

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 2008  
MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14  
MANITOU SPRINGS, CO**

Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting  
February 25, 2008

Members of the Board of Education present for the informal meeting were Jennifer Farmer, Anna Lord, Glenn Noufer and Larry Rice.

Absent: Lori Finn

President Lord called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Staff members present were: Roy Crawford, Melissa McElhaney, Beth Campbell, Tim Miller, Deb Yagmin, Russ Vogel, Steve Paterson and Rob Cody.

Visitors included: Sara Schneider, Andrew, Becky and Hannah Arneson. Maggie Arneson and Megan Becker.

**A. AGENDA**

022508.01            Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Agenda for February 25, 2008 with the following amendments.

Adding: The Middle School Forensics Team for a fifteen minute skit.

Adding: Ms. Becky Rich to the Consensus/Routine Items

Mr. Rice seconded the motion.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mr. Noufer voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Lord voted aye.

At this time Maggie Arneson and Maggie Becker, both 8<sup>th</sup> graders introduced themselves and did a Duet Serious called: "Fire Damage" Mrs. Schneider, Forensics Coach said these girls have done well and will go onto State Competition.

President Lord praised these girls for their talent and hard work. Mr. Arneson hopes this program will continue at the Middle School level.

## **B. MINUTES**

022508.02 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Minutes from January 28, 2008 as amended.

Page 2: Mrs. Finn moved to approve the payment of Expenditures.

Page 4: Kathy Verlo- past city council member and proponent of the schools.

Ms. Lord's report was not included by mistake.

## **Federal**

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FY 2008 Budget Recap

The President's budget request to Congress included an increase of \$1.2 billion for Title 1 grants for disadvantaged students. However, this proposed increase would be achieved by 44 program terminations and reductions in other areas. The President's budget also requested a \$291 million cut to special education.

Congress passed H.R. 3043 which would have provided a \$2.6 billion increase for K-12 programs but it was vetoed by the President.

**The final consolidated appropriations bill resulted in flat funding for K-12 education, providing increases for Title 1, IDEA and School Improvement but reduced funding in other areas. IDEA still funded at roughly 18% of what Congress promised.**

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## **State:**

State Representative Michael Garcia (D-Aurora) resigned from the House of Representatives amid accusations of lewd conduct with a lobbyist. **State Board of**

**Education Member Karen Middleton was appointed to fill the vacancy resulting in a Seventh Congressional District vacancy on the state board. She will serve on the House Education Committee.**

Bills to watch:

**HB 1186 EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN STUDENTS' SCORES FROM A SCHOOL'S CSAP PERFORMANCE: REP. SOLANO AND SEN. WINDELS** Exempts school's academic performance from being penalized for students who are absent on the days in which CSAPs are administered and prohibits a school district or public school from penalizing a student who is absent during CSAPs. Also exempts scores that are invalidated due to tests that are not administered in accordance with the Department of Education's guidelines. CASB testified in opposition to the bill due to potential gaps in longitudinal data and truancy issues should students begin opting out of taking CSAP. The bill passed the House Education Committee.

**SB 98 ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION: SEN. SHAWN MITCHELL AND REP. C. GARDNER** Requires each school district and institute charter school to adopt a graduation policy requiring students to demonstrate English language competency. The policy would apply to students graduating in 2013 and after. Charter schools cannot opt out of the graduation requirement. The bill is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Education Committee.

**d) Pikes Peak Alliance..... Anna Lord**

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Page 7: Duet Dramatic received 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

Page 9: Mr. Miller review and discuss with the Board the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report and it was accepted.

Mr. Rice seconded the motion.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mr. Noufer voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Lord voted aye.

### **C. RECURRENT**

1. Identification of members of the audience who are not listed on the Agenda wishing to make a comment to the Board of Education.

There were none.

2. Receive and or Act on Correspondence.

Board members shared correspondence.

3. Payment of Expenditures for the month ending January 31, 2008.

022508.03            Mr. Rice moved to approve the Payment of Expenditures for the month ending January 31, 2008.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mr. Noufer voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Lord voted aye.

**D. REPORTS**

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Crawford discussed the Substance Abuse meeting that was held earlier in the evening. Both Mr. Paterson and Mr. Cody are involved in this community awareness coalition. At some point, there will be an informational night for K-12 students/parents on this topic.

