

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting
November 17, 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, Kevin Amack, Bill deVergie, Bud Ridings, Todd Shults and David Smith.

Mr. Ridings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Shults moved to approve the Revised Agenda as presented noting Item 5- Presentation from High School Softball Team will be moved to when these students arrive from other activities and deletion of Item 6 – Recognition of Outgoing BOE Members and Recess, due to outgoing members not being present. Mr. Ridings seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Mr. Selle reported on the Certification of Election, noting that the top three candidates for the four year terms with the highest vote were: Tom Allen, Kevin Amack and Robert Dorsett and the top two year term candidate was David Smith.

Mrs. Urista presented each new Board Director with their individual Certificate of Office. Mr. Allen, Mr. Amack and Mr. Smith took and signed their Oath of Office and their Confidentiality Affidavit.

Mr. de Vergie reported that Dr. Robert Dorsett has already taken his Oath of Office since he had planned to be out of the Country while the Regular Board Meeting took place.

Mr. deVergie called for Nominations for Board of Education President. Bud Ridings and Bill deVergie were nominated. Secret ballot vote – 3-3. Ballot Void.

Mr. deVergie called for Nominations for Board of Education President for a second time. Bud Ridings and Bill deVergie were nominated. Secret ballot vote – 3-3. Ballot Void.

Mr. deVergie called for Nominations for Board of Education President for a third time. Bud Ridings was nominated. Roll Call Vote: All members aye.

Mr. Ridings assumed control of the meeting and called for Nominations for Board of Education Vice President. Tom Allen and Todd Shults were nominated. Secret Ballot Vote: Four for Tom Allen, two for Todd Shults.

Mr. Ridings called for Nominations for Board of Education Secretary/Treasurer. Bill deVergie and Todd Shults were nominated. Roll Call Vote for Bill deVergie: Mr. Allen – aye, Mr. Amack – aye, Mr. deVergie – aye, Mr. Ridings – no, Mr. Shults – aye, Mr. Smith – aye. Vote 5-1 passes in favor of Mr. deVergie.

There were no General Public Comments.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on October 20, 2015
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports for October 2015
3. Acceptance: Check vouchers for October 2015

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

Public/Committee Reports:

DAC is reviewing the status of the Strategic Plan and will be holding a longer meeting in January to begin review/revise/edit process at that time.

MEF fundraising and grant funding is ongoing. This group has been asked to participate in the Parade of Lights Tree of Appreciation Ceremony. MEF and Mr. Selle are working on defining the next plan for curricular development. The second annual benefit and auction supporting MEF Grant donations will be held on January 31, 2016 with Elk Creek chefs catering the meal again. MEF hopes to have more student involvement this year for the benefit.

Softball Team Recognition – Coach Briana Williams and part of her team reported to the Board about their successful season and the positive influences that this team and coaches brought to each individual.

Principal Reports:

These reports are attached in the Board Information Packet located on the website at www.meeker.k12.co.us.

Superintendent Report:

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Mr. Selle was contacted by an energy audit company called Ameresco. Ameresco will be conducting a free audit of all our buildings with the understanding that the audit will produce information needed to help recognize capital and facility needs across the district.

Mr. Selle would also like to host a staff Christmas Party on December 17, 2015. Mr. Selle would like to show the staff that they are appreciated and he realizes that the District may receive some criticism for choosing to fund a Christmas party. This is a small token of appreciation compared to what the staff really deserves. Mr. Selle will be sending out catering proposals to local restaurants. The Board of Education supports Mr. Selle's decision to host the staff party. Anticipated District funding for this event is estimated at \$1,000 and that money is available in the staff relations area of the budget.

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - a. Classified/Certified Substitute - Laurie Simonsen and Michelle Adams
 - b. Custodial Substitute - Leah Poole

Mr. Amack moved to approve personnel hires with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

2. Approval: Policy BE (School Board Meetings) - 3rd Reading

Mr. Allen moved to approve Policy BE – 3rd Reading with a second from Mr. Shults. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

3. Approval: Policy KE (Public Concerns and Complaints) - 3rd Reading

Mr. Shults moved to approve Policy KE-3rd Reading with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members no.

Mr. Allen addressed this policy noting that Robert Dorsett had suggested some changes to this policy. Mr. Allen believes that the suggested changes would create an overly cumbersome process and in essence project a vote of non-confidence to our administrators.

Mr. Amack concurred with Mr. Allen but noted some housekeeping type changes. Mr. Selle noted these changes and will correct them on Policy KE.

Mr. Shults moved to approve Policy KE – 3rd Reading with minor changes with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

4. Acceptance: Proposal to replace Barone Middle School boiler pumps

Currently the boilers at the middle school are barely running. There is limited heat in the building. Consequently, Mr. Selle ordered new boilers to be paid from building funds. These types of orders usually come before the Board prior to ordering, however the need for building heat overruled Board approval first.

Mr. Allen moved to approve replacement of Barone Middle School boiler pumps with a second from Mr. Shults. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

5. Approval: Consolidation of ColoTrust Accounts – This approval comes with a recommendation from the Financial Auditor to have one main bank account instead of many.

Mr. Shults moved to approve consolidation of ColoTrust accounts with a second from Mr. Amack. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

6. Approval: School Accreditation - Each year districts legally must approve their accreditation, which derives from state testing. State testing was changed this last year resulting in no way to document the results. Mr. Selle recommended using the prior year accreditation to fulfill the legal parameters.

Mr. Smith moved to approve School Accreditation with a second from Mr. Allen. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

Other Board of Education Information:

The Christmas Concert will be December 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium for all levels of choir and band.

The Board of Education meeting scheduled for December will not be during the regular Tuesdays so that the district can approve the Mill Levy Certification which is usually received around the 9th of the month. The December meeting will be changed to December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Elk Creek Lodge is hosting a dinner for all school district employees and also other service districts in Meeker on December 10, 2015.

Adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Bud Ridings, President

Tom Allen, Vice President

Bill devergie, Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Amack, Member

Todd Shults, Member

David Smith, Member