

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting
October 20, 2015

The President called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Urista called roll. Those present were Tom Allen, Kurt Blunt, Mindy Burke, Bill deVergie and Bud Ridings.

Mr. deVergie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Burke moved to approve the Revised Agenda as presented with separation of Action Items: two Personnel Hires to be voted on separately due to a conflict of interest and also added Approval of DAC Directive. Mr. Blunt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Joint Meeting with District Accountability Committee – Discussion revolved around the purpose and requirement of having an annual meeting with the Board of Education. The Board can charge the DAC with a task or project to complete for the school year. Consensus between the two groups was that the DAC will review the District's Strategic Plan and update/monitor the progress that has been made.

During General Public Input, Bob Amick reported that the Rio Blanco County Historical Society is currently pursuing a grant for the downtown area that will be designated as a historical site. The grant needs a 25% match, which has been secured through Fairfield Trust. The Society is hoping this will help the town with economy and tourism. Currently the town has some historical buildings, including our own Administration Building.

Bob Dorsett raised comments about Policy KE – Public Concerns and Complaints. Mr. Dorsett believes there are some problems with the process itself and would like to see it evaluated and possibly offer alternate conflict resolutions and strategies.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on September 15, 2015
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports for September 2015
3. Acceptance: Check vouchers for September 2015
4. Approval: District Accountability Committee Membership
5. Approval: Building Accountability Committee Membership
6. Approval: Meeker School District Job Descriptions
7. Acceptance: Resignation letter from Nancy Lombardi

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

Public/Committee Reports:

High School BAC will meet Thursday, October 22, 2015.

Meeker Education Foundation annual fundraiser is scheduled for January 31, 2016.

BOCES – Mrs. Schott reported that the BOCES Gifted review was favorable and next steps are to start the ALPs. ICAP plans are currently being completed at each building, but the review did not show this. Mrs. Schott will ensure that the review team is notified as such. Professional development is needed to help staff be successful. BOCES has applied for five more preschool slots. The next BOCES meeting will be held November 19, 2015 by telephone conference. Congratulations to Mrs. Schott, who received an award for Administrator of the Year for Gifted and Talented.

Principal Reports:

Meeker Elementary School: The Elementary School has had a lot of teacher/staff learning this fall along with all student learning. Judy Patton (OT) provided a training for teachers working with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Kirstie

Strate, along with other district staff, attended a Depth and Complexity training to increase capacity of educators to facilitate learning of Gifted and Talented students. Stephanie Overton, Brittany Shubnell, Megan Cowles and Virginia Pugh attending DIBELS DEEP training in Steamboat. DEEP is a diagnostic assessment to help define holes in students with reading deficiencies. Laurel Mullins attended the Reading in the Rockies Conference last weekend. Heather Burke attended an Inquiry class at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science this summer and just finished the follow up day in Denver last weekend. Some of the Staff is working through the Autism Modules provided through CDE. Last week, the Amplify representative met with Kathy Collins and Diane Ewing to set up our on-site visits this year and work through reporting and fidelity of use with DIBELS

Barone Middle School: Football and Volleyball ended their season on October 3, 2015. Boys' Basketball started on October 5, 2015 with 82% 7th grade participation and 83% 8th grade participation. DLT will focus this year with learning walks and peer observations. Mr. Hemingson started a Choir Club that meets to rehearse on Wednesdays during lunch time. Mr. Hemingson's goal is to have this group of roughly 40 students sing at the spring concert. MathCounts practice will begin November 2, 2015 with students meeting on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. Mr. Clatterbaugh is working with Dr. Williams again this year with MathCounts. The eighth grade hosted their first dance on October 8, 2015 noting a good turnout. Eight grade leadership team is making preparations for their annual Veteran's Day Celebration to be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. Sixth and eighth grade teachers are offering Friday school to students who are looking for additional help. This is completely a volunteer program.

Meeker High School: This week the High School is administering the ACT ASPIRE tests in English, Math and Science classes. It will be used to measure student growth. Michelle Selle was selected as a Colorado Outstanding Educator from CU Boulder. The FFA had a very successful BBQ for members and their families on October 13th. Red Ribbon Week is October 26th – 29th. The high school will be partnering with the Meeker Police Department to get a drug and alcohol free message to the high school students and the elementary school students. We will have a "mock accident" on Thursday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m. It will involve student council students, the police department and emergency services. Mrs. Chinn reported that they currently have 35 students with perfect attendance and are continuing to work on their non-attenders. On Friday, October 30, 2015 they will be holding school for some students who need to catch up. This is not voluntary. The SAT test will take place next Wednesday. Softball ended their season successful last Saturday.

Superintendent Report:

Student Count

Headcount = 707 (Last Month = 706) FTE = 617.5 (Last Month = 616) - Before CPP and K slots and before 5-year averaging. The 2016 budget assumes 620.4 FTE (617.5 FTE in 2015).

Attendance

Current Attendance Rates - Elementary = 94.94%, Middle School = 95.15%, High School = 93.81%
Previous Month - Elementary = 95.00%, Middle School 94.36%, High School 94.42%. The 2014-2015 School Year: MES - 92.74%, BMS - 92.61%, MHS - 89.29%. The 2013-2014 School Year: MES - 93.34%, BMS - 93.28%, MHS - 90.42%.

Finance

The Negative factor is projected at \$695,883.42 for 2015-2016 based on above student count. The 2016-2017 budget could potentially be worse. The Dwyer vs. State of Colorado was just resolved and it upheld the Negative Factor. The District has a slightly lower FTE than projected in FY16 budget, consequently this will result in negligible difference of roughly \$4,000.00.

Capital Projects

Football field/track project - Mr. Selle continues to communicate with Hellas Construction about changes and start date. The start date has been delayed until Spring for now.

The High school roof repairs and patching are complete.

School Safety

EOP (Emergency Operation Procedure) trainings complete
Safety/crisis team being assembled

Plan to use SRP (Standard Response Protocol) - <http://www.iloveguys.org/srp.html>

DLT has continued work on Curriculum/PD Plan

The lease agreement has been signed with WREA for solar garden to be located in the old swimming pool area.

County Broadband Project – Conduit is in place. Fiber should be next step.

MSL Framework – Attached in Board Information.

Summary of home school parent conversations was attached in Board Information. The biggest majority of parents who chose to homeschool is for religious reasons.

Fall MAPs data - This data shows that the majority of the district is at or above benchmark. This gives us a starting point of where we currently are.

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - b. MHS Wrestling Coaches - JC Watt (Head Coach), Carl Padilla (Assistant), Barney LeBlanc (Volunteer), Tyrell Turner (Volunteer)
 - d. MHS Boys Basketball - Klark Kindler (Head Coach), Matt Dupire (Assistant)
 - e. BMS Girls Basketball - Jamie Rogers (8th Grade), Tom Knowles (7th Grade)
 - f. Substitute Teacher - Stephanie Fowler
2. Approval: Policy BE (School Board Meetings) - 2nd Reading
3. Approval: Policy KE (Public Concerns and Complaints) - 2nd Reading

Ms. Burke moved to approved Action Items 1 b,d,e, and f as well as Action Item 2 and 3, with a second from Mr. Blunt. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

4. Approval: Personnel Hires – MHS Cheer Coach – Beck Ridings (Head Coach)
Ms. Burke moved to approve Action Item 4 with a second from Mr. Blunt. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Allen – aye, Mr. Blunt – aye, Mrs. Bradfield – aye, Ms. Burke – aye, Mr. deVergie – aye, Mr. Ridings – abstain. Motion passes.
5. Approval: Personnel Hires - MHS Girls Basketball - Greg Chintala (Head Coach), Mike Dinwiddie (Assistant), Mindy Burke (C-Team), Karen Dinwiddie (Volunteer)
Mr. Blunt moved to approve Action Item 5 with a second from Mr. Ridings. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Allen – aye, Mr. Blunt – aye, Mrs. Bradfield – aye, Ms. Burke – abstain, Mr. deVergie – aye, Mr. Ridings – aye. Motion passes.
6. Approval: DAC Discussion
Ms. Burke moved to approve The Board of Education charging the DAC to review/update and monitor the Strategic Plan, with a second from Mr. Ridings. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

Other Board of Education Information:

Thank you to the 2013 Board of Education as this is the last meeting with this Board. Marnell Bradfield was presented with the traditional Apple of Education.

Adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Bill deVergie, President

Mindy Burke, Vice President

Marnell Bradfield, Secretary/Treasurer

Tom Allen, Member

Kurtis Blunt, Member

Bud Ridings, Member