

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting
January 17, 2017

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, Todd Shults and David Smith.

Absent: None

Mr. Shults led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Amack moved to approve the revised agenda as presented with the addition of: Consent Agenda Item 4 - Add resignation from Jessica Bayles (Food Services Worker); Action Item 1. b. Approval of Drama Sponsors - Gary and Laurie Zellers, c. Approval of Todd Morris (MS Head Wrestling Coach) and Chris Selle (MS Assistant Wrestling Coach); Action Item 4. Approval: Expenditure up to \$275,000 from Capital Reserve (Fund 43) for items listed in Meeker School District facilities/capital needs prioritization list; and Executive Session - C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) Personnel - Student Travel Sponsorship. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

There were no Student Celebrations

There was no General Public Comment.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on December 13, 2016
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for December 2016
3. Acceptance: December 31, 2016 Quarterly Financial Report
4. Acceptance: Resignation - Janae Stanworth, Bailey Atwood (HS Volleyball Coaches), Consent resignation from Jessica Bayles (Food Services Worker)
5. Ratification: School closure on January 5, 2017 – Mr. Amack asked about the status of road condition notifications from Rio Blanco County. A process has been put in place at the County level as to dispersion of road condition information given to Meeker School District.
6. Approval: BOE Assignments: Dr. Dorsett - DLT, Mr. Shults - DAC, Mr. Allen - MEF

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

Public/Committee Reports:

DAC is currently looking at two main topics. Final FY17 Budget and what is on the horizon for FY18 Budget and constructing the Graduate Survey with two or three pertinent questions to keep it simple, fast and pointed. The survey will be directed towards one year graduates and possibly to two-three year graduates of Meeker High School.

MEF has scheduled its annual fundraiser for January 29, 2017 starting at 5:30 p.m. and will be located at the Fairfield Center. Ben Rogers will be preparing tri-tip, while Stanley Crawford will be roasting a pig. Prices will be \$25.00 a person, \$45.00 for a couple, \$15.00 for students and under five years old will be free. A silent auction will be added this year as well.

MEF added the Bart Strang Memorial Fund into the MEF endowment. Williams also donated \$1500.00 to be used for STEM.

Principal Reports:

Additions to the elementary school report:

Mrs. Collins reported that MAPs testing is in full swing this week and ACCESS testing for ELL students is almost complete. The second grade program is Wednesday January 18 and the fifth grade program will be Wednesday February 1 and will round out this year's performances. The Kindergarten teachers have welcomed Jordan Brown, a Meeker graduate, into their rooms as a student teacher for the remainder of the year.

Additions to the middle school report:

None

Additions to the high school report:

Additions to Meeker High School report – MHS staff are still discussing the best alternative to graduation guidelines and if a change is needed. There are many different aspects when it comes to this type of decision and Mrs. Chinn is not taking the decision lightly. Dr. Dorsett asked for Mrs. Chinn to bring a list of pros and cons to the Board once they have decided.

Additions to Superintendent Report:

Mr. Selle reported on the bus bids that were received. The district is leaning towards a gas engine this time due to maintenance and emission costs and issues with the diesel engines. Diesel engines have more torque and horsepower for driving in the mountains, however the issues far exceed the benefit. Mr. Wedding contacted other mountain area schools that have previously purchased gas engine buses and learned that these districts were extremely pleased with their new gas engine decisions. A bus rotation plan will need to be evaluated due to the age and miles of the current fleet.

The track equipment bids received were under the anticipated cost. Mr. Selle noted that it would be a good decision to use the leftover budgeted expense to update the scoreboard at the track.

The district is currently advertising for a ES/MS Counselor and the half year expense has been added to the final FY17 Budget. If a candidate is found with the right credentials, we could fill this position immediately. If not, we will continue to advertise for next year as well. This expense will be added to the FY 18 Budget also.

