

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**December 10, 2007**  
**MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14**  
**MANITOU SPRINGS, CO**

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting  
December 10, 2007

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

At 6:45 pm Mrs. Astley and the Choir performed for the Board two Christmas numbers one of them being in Latin.

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 and Steve Paterson.

**A. AGENDA**

121007.01            Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Agenda for December 10, 2007 with the following correction.

C. RECURRENT – remove Payment of Expenditures

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Finn.

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

**B. MINUTES**

121007.02            Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Minutes from November 26, 2007 as presented.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Finn.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mrs. Finn 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.

There was no correspondence.

**D. REPORTS**

1. Superintendent's Report

The CASB Conference was well represented with MSHS students: the Jazz band performed at the reception, five students were involved in the Restorative Justice breakout session and three students took part in the Student Leadership Strand.

The town of Manitou hosted Breakfast with Santa at Memorial Hall, and again there were at least sixty MSHS students who participated as band members or as Key Club members.

The High School Choir will be singing through out the holidays at various locations on the West Side.

2. Board of Education

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

There was no report

- b) Community Relations . . . . . Jennifer Farmer/Glenn Noufer/Anna Lord

Mrs. Lord reported that the Bronc Day parade may be canceled and ideas to support this historic community event were discussed. Mrs. Farmer reported that the MSEF supported a \$6,000 arts grant and will contribute \$1,000 in "in-kind" funds. Michael Faber is stepping down from the MSEF.

c) Governmental Relations . . . . . Anna Lord  
State:

Press release from Gov. Ritter's office, 12/5/07:

- Funding commitment for full-day kindergarten will provide \$25 million in 2008-2009 increasing to \$100 million over six years.
- Eliminate the current waiting list for Colo. Preschool Program by adding 3,000 more slots.

Press release from Speaker Romanoff & Treasurer Kennedy, 11/20/07:

- Proposal to raise \$500 million in capital by leveraging \$30 - \$40 in revenue from state school trust lands. Funds will be used to assist districts most in need of capital for health and safety improvements (or replacements) to buildings. Must pass the legislature.

Federal:

NCLB still has not been reauthorized. Senate bill still a well kept secret. House bill (Miller Mill) has several points that we may wish to lobby against:

- Creates a national calculation of graduation rate
- Federal level high school exit exam
- 14 new reports
- 12 new data requirements

President Bush vetoed the spending bill that covered education funds. If new bill is not passed, we will continue to operate on "old money".

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

The next meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel on January 31, 2008

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

No report

f) Salary Committee Liaison . . . . . Mrs. Finn and Mrs. Farmer

Mr. Crawford held an organization meeting. We are recruiting staff service on the committee. The next meeting will be in early January.

### 3. Staff

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instruction . . . . .Beth Campbell

Ms. Campbell summarized her written report and that the Leadership Team will meet on December 14 and 18 to engage in Essential Learning training and calibration. She also would like the Board to consider approving a full week for the Induction Program in August instead of just two days. Ms. Campbell will meet with Mr. Miller to discuss the funding.

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

Mr. Miller discussed the Mill Levy Rate for 2008 – see new business.

c) School Principals

#### **Mr. Russ Vogel - Manitou Springs Elementary School**

- More than 6,000 items of nonperishable food have been donated by midway through our food drive. Representatives of the Manitou Springs Fire Department picked up the food last week to make room for items from the remaining week of the drive.
  - Parent volunteers are helping the school establish a chapter of the Junior Red Cross at MSES. Sponsored by Mark Brost and Russ Vogel, this may be the first such elementary group in the state and will focus on community service projects.
- MSES and the Manitou Springs Arts Academy presented their inaugural movie in their new Children's Film Festival. The festival will run monthly, featuring family films about thoughtful cultural themes. The first film was "Children of Heaven," an Iranian film about poverty and family ties.

#### **Mr. Steve Paterson - Manitou Springs Middle School**

- Forensic team did very well at meet over the weekend
- Boy's 8th grade Basket Ball in playoffs, had game at Florence. No results as of yet.
- Knowledge Master's took second place in state.

## **Dr. Deborah Yagmin - Ute Pass Elementary School**

- K-3 musical "The Big Chill" Wednesday, December 19th 2 and 7pm
- All School Holiday Craft Day Thursday, December 20th  
making extra scarves to be donated to the Springs Rescue Mission

### 4. Other

Mr. Crawford mentioned that Paula Faucette is hosting her Christmas Party/Dinner for her staff on the upper level of the SILC this evening.

Please note that new district letterhead has been printed.

All invited the week of December 17<sup>th</sup> to stop by the Central Office for cookies and wassail.

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

121007.03 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the following  
Consensus/Routine Items.

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

### **a) Certified**

### **b) Classified**

### 2. Employment

### **a) Certified**

### **b) Classified**

- Kelli Cody- UPE – Para

The motion was seconded by Lori Finn.

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

BREAK 8:10 – 8:17 PM

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

- Accreditation

121007.04            Mrs. Farmer moved to Accredit Ute Pass Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school year.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Noufer.

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

121007.05            Mrs. Farmer moved to Accredit Manitou Springs High School for the 2007-2008 school year.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Finn.

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

121007.06            Mrs. Farmer moved to Accredit Manitou Springs Middle School for the 2007-2008 school year.

The motion was seconded Mr. Noufer.

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

121007.07            Mrs. Farmer moved to Accredit Manitou Springs Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school year.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Finn.

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

- Mill Rate

121007.08 Mr. Noufer moved to approve and read the following Resolution for the December 2007 mill levy certification.

“Be it resolved that the following mill levies be set for the December 2007 mill levy certification for taxes collected in calendar year 2008 for Manitou Springs School District 14, El Paso County, general fund, voter approved override, abatement/refunds, and bond redemption fund:

22.816	General Fund
17.678	Voter Approved Override
0.087	Abatement/Refunds
7.606	Bond Redemption Fund
48.187	Total Mills

These mill levies are set based on the El Paso County Assessor’s letter of November 21, 2007 certifying our assessed valuation at \$107,478,450. Assuming a 100% collection rate, the general fund will receive \$2,452,228.32, the voter approved override will receive \$1,900,000, \$9,306.87 will be collected for the reimbursement of abatements/refunds, and the bond redemption fund will receive \$817,481.26.

The Board of Education requests that the above levies be extended on the tax rolls.”

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Farmer.

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

- Board Agenda Format and Content

A discussion was held on the format of the agenda and it was decided that Board members and administrators will email summaries of their reports to Mr. Noufer and Ms. McElhaney to expedite accurate insertion of key points into the Board minutes