

**MEEKER SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1**  
**Board of Education Minutes – Regular Meeting**  
July 7, 2015

The President called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Browning called roll. Those present were Tom Allen, Mindy Burke, Kurt Blunt, Marnell Bradfield, Bill deVergie, Bud Ridings and Todd Shults.

Ms. Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Burke moved to approve the Revised Agenda which included the removal of Action Item A-Approval of Owner's Representative. It also included adding Action Items: Approval of Track Bid, Notice of Intent to Participate in General Election and Approval for Capital Projects Over \$13,000. Finally, a BOCES report from Mrs. Schott was added. Mr. Ridings seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Ms. Burke moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting June 16, 2015. Mr. Blunt seconded. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

During Agenda Item Input, Dr. Dorsett asked the Board if there has been any finding regarding the letter that Mr. Amick wrote stating Dr. Ibach received \$130,000 in grants. Mr. deVergie replied for the Board stating that it was still being looked into and Mr. Amick has been unable to respond as he has been out of town. Mr. deVergie stated that all monies obtained by the district have been accounted for. Dr. Dorsett cited CRS 22-11-402 Duties and Responsibilities of Building Accountability and requested that minutes from the High School Building Accountability meeting be sent to him. He said the High School Accountability Committee signed the letter claiming \$130,000 in grant funds were obtained. Mrs. Bradfield noted that the letter was not a representation of the committee, but an individual representation outside of the committee. Dr. Dorsett asked that the Board assign an investigator with the District Attorney's Office to find the funds claimed if Meeker School District is unable to investigate. Mr. deVergie stated that Meeker School District is in the process of investigating this claim and will have an answer for Dr. Dorsett soon.

Superintendent Report:

BOCES Report

Mrs. Schott reported that two individuals have inquired about the vacant nursing position. Medicaid funds are continuing to grow which also helps pay for the salary of the nurse's position. In addition, monies from the United Way Grant will be available for purchasing supplies for the nurse.

SSEM (Safe School Emergency Management) system training will be held on August 28, September 16 and October 2, 2015 in Rifle for school administrators, law enforcement or safety liaisons. Travel expenses are paid for with the help of Meeker Education Foundation.

The new School Psychologist, Mark Fisbein, will be arriving in Meeker. In addition to his regular duties, he will also head the GT program.

Mrs. Schott informed the Board that the BOCES staff training will be held the week before Teacher In-service training on August 5, 2015 in Rangely.

### Certified/Classified Report

Mr. Selle recommended Amy Chinn for interim high school principal for the 15-16 school year. Mr. Selle reported that Mrs. Chinn will be completing training on teacher evaluations from an instructor in Craig, which is a legal requirement for principals. Mr. Selle also reported that Mrs. Chinn is working on getting her emergency principal license and is enrolled in a Principal Licensure Program.

Mr. Selle reported there is another elementary school teacher vacancy as Mrs. Henderson has resigned. This vacancy as well as the new vacancy for the high school counselor position is posted and will close on July 13, 2015.

Mr. Selle asked the Board what type of documents they would like to receive when hiring new employees. Further discussion will be held at the Board retreat later this month.

### **New Hire**

Amy Chinn- HS Interim Principal  
Virginia Pugh- ES Teacher  
Megan Cowles-ES Teacher  
Bailey Atwood- HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Volleyball Coach  
John Hooper- Bus Driver for Strawberry Route, contingent on passing the training and background check.

### **Resignation**

Kristen Henderson – Elementary Teacher

### Finance Report

Mr. Selle reported the negative factor is projected at approximately \$673,000 for the 2015-2016 school year. The TABOR refund will significantly influence funding decisions for the 2016-2017 budget.

The Rio Blanco County Commissioners sent a letter regarding forest reserve money that stated funds for fiscal year 2014 and 2015 will be approximately \$80,000 for Meeker School District.

### Capital Projects

#### Football Field/Track Project

Review of one bid from Hellas Construction was held on July 2, 2015. On July 7, 2015 a pre-construction meeting with Hellas was held. Hellas requested that the start date of the project be moved to the Spring of 2016. Mr. Selle stated that he would like to see the track done correctly rather than quickly.

Mr. Selle asked if the track can be patched for the 2015-16 track season or will other accommodations need to be made for the track team.

Ms. Burke asked if the cost of the track will change as a result of the start date changing. Mr. Selle reported that the asphalt is the only cost concern with changing the project date. Mr. Selle noted several items on the bid report from Hellas could be changed to reduce cost.

Mr. Selle recommends that the district not hire an owner's representative as he believes with the hours that are built into the bid from Hellas for on-site assistance the district can manage this project. With the start date being pushed back Mr. Selle will have time to become more familiar with the project.

Mr. Allen asked what the savings would be if an owner's representative was not hired. Mr. Selle did not have a figure, but commented that the savings would be significant.

#### Middle School Office Remodel

Mr. Selle requested an additional \$20,000 for carpeting, approximately \$5,000 for the fire alarm system and \$4,000 for additional cabinets needed in the new office.

Mr. Selle reported that the padding in the Middle School gym is in bad condition and could cost approximately \$4,000.

#### District Concrete Repairs

Mr. Selle is waiting for bids on the concrete work needed at the middle school and a few sidewalks at the high school. It was noted the capital improvement plan indicated the estimated costs for the concrete was \$10,000. Mr. Selle asked for the Board's permission to approve the concrete bids as a part of the \$80,000 capital improvement plan.

Mr. Blunt suggested that the Board vote to approve \$80,000 that can be spent for the capital improvement priorities without Mr. Selle asking for a special meeting on each item.

Mrs. Casey informed the Board that Barone Middle School Student Council has raised roughly \$1,500 to go towards a large concrete pad to be added behind the school.

#### Intent to Participate in General Election Report

Mr. Selle recommends that the Board approve the intent to participate in general election this November.

#### Action Items:

Ms. Burke moved to approve Items in a Blanket Motion:

- Approval of bid from Hellas Construction for HS Track Project.
- Approval of Superintendent to move forward with capital improvement projects at the high school and middle school up to \$80,000.
- Approval of Certified/Classified report:  
Amy Chinn- HS Interim Principal  
Virginia Pugh- ES Teacher  
Megan Cowles-ES Teacher  
Bailey Atwood- HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Volleyball Coach  
John Hooper- Bus Driver for Strawberry Route, contingent on passing the training and background check.

Mr. Shults seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

Ms. Burke moved to approve the Intent to Participate in the General Election

Mr. Ridings seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: all members aye.

#### Other BOE Information

Mr. deVergie reminded the Board that Representative Rankin will be in Meeker at the Administration Building on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board retreat will be held July 24, 2014 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Mr. Selle informed the Board that a special meeting will be needed to approve the elementary and high school positions.

Meeting adjourned 6:43 p.m.

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Bill deVergie, President

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Mindy Burke, Vice President

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Marnell Bradfield, Secretary/Treasurer

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Tom Allen, Member

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Todd Shults, Member