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel Hires

- a. Certified/Classified Substitute - Laurie Simonsen, Rodney "Chad" Luce, Kaysyn Chintala
- b. Drama Sponsors - Gary and Laurie Zellers
- c. Approval of Todd Morris (MS Head Wrestling Coach) and Chris Selle (MS Assistant Wrestling Coach)

Mr. Allen moved to approve Action Item 1. Personnel Hires a-c, with a second from Mr. Shults. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

2. Approval: Resolution to spend beginning fund balance

Mr. deVergie read the Resolution: Use of Beginning Fund Balance

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 03-149 created a new subsection in C.R.S. 22-44-105 1B (1.5) (a) that states:

"A budget adopted pursuant to this article shall not provide for expenditures, inter-fund transfers, or reserves, in excess of available revenues and beginning fund balances. If the budget includes the use of a beginning fund balance, the school district board of education shall adopt a resolution specifically authorizing the use of a portion of the beginning fund balance in the school district's budget. The resolution, at a minimum shall specify the amount of the beginning fund balance to be spent under the school district budget, state the purpose for which the expenditure is needed, and state the school district's plan to ensure that the use of the beginning fund balance will not lead to an ongoing deficit." And

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has set January 17, 2017, as the date of revision for the 2016-2017 budgets for Meeker School District Re-1; and

WHEREAS, the Board may revise the budgets at any regular or special meeting on or before, January 31, 2017

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Meeker School District Re-1 does hereby approve the usage of the beginning fund balances as specified in the plan above for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2017.

Mr. Amack moved to approve the Resolution: Use of Beginning Fund Balance, with a second from Mr. Allen. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

3. Approval: Final FY17 budget and appropriation resolution

Mr. deVergie read the resolution: **2016-2017 Budget Adoption including Appropriations**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has published June 21, 2016, as the date of adoption for the 2016-2017 budgets and January 17, 2017 as the date of revision for the final budgets for Meeker School District Re-1; and **WHEREAS**, the Board may revise the budgets at any regular or special meeting on or before January 31, 2017 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of Meeker School District Re-1 does hereby adopt the budgets and reserve all ending balances, as presented, and authorize the following fund amounts to be appropriated as specified in the adopted budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017.

Move to approve the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Final Budget for the General Fund as presented in the amount of \$10,829,289 and to appropriate the following amounts to the respective funds:

Insurance Reserve Fund	\$116,686
Food Service Special Revenue Fund	\$273,582
Bond Redemption Fund	\$5,258,903
Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,172,228
Trust and Agency 73 Fund	\$342,012
Pupil Activity 74 Fund	\$412,241

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 3. Approval: Final FY17 budget and appropriation resolution, with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

4. Approval: Expenditure up to \$275,000 from Capital Reserve (Fund 43) for items listed in Meeker School District facilities/capital needs prioritization list.

Mr. Smith moved to approve Action Item 4. Approval: Expenditure up to \$275,000 from Capital Reserve (Fund 43) for items listed in Meeker School District facilities/capital needs prioritization list, with a second from Mr. Amack. Mr. Selle will use these funds towards the District's Capital Improvement list of needs. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

5. Approval: Policy GDBC and EEAEA (Third Reading)

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 5. Approval: Policy GDBC and EEAEA (Third Reading), with a second from Mr. Smith. Dr. Dorsett asked to have the third paragraph in Policy GDBC moved to be combined with the next paragraph. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Other Board Information

Policy presentation (1st reading) - AC-R (Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity), GCCAF (Extended Leave of Absence), GCID (Professional Staff Training), GDD (Support Staff Vacations), JJH (Student Travel)

Executive Session:

Mr. deVergie 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 Student Travel Sponsorship. Those present at the outset of the executive session will be the members of the Board of Education and Chris Selle. Other individuals may be asked into Executive Session if needed. Mr. Allen seconded the recommendation. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

The Board took a short break.

The Executive Session convened at 8:35 p.m.

Regular session reopened at 9:19

Adjourned 9:20 p.m.

Bud Ridings, President

Tom Allen, Vice President

Bill deVergie, Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Amack, Member

Robert Dorsett, Member

Todd Shults

David Smith, Member