

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting
March 15, 2016

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, Robert Dorsett, Bud Ridings, Todd Shults and David Smith.

Absent: None

Mr. Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the Revised Agenda as presented with a second from Mr. Shults. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Student Celebrations:

High School Wrestling Coach, JC Watt and assistant Coach Carl Padilla introduced the State Champion Wrestling Team. In attendance were: Chase Rule – 4th State, Sheridan Harvey – 5th State, Jake Pelloni – won two matches at State, Christopher Strate, Avery Watt – manager, TJ Shelton – State Champion and four time State Champion, Casey Turner-State Champion, Hunter Garcia-State Qualifier, Ty Gibson, Tannen Kennedy – State Qualifier, and Kasey Rosendahl. Coach Watt also received the Coach of the Year Award. Coach Padilla noted that there are currently 92 youth wrestlers in his program whom look up to the High School Team as role models. The Board congratulated the team on their accomplishments. Mr. Selle acknowledged how well the Team represented our school with professionalism. Mr. Watt would also like to thank the community for the continued support of the program.

Middle School Teacher, Kris Casey, introduced a group of 8th graders that competed at Regional History Day. The top three places move on to the State Competition in Denver on Saturday, April 29, 2016. Addresses for the documentaries and websites are included in the information.

Brandon Lozano - Individual Documentary - 2nd Place
<https://youtu.be/R4MmsgbymOQw>

Zachary Harman and Todd Patterson - Group Documentary - 2nd place
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLCvjapMo9w&feature=em-upload_owner

Makenna Burke and Kirsten Brown - Group Website - 3rd place
<http://17991642.nhd.weebly.com/>

Matilda Brown and Jose Garcia - Group Website
<http://99731911.nhd.weebly.com/>

Josh Dinwiddie, Elijah Deming, and Cole Rogers - Group Website
<http://76367060.nhd.weebly.com/>

Annelise Amack, Kolbi Franklin, and Jeni Kincher - Group Exhibit - 1st place

Grace Gibson and Addie Joy - Group Exhibit - 2nd place

Sarina Goedert, Karlee Nielsen, and Julia Dinwiddie - Group Exhibit

Lynzi Hadden, Caleigh Morlan, and Jadyann Archuleta - Group Exhibit

Charles Curry - Individual Exhibit

Madison Kindler - Individual Exhibit

Brynlee Williams - Individual Exhibit

During General Public Input, Scott Bowman addressed the Board with praise on how the direction the District is going this year. Mr. Bowman is impressed with the progress that has been made in the current year and with the Administrators. Mr. Bowman had heard that parents were apprehensive about approaching teachers and coaches in the past due to retaliation. He hopes that this perception will be fixed or addressed under the current administration. He also noted that being a rural district he realizes it is tough to find and entice future teachers, but that the District should try to do its best to find great teachers to hire.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on February 16, 2016
2. Acceptance: Financial Reports for February 2016
3. Acceptance: Check vouchers for February 2016 – Discussion ensued regarding the District contracts with CNCC, Otis Elevator and ThyssenKrupp.
4. Approval: Policy revisions per attached list - 3rd Reading (actual revisions on website)
5. Acceptance: Resignation - Shelly Baker (1st Grade Teacher), Larisa Merrell (HS Math), Heather Burke (MS Track), Kay Bivens (ES Library)

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

Public/Committee Reports:

DAC – Mr. Selle and Mr. Shults reported on the budget item wish list that was in the Board Information packet. The DAC provided feedback and guidance on prioritizing this list. Mr. Selle now is recommending guidance from the Board as to what plan to take and how far to spend down fund balance.

BAC – Middle School BAC met and helped provide guidance and priorities to the budget wish list.

MEF – Currently this group is discussing possible grants to help with classroom curriculum next year. MEF gave the district roughly \$40,000 in grant monies this year alone.

BOCES report is included in Board information.

Principal Reports:

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

Addition to Principal Reports:

Meeker Elementary School

Destination Imagination won their first competition in Rifle and will be progressing to State competition. This group has been together since Kindergarten.

Barone Middle School

The art class project with the High School is in its third cycle. Georgann Amack and Ben Quinn have really been an asset to this program. MEF has donated supplies and Mrs. Amack has donated her skills and time.

Meeker High School

No additions.

Superintendent Report:

This report is attached in the Board Information Packet located on the website at www.meeker.k12.co.us.

Addition to Superintendent Report:

Mr. Selle will contact WREA on the purpose and procedure for MHS students helping with the Solar Garden. Mr. Selle will contact Hellas Construction on the GOCO grant that was written in support of the Track Project. This grant asked for community volunteers, but will need to be specific on what is needed and when. The local Swine 4-H Club is interested in helping when needed.

Action Items:

1. Approval: Personnel Hires
 - a. Middle School Track - Marty Casey (Head Coach), Brittany Shubnell (Asst. Coach)

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

2. Approval: Policy 3rd reading: GDD, IKF, JLCE, and JLF-R.

Mr. Amack moved to approve Policy 3rd Reading: GDD, IKF, JLCE, and JLF-R with a second from Mr. Shults.

Discussion ensued regarding some grammatical issues and adding to IKF – multiple salutatorians may be declared if more than one student holds the numerical “two rank”.

Mr. Shults moved to amend the previous motion adding to approve Policy 3rd Reading: GDD, IKF, JLCE, and JLF-R to reflect changes, with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Roll Call Vote for original motion: All members aye.

3. Approval: 2015-16 Unified Improvement Plan.

BOCES is working on the Gifted and Talented portion of this plan. The plan must be approved to the state.

Mr. Amack moved to approve 2015-2016 Unified Improvement Plan with the addition of the Gifted and Talented portion. Mr. Shults seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about the compliance of this document. Roll call vote on the original motion: all members aye.

4. Approval: Coordinator of Academics Position for 2016-2017

Mr. Amack moved to approve Coordinator of Academics Position for 2016-2017 with a second from Mr. Allen. Discussion ensued about the need for this position. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Allen – aye, Mr. Amack – aye, Mr. deVergie – aye, Dr. Dorsett – aye, Mr. Ridings – no, Mr. Shults – no, Mr. Smith – aye. Motion passes 5-2.

5. Approval: Salary Schedule for Coordinator of Academics Position

Mr. Amack moved to approve Salary Schedule for Coordinator of Academics position with inflation. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding the cost to the District for this salary. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Other Board of Education Information:

The recommendation to the Superintendent is to go forth with hiring a Kindergarten Teacher, Credit Recovery/Alt School Para, ES/MS Counselor for the 16/17 year.

The BOCES Director evaluation is compiled and will be sent to the Board for review.

Executive Session:

Mr. deVergie recommended that the Board of Education go into EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO CRS 24-6-402 (f). The purpose of discussion will be Superintendent Evaluation. Those present at the outset of the executive session will be the members of the Board of Education and Superintendent Chris Selle. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Executive Session Convened at 9:07 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reopened at 9:59 p.m.

Adjourned 10:00 p.m.

Bud Ridings, President

Tom Allen, Vice President

Bill deVergie, Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Amack, Member

Robert Dorsett, Member

Todd Shults, Member

David Smith, Member