Ms. Campbell, Ms. Urban and Mr. Crawford have been meeting with their counterparts from the UP BOCES on a regular basis. Eventually the UP BOCES would like to request to have an associate membership with the Pikes Peak BOCES.

2. Board of Education Reports

a) Board of Cooperative Education Services . . .Larry Rice and  
Glenn Noufer

Mr. Rice reported on February 4. 2008 CIMP COMMITTEE MEETING

- Archie Neil of Pikes Peak BOCES serves as the CIMP Committee Facilitator

- Several new members, introductions and updates
- CIMP stands for Continuous Improvement and Monitoring Process
- CIMP is a 3 year monitoring process
- **Staff and Parent Data:** No staff information has been received yet  
Parent data was distributed
- Six CDE representatives will visit district sites, site visits will take place April 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>
- CDE wants districts to correct their non-compliance issues within one year and schools have 90 days to report clearance of non-compliance
- Improvements must be at a 95% rate when CDE reviews student record

b) Community Relations . . . Jennifer Farmer, Glenn Noufer and  
Anna Lord

Mr. Noufer reported that parents attending the UPE Wax Museum on February 2<sup>nd</sup> made very positive comments about the event which was well attended.

c) Governmental Relations . . . . Anna Lord

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e) District Accountability Advisory Committee . . . .Lori Finn

No Report

Ms. Campbell reported that the book study "Results Now" is going well and they had a lengthy discussion on literacy.

Mr. Paterson has developed a 12 week Middle School Tutoring Program for the students to help out at both the elementary schools.

The DAAC had positive feedback on the District Accountability Report.

f) Salary Committee . . . .

No Report – Other than Mr. Miller had the committee review a five-year plan. The next meeting will be next week.

### 3. Staff Reports

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instruction . . . Beth Campbell

#### **Beth Campbell's summary points from Feb. 25, 2008 Board of Education meeting**

##### **I. Professional Development and Induction Program**

- Professional Development Committee met January 23 and will meet February 21 or March 10<sup>th</sup> (back-up is March 13<sup>th</sup>); continuing work on EL (content/course/grade level Essential Learnings) and IS (Indicators of Success matched to each EL) and time to complete projected schedule of work by June 1 (see Roy's EL spreadsheet schedule). Second semester staff meetings and teacher work time for departments/teams have been scheduled for all schools (either on in-service days or release half-days with substitutes covering classrooms) to complete EL/IS development and vertical teaming reviews to meet calendar goals (school dates/further details are in Beth's full Board report). Summer work on EL development/completion to be determined depending on March-May progress.
- Leadership Team half-day training scheduled with Julie O'Brian (C2D3 lead trainer/researcher) on April 11; topic is developing common assessments that are reliable, valid, & measurable to prepare for 2008-09 K-12 work in assessment of content/course ELs and IS indicators.

##### **II. District Literacy**

- CCIRA (Colorado Council of the International Reading Association) western region conference in Denver Feb. 6-9; 9 District 14 certified staff attended.
- MSMS reading tutor program has been developed as a new 4<sup>th</sup> quarter elective class, using Peak Reader curriculum sponsored through the CS Children's Literacy Center in individual tutoring (twice weekly) with D14 identified elementary students

##### **III. Educational Technology-Information Literacy**

- Progress on developing 8<sup>th</sup> grade 'technology literacy' assessment; 8<sup>th</sup> grade 'technology literacy' proficiency documentation is due by early fall of 2008 to meet state and federal requirements
- Summer planning underway for August technology in-service trainings as needs/next steps are identified; Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works book study is underway; Moodle pilot class is planned for April with all schools involved
- Professional development training/workshops/state meeting details shared on 4 separate events
- Next meeting is April 7 (3:30-5:00)

##### **IV. Summer School 2008**

- Principals, Beth, lead teachers met on February 5 to discuss 2008 summer school programming by school, with next meeting TBA in early March
- Key considerations/decision points: vision/purpose/objectives (academic interventions in reading and math for struggling students vs. enrichment), district funding commitment and realistic budget (fee-based and self-sustaining vs. scholarship and other district-support, per pupil allowance for across-district program equity), number of students served, needs for staffing and overall

coordinator, ESY (Extended Year opportunity for identified Special Education students)

