

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting
March 14, 2017

The Vice 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, Todd Shults and David Smith.

Absent: Bud Ridings

Mr. Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the revised agenda with the addition of Action Item 1. Personnel d. ES/MS Counselor - Hallie Blunt and deletion of Other Board Information - Policy First Reading h - EHB (Records Retention), j - BG (School Board Policy Process), and k - DJCA* (Purchasing Procedures). Mr. Shults seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Student Celebrations

Mr. Quinn represented some students in his art class. Jennifer Backes-Kincher designed the new Meeker Fire Department patch/logo which she received an award for and also awarded the art department with a \$1000 grant. The design incorporates the many aspects associated with Meeker and Colorado as well. Mr. Quinn also noted that he is appreciative to be able to offer many different mediums to the students.

Dom and Mikayla Cardile also attended and are two siblings that have received two of the highest awards in the State. Dom was given an opportunity at a \$5000 and \$1000 scholarship for college after schools reviewed his portfolio. In 2015 he received the second gold key, an art award, while his sister Mikayla received the third gold key for Meeker students. Mikayla submitted her tile print of the National Cathedral in Washington DC.

Locals can look up <http://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=64511> to view local student artwork. This is a secure site providing viewing after parent approval to the site.

Hoops for Science - Margie Joy presented along with Mary Strang from MEF about the many supports that Pioneer's Medical have given the community. They developed a program called "grow your own" which provides scholarship programs for local students to be able to encourage careers in health care.

Mrs. Joy and Mrs. Strang also presented Mrs. Selle with a \$1500 donation to the high school science department, which will help attain new microscopes, chemicals and other equipment needs. Mrs. Selle is very excited and thankful for these funds.

There was no General Public Comment.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on February 21, 2017
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for February 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 once again reviewed the Strategic Vision. Curriculum purchases are being reviewed for K-12 Health and K-12 Literacy initiative. The committee also reviewed a survey about the 17/18 Budget and what priority level additional staff needs were allocated.

MEF currently planning a fundraising golf tournament on August 5, 2017.

BOCES. The new ES/MS Counselor will not be a BOCES staff member, but will communicate with Mr. Fishbein on certain needs. Mr. Fishbein has been helping with some of the overflow issues the district has had with students, but cannot legally meet with students more than once without parent approval.

Mrs. Schott reported that Mr. Fishbein is completing ALP's for Gifted and Talented students, some of which have currently been identified through new screenings.

The combined BOCES board policy may change each district's policy and will possibly need to be reworded. Currently the policy reads to have all seven board members from each district on the BOCES board, while the proposed policy holds three from each district.

Principal Reports:

Mrs. Chinn reported that the current track members are over 50, which is great.

Additions to Superintendent Report:

Finance economic forecast should be out around the end of March.

The stage floor is almost complete. All City Flooring has been very quick with the extraction and input of new floor.

We received five proposals for the Master Plan. The selection committee will meet and decide which company best suits the district to interview.

Hellas will be here sometime after March 28 to follow up on the field drainage issue at the track.

Staff position survey based on priority resulted in the ES/MS Counselor and extra 6th grade position being the top two. After that was HS Business and a STEM/STEAM position.

Communication with the Town of Meeker attorney indicated the Board should appoint one named person as their representative to the URA.

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - a. Certified/Classified Substitute - Judy Kurth
 - b. Student IT Aide - Jorgen Stagg
 - c. MS Track Coaches - Marty Casey (Head), Greg Chintala (Asst.), Samantha Wilson (Asst.)
 - d. ES/MS Counselor - Hallie Blunt

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

2. Approval: Appointment of School Board Member to Meeker Urban Renewal Authority

Dr. Dorsett asked that he not be appointed as the Board Member to the URA saying he felt very direct on his feelings towards this issue. Whoever is appointed should not be up for re-election for continuity reasons. Consensus for Tom Allen to be the voice for the Board was unanimous.

Mr. Amack moved to appoint Tom Allen as the Board member to the URA, with a second from Mr. Shults. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

3. Approval: Policy AC-R and JJH (3rd Reading)

4. Approval: Policy GCID and GDD (3rd Reading)

Mr. Smith moved to approve Action Item 3. Approval: Policy AC-R and JJH (3rd Reading) and 4. Approval: Policy GCID and GDD (3rd Reading), with a second from Mr. de Vergie. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

5. Approval: Policy Repeal - GCCAF (3rd Reading)

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 5. Approval: Policy Repeal - GCCAF (3rd Reading), with a second from Mr. Smith. Mr. Allen would like to review this policy with an alternative proposal, different wording and circumstances. Dr. Dorsett added that he feels this policy is an important offering to our staff who might be burned out and helps to attract and retain quality staff members. Mr. Amack noted that it would be hard to attain a high quality staff member to cover for one year, noting some students could be slighted quality education for that year. Mr. Selle will work either way on this policy. Should the Board choose not to repeal it, he will revise as needed. If the Board does repeal the policy, then we move on. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Allen – no, Mr. Amack – aye, Mr. de Vergie – aye, Dr. Dorsett – no, Mr. Shults – aye, Mr. Smith – aye. Motion passes 4-2.

6. Approval: Policy GBQEB (2nd Reading)

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 6. Approval Policy GBQEB (2nd Reading) with revisions and edits. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Other Board Information

1. Policy presentation (1st Reading)
 - a. JRCB (Privacy and Protection of Confidential Student Information) and JRCB*-R (Privacy and Protection of Confidential Student Information - Hearing and Complaint Procedures)
 - b. BCB (School Board Member Conflict of Interest)
 - c. GBEA (Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest)
 - d. BEDF (Voting Method)
 - e. DKC (Expense Authorization/Reimbursement - Mileage and Travel)
 - f. BID/BIE (School Board Member Compensation/Expenses/Insurance/Liability)
 - g. DAC* (Federal Fiscal Compliance)
 - ~~h. EHB (Records Retention)~~
 - i. DJB* (Federal Procurement) and DJB*-R (Federal Procurement)
 - ~~j. BG (School Board Policy Process)~~
 - ~~k. DJCA* (Purchasing Procedures)~~

Executive Session:

Superintendent Evaluation - No Executive Session due to compilation of evaluation not complete.

Adjourned 8:21 p.m.

Tom Allen, Vice President

Bill de Vergie, Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Amack, Member

Robert Dorsett, Member

Todd Shults

David Smith, Member