Mill to 3.611 to maximize the legal dollar amount. Total Mill levy will be 10.046. Dr. Dorsett seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

4. Approval: 2017 BOE Meeting Schedule

The 2017 BOE Meeting Schedule showed there would be a difference in the regular schedule during March, November and December, due to spring break, election night, Thanksgiving Break and Christmas Break.

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 4. Approval: 2017 BOE Meeting Schedule with a second from Mr. Allen. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

5. Approval: 2017 Meeting Public Posting Location - www.meecker.k12.co.us

6. Approval: 2017 Secretary to the Board of Education - Janelle Urista and Jessica Browning

7. Approval: Policy GDBC and EEAEA (Second Reading)

Mr. deVergie moved to approve Action Items 5. Approval: 2017 Meeting Public Posting Location - www.meecker.k12.co.us, 6. Approval: 2017 Secretary to the Board of Education - Janelle Urista and Jessica Browning and 7. Approval: Policy GDBC and EEAEA (Second Reading) with a second from Mr. Ridings. Mr. Amack asked for clarification on who would determine compensatory time or overtime pay for Policy GDBC. Typically the employee decides this after approval by their immediate supervisor. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Other Board Information

None

Executive Session:

None

Adjourned 8:40 p.m.

Bud Ridings, President

Tom Allen, Vice President

Bill deVergie, Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Amack, Member

Robert Dorsett, Member

David Smith, Member