#### **V. District, State, and Federal Accountability**

- School Accreditation discussion continued with February 11<sup>th</sup> Board work session; Roy's Consensus Summary documents from January 14 and February 11 capture key decision points; Leadership Team/Roy & Beth will propose accreditation 2-year cycle that include 'on' (full accreditation process) and 'off' (abbreviated process) years with site team visits
- District Accountability Advisory Committee met on February 12 (agenda provided in Beth's report); Results Now book study discussion framed around Relationships, Rigor, & Opportunity.
- Next meeting is March 11 at 5:00 p.m. (early start time)
- CSAP testing begins February 19<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading only) and March 4 (start of early testing window for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>; 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> testing starts March 11 (remaining make-ups scheduled after spring break)

b) Assistant Superintendent for Business Services . . . Tim Miller

Mr. Miller reported that the Denver-Boulder consumer price index was announced on February 20<sup>th</sup> as being 2.2%, down from the 2.8% that was being used for budget planning by the governor's office, the legislature, and the Colorado Department of Education. Because of Amendment 23, 1% is added to the inflation rate to yield a 3.2% increase in per pupil funding for FY09.

Ongoing matters in the business office include work on FY09 capital reserve requests, a new recycling contract for the high school, insurance policy renewals for FY09, and a verification of the district's legal boundaries for CDE and the U.S. Census Bureau.

#### 4. Other

##### Ute Pass Elementary School

- Science Fair -February 28th
- Dr. Seuss Day - March 7th
- 3rd grade reading CSAPs finished at UPE and in make-up mode at MSES
- March 3rd we begin 3-10 CSAP testing

##### Manitou Springs Elementary School

- VALENTINES DANCE: A GREAT SUCCESS, BACK AT OUR OWN GYM AND COMMONS THIS YEAR. HULA HOOP, LIMBO CONTESTS, WELL

ATTENDED. SILENT AUCTION TO RAISE MONEY FOR GRADE 5 CAMP.

- MOMS, MENTORS, AND MUFFINS: ANNUAL READING PARTY WITH PJs AND TEDDY BEARS AND BOOKS...AND MUFFINS. COUNTERPART: DADS, DUDES, AND DONUTS COMING UP IN A MONTH.
- SEUSS DAY: MARCH 3 – EVERYONE WEARS HANDMADE CAT HATS WITH RHYMING SEUSS PHRASES CELEBRATING THEMSELVES. PRINCIPAL READS SEUSS TO VARIOUS CLASSES ALL DAY.

Manitou Springs High School

On what a great community we have, from the Police Dept. to the students.

### **E. CONSENSUS/ROUTINE ITEMS**

022508.04 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the following Consensus/Routine Items as amended.

Adding: Becky Rich for Transitional Retirement

1. Resignations/Leave of Absence/Retirement/Transitional Retirement/Maternity Leave

#### **a) Certified**

- Lynnette Chapman Ryan – MSHS – English Teacher
- Chris Grupp – MSHS – Transitional Retirement

#### **b) Classified**

2. Employment

#### **a) Certified**

#### **b) Classified**

- David Payne – MSES – Custodian

Mr. Rice seconded the motion.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mr. Noufer voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Lord voted aye.

BREAK 8:50 pm

## **F. UN FINISHED BUSINESS**

- Accreditation Consensus Agreement

022508.05 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Accreditation Consensus Agreement as presented.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mr. Noufer voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Lord voted aye.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

- Policy

022508.06 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve Policy Code GBCD (VI.-31D.) with the following amendment.

#5 Guidelines shall be developed and used to determine the appropriate number of paid coaches/advisors per activity.

Mr. Noufer moved to second the motion.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mr. Noufer voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Lord voted aye.

- Calendars

022508.07 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the revision of the 2007/2008 school calendar.

Mr. Rice seconded the motion.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mr. Noufer voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Lord voted aye.

022508.08 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the revision of the calendar for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades to have the same time off.

Mr. Rice seconded the motion.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mr. Noufer voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Lord voted aye.

## **H. FUTURE AGENDAS**

March 10, 2007 – Board of Education Work Session – Board Goals

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

022508.09 Mrs. Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mr. Noufer voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Lord voted aye.