

MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting
June 21, 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, Kevin Amack, Bill deVergie, Robert Dorsett, Bud Ridings, and David Smith.

Absent: Tom Allen and Todd Shults.

Mr. Hanks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Amack moved to approve the revised agenda as presented with the addition of Action Item 1. a. Apryl Newkirk and deletion of Action Item 1. c. Volleyball Coaches. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

There was no General Public Comment.

Consent Agenda

Approval: Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on May 17, 2016

Approval: Minutes from Special Board Meeting on June 7, 2016

Acceptance: Financial Reports and Check Vouchers for May 2016

Acceptance: Resignation - Janice Baldwin (Food Services Worker)

Approval: Legal Counsel for 16-17 - Semple, Farrington & Everall, P.C.

Approval: Property, Liability, and Automobile insurance broker - CSDSIP

Approval: Worker's Compensation insurance broker - Mountain West Insurance & Financial Services

Approval: Financial Auditor - Hays, Maggard & Hood, P.C.

Approval: Meeker Elementary School, Barone Middle School & Meeker High School Handbooks

Approval: Policy 3rd reading: AD, GBA, GBB, GBB-R, GBEA, GBGAB, GBGG, GCE/GCF, GCE/GCF-R, GDE/GDF, GDE/GDF-R, GDQD, IHCD, IKFA, IKFA-R

Discussion ensued around the need to add AED training and certification to Policy GBGAG. Board members agreed that AED Certification and training should be added to Policy GBGAG.

Mr. Amack added some suggestions for each building's hand book. At the Elementary School he asked if there should be a cell phone policy. In the middle school he could not find a grade assignment. For the high school Mr. Amack asked about the graduation parameters that consequently added to the amount of Valedictorians in the 2016 graduating class. Mr. Selle would like to gather input from staff, parents and BAC before changing any current procedure.

Mr. Amack moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of AED Certification added to Policy GBGAG with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: All members aye.

Public/Committee Reports: DAC, BAC, Meeker Education Foundation, BOCES

MEF – Grant applications for 2016-2017 will be due in a few weeks. Currently MEF has roughly \$55,000 to award teachers for the coming school year.

Principal Reports

Additions to the elementary school report:

Mrs. Collins reported that the end of year goodbyes were difficult specifically to Mrs. Bivens. The entire elementary staff paid tribute to Mrs. Bivens by participating in the annual end of year talent show.

The staff, parents and community members at the elementary worked together to receive sod from the Track Project to be added to the back area of the building. The building will also be receiving the statues from the front of the Fairfield Center.

Additions to the middle school report:

Mr. Hanks reported that he has submitted a grant applications to hopefully receive playground equipment and a concrete pad to be added to the back side of the middle school. He also would like a meeting area with log benches and a climbing rock addition.

Science teachers are looking into old curriculum books to reorganize new books that align with content standards.

Additions to the high school report:

Mrs. Chinn reported that the asbestos abatement in the old alternative school room came in under bid. This will be paid for by capital funds within the activity account at the high school.

During the last week of school the Board members ate breakfast with the Senior Class. This breakfast was very well received with the class.

Picnic tables for the front of the building have been donated from past senior class' leftover funds.

Action Items:

1. Personnel Hires a. 5th Grade Teacher - Apryl Newkirk, b. Middle School Football Coaches - Jason Browning (Head Coach), Clinton Kilduff (Asst. Coach), Nick Smith (Vol. Asst. Coach).

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 1. Personnel Hires a and b with a second from Mr. Smith. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

2. Strategic Vision Document

Dr. Dorsett moved to approve Action Item 2. Strategic Vision Document with a second from Mr. deVergie. Discussion revolved around the delegation for action steps being given to the leadership team. Mr. Selle believes this will be a building level discussion. Some grammatical issues will be changed.

After discussion, Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

3. 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 3. 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget with a second from Mr. Smith. Discussion revolved around the explanation of what Funds 73 and 74 are. These funds hold pupil revenues due to athletics and activities in Fund 74 and scholarship/donation revenues in Fund 73. Mr. Amack noted that with our beginning fund balance in 2015-2016 at \$4.2 million our current plan is to spend down roughly \$700,000 each year until reaching a minimum target of three to six months of reserves which is equal to \$1.5 to \$2.5 million. Once the district falls under the \$2.5 million threshold, we will have cash flow issues and would need to access the loan program offered at zero percent interest from the State. Once deficit spending

has reached the minimum fund balance, the district will need to access new revenue sources. Four day savings are showing in transportation and custodial reduction of costs for the 2016-2017 budget.

After discussion, Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

4. Policy 2nd Reading: DB

Mr. Amack moved to approve Action Item 4. Policy 2nd Reading: DB with a second from Mr. deVergie.
Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Other Board Information

- Having nine Valedictorians is a wonderful thing, however some Board members and parents are wondering if this dilutes the intention. The thought is that it is hard to justify that an 89.6% is the same as a 99%. Mrs. Chinn stated she could send out a survey to the staff regarding this issue. There is no perfect grading system available. Class rank is still available. Mr. Selle reminded the Board that student learning should be the focus and if this has no impact on student learning it should not be the focus.
- Mr. Selle asked if the Board would like to have a workshop or retreat for the summer. Mr. Selle will send out a survey to help decide.
- Dr. Dorsett asked if there was a possibility of offering free and reduced meals in the summer. It would be a benefit to offer meals to these students who might not have the ability to eat otherwise. Mr. Selle will look into any reimbursements from the State for other districts that offer this service.
- Mrs. Urista noted that the first Classified Staff evaluations in many years are taking place and are welcomed.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session needed.

Adjourned 8:38 p.m.

Bud Ridings, President

Bill deVergie, Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin Amack, Member

Robert Dorsett, Member

David Smith, Member