

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting
September 15, 2015

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, Kurt Blunt, Mindy Burke, Marnell Bradfield, Bill deVergie, Bud Ridings and Todd Shults.

Ms. Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Burke moved to approve Revised Agenda as presented with deletion of Job Descriptions and addition of Action Items: Approval: Personnel Hires, a. Cook - Jessica Kurth, b. Classified Substitute - Jody May, c. Substitute Teacher - Diane Ewing, d. Mike Dinwiddie and Jamie Rogers – Middle School boys basketball and Executive Session to discuss property. Mr. Shults seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

There was discussion regarding a written request Mr. Wedding received asking to extend the existing bus route 3.5 miles on Strawberry Road. Mr. Selle suggested that this is a management decision and if the board agreed, he would handle the request. Consensus from the Board was that Mr. Selle should handle the request.

There was no Public Input.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on August 18, 2015
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports for August 2015 – This is a new document that shows major funds' expenses and revenue along with beginning fund balance and ending fund balance monthly.
3. Acceptance: Check vouchers for August 2015
4. Acceptance: Resignation from Sheri Isenhour
5. Approval: Reschedule October Work Session from October 6 to October 7. There is a home volleyball game on Tuesday October 6.

Ms. Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda with discussion. Mr. Ridings seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Public/Committee Reports:

District Accountability (DAC) had their first meeting of the year. This was a structural meeting confirming the statutory requirements of the committee. The DAC should be advisory in nature according to statute. Also, the DAC and the Board of Education should hold an annual meeting to discuss the tasks that the Board of Education may deem necessary for the DAC to examine.

Building Accountability meetings will take place next week.

Mary Strang reported that Meeker Education Foundation (MEF) just completed their large grant cycle, noting that submissions for these grants totaled over \$72,000. The MEF has only \$40,000 of available funds. Mrs. Strang reported the foundation awarded grants that would impact the largest number of students, while holding back \$6,000 to service small grants throughout the remainder of the year. The MEF is looking to build the endowment fund, so that in the future these types of grants could possibly be funded from the interest accrued instead of asking for funds from the community.

BOCES has been involved with several professional development initiatives that have been extremely successful. The BOCES is preparing for an onsite review of CEGAR, which includes a “live binder” that has many documents that are utilized by the BOCES.

Principal Reports:

Meeker Elementary School: Mrs. Collins reported that DIBELS benchmarking is complete along with MAPS

testing. Teachers are collaborating on a weekly basis to plan instruction and review data. The Response to Intervention Team has been meeting weekly since school started. The fifth grade trip to Trappers Lake was very successful and was one of the first times the weather did not affect their day. The second grade enjoyed their day at Sheepdog Trials, along with an assembly from the “Jigheads” which is an Irish storytelling duo that was sponsored by Maym Cunningham and the ERBM Recreation District.

Barone Middle School: The first games for volleyball and football were September 12, 2015 in Steamboat Springs. This will be the second year middle school volleyball is competing in triangular events or quad events for some of their matches in order to get more playing time for the athletes. The football schedule continues to be a challenge as many of the teams that have been played in the past have moved to eight man football. As a result the middle school has had to schedule games with schools much larger in size. The new office is working well. The final punch list has been addressed along with the safety system inspection. The 6th grade trip to Snow Mountain Ranch continues to be a success. These students are planning to make a presentation to the BOE in the near future.

Meeker High School: The high school hosted a successful college fair on September 9, but noted that some of the colleges that usually attend were not there. Mrs. Smith is taking a group of students to the Aspen college fair on October 4, 2015. Thus far, 11 attendance letters have been sent out along with more expected to be sent in the next few weeks. The ACT continues to be the collective measure of student learning and the staff is committed to improving these scores. Mind Springs and Hope West will be starting a grief group next week for any student that has lost a loved one. The FFA attended and supported the Sheepdog Trials this last weekend with new sponsor Tera Shults. Mrs. Chinn has received complimentary telephone calls and emails supporting this FFA group and their presence at the trials.

Superintendent Report:

Student Count:

Mr. Selle reported that the current student count in all of our buildings is 714, while the full time equivalent is 616.

Attendance:

Improving attendance is one of the areas the Board of Education has charged Mr. Selle with. The current month for the elementary school is 95%, middle school 94.36% and the high school 94.42%.

Finance:

The Negative Factor is still projected at \$695,883.42 for 2015-2016 based on the above student count. The Board of Education will now receive a new monthly report of finances along with the regular quarterly report.

Capital Projects:

Football field/track project

Mr. Selle met with SGM on September 3, 2015 to discuss additional costs. The visitor bleachers will need the concrete caps replaced in the near future. Hellas Construction may be able to help cover some of the engineering costs on the track.

Middle School Office

The middle school office is working nicely. The garage type door that rolls down during a fire alarm was not actively working during the last fire inspection, but will be evaluated on the yearly fire suppression evaluation.

High School Roof Repairs

One bid was received from Mountain West Roofing LLC in the amount of \$33,781.00 for a portion of the high school roof.

High School Auditorium

Mr. Selle met with Bob Amick to understand the itinerary and current projects associated with the sound and lighting in the auditorium.

School Safety

There are three trainings in Rifle on emergency operations plans for schools. Mr. Selle would like to have a

district wide plan in conjunction with the updated Strategic Plan.

MOU with ERBM

The ERBM sent a memo of understanding stating all of the areas of monetary support of our district. Mr. Selle would like to note the district's support to the ERBM, however this is hard to quantify. Mainly, our custodial time, utilities and supplies are effected from the use of the buildings. The intent of outlining services is to show how ERBM and Meeker School District work together to meet the needs of children in the community.

Curriculum/PD Plan

Currently the district is lagging in a district wide curriculum and professional development plan. Once a plan is in place, it will be a part of the re write of the Strategic Plan.

WREA

The WREA was in attendance for tonight's regular meeting to discuss implementing a solar farm on school district property.

Board Candidate Forum

The Board candidate forum will be hosted by Meeker High School Student Council on October 15, 2015. Time and place are yet to be determined.

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - a. Cook - Jessica Kurth
 - b. Classified Substitute - Jody May
 - c. Substitute Teacher - Diane Ewing
 - d. Middle School Boys' Basketball - Mike Dinwiddie and Jamie Rogers
2. Approval: Superintendent Evaluation Rubric
3. Approval: Meeker High School Roof Repair Bid
4. Approval: Policy BE (School Board Meetings) - 1st Reading
5. Approval: Policy KE (Public Concerns and Complaints) - 1st Reading
6. Approval: Resolution - Employee Representation in Truancy Proceedings

Ms. Burke moved to approved Action Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 with a second from Mrs. Bradfield. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Mrs. Bradfield recommended that the Board of Education go into EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER OR SALE OF ANY REAL OR OTHER PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a). The purpose of discussion will be a lease agreement with WREA regarding a solar garden on school district property. Those present at the outset of the executive session will be the members of the Board of Education, Superintendent Chris Selle, Alan Michalewicz of WREA and Trina Zagar- Brown of WREA. Ms. Burke seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Executive Session Convened at 7:46 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reopened at 8:15

Other Board of Education Information:

- o The CASB session that Mr. Selle, Ms. Burke and Mr. Allen attended provided good information. Mesa County Schools have hired a lobbyist to help support education at the Capital.

Adjourned 8:19 p.m.

Bill deVergie, President

Mindy Burke, Vice President

Marnell Bradfield, Secretary/Treasurer

Tom Allen, Member

Kurtis Blunt, Member

Bud Ridings, Member

Todd Shults, Member