

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting
February 21, 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, Bob Dorsett, Bud Ridings, Todd Shults and David Smith.

Absent: Bill deVergie

Mr. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented with a second from Mr. Shults. Roll Call Vote: all members aye. Mr. Ridings noted that Principal Reports are already in the Board Information packet and if there are any additions or updates they will be noted during the meeting.

There were no Student Celebrations

There was no General Public Comment.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on January 17, 2017
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for January 2017

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

Public/Committee Reports:

DAC continues work on the graduate survey and is composing questions to be used in a survey to post graduates. Legislators are asking for input from educators regarding an education plan. Mr. Selle will get the information that is being asked for and review with the Board to gain feedback. DAC is also reviewing the Strategic Vision.

MEF is reviewing the success of the latest fundraiser and are brainstorming ideas for the future. The group is looking at hosting a golf tournament to help with the fundraising. The grant application process so far proves to be the best allocation of funds to the teaching staff.

BOCES - Dr. Dorsett added that he is happy with the addition of the BOCES report in board information, however the report itself doesn't tell the common person any details of what they are doing. The Board also mentioned that they still are not receiving financial statements monthly.

Principal Reports:

Additions to Barone Middle School – Mr. Hanks reported that he has nine eighth graders that will attend a “Taste of College” seminar in Craig hosted by CNCC.

Additions to Superintendent Report:

Mr. Selle reported that Title Funds increased for Fiscal Year 17, but will decrease again for Fiscal Year 18.

The site visit for the Master Plan was completed and four organizations attended. The committee that will select the contractor and oversee the master plan project has been formed as well.

Hellas will be here in April to add drainage to the Track and Field.

Continuing Education applications have been received from some staff members and are currently being reviewed. These applications for financial support to further staff members' education will be reviewed by the Employee Council.

Action Item 6 - Extended Leave Absence – The Employee Council met and was not firm either way as to keep or appeal this policy. This policy could be tabled for further discussion if needed.

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - a. Certified/Classified Substitute - Austin Bradford
 - b. Food Services Worker - J'Leah Richardson
 - c. Volunteer Drama Sponsor - Bob Amick
 - d. Baseball Coaches - Brian Merrifield (Head Coach), Donald Blazon (Asst. Coach), Ron Kelly Crawford (Asst. Coach)
 - e. Track Coaches - John Strate (Head Coach), Kris Casey (Asst. Coach), Terrence Casias (Asst. Coach), Brittany Shubnell (Asst. Coach), Ben Quinn (Vol. Asst. Coach), Shane Phelan (Vol. Asst. Coach), Heather Burke (Vol. Asst. Coach)

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

2. Approval: Superintendent Contract

Mr. Shults moved to approve Action Item 2. Superintendent Contract, with a second from Mr. Ridings. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

3. Approval: 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 District Calendar

Mr. Shults moved to approve Action Item 3. Approval: 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 District Calendar, with a second from Mr. Allen. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

4. Approval: Policy AC-R and JJH (2nd Reading)
5. Approval: Policy GCID and GDD (2nd Reading)

Mr. Smith moved to approve Action Item 4. Approval: Policy AC-R and JJH (2nd Reading) and Action Item 5. Approval: Policy GCID and GDD (2nd Reading), with a second from Mr. Shults. Mr. Selle will revise these policies as noted for third reading. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

6. Approval: Policy Repeal - GCCAF (2nd Reading)

Mr. Shults moved to approve Action Item 6. Approval: Policy Repeal - GCCAF (2nd Reading), with a second from Mr. Allen. Dr. Dorsett feels strongly that a policy like this is needed for staff that need to recoup and refresh or finish continuing education. Mr. Ridings did not see this as a benefit to the District as hiring a potentially one year teacher to fill a leave of absence would not be easy. Mr. Amack also noted that he did not

feel the probability of hiring a highly qualified person for one year would really happen and would hate for any students to lose out on even one year of quality teaching. Mr. Selle noted that if a leave for personal/medical was needed, most individuals could attain enough leave from FMLA, paternity leave and regular leave to gather enough time off for the incident. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Allen – no, Mr. Amack – aye, Dr. Dorsett – no, Mr. Ridings – aye, Mr. Shults – aye, Mr. Smith – aye. Motion passes 4-2.

Other Board Information

Policy presentation (1st Reading) - GBQEB (Employment of Retired Staff Members) – There are guidelines from PERA that the employee must follow. The District will construct a contract that follows the parameters that must be met to accommodate hiring of retired staff members.

URA representative – Once the Town of Meeker decides if they will impose a URA, then the Board will need to designate an elected member to represent the District for this Board. Mr. Selle will attend these meetings as well to help facilitate knowledge of school finance and compliance. This representative will represent the Board as a whole.

Sanderson Hills property – There are few school uses of this property that could be utilized. Currently the district has put “No Trespassing” signs around the area to help mitigate any kind of litigation should an accident occur.

Thank you to BOCES staff for providing tonight’s Board supper.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session needed.

Adjourned 8:27 p.m.

Bud Ridings, President

Tom Allen, Vice President

Kevin Amack, Member

Robert Dorsett, Member

Todd Shults

David Smith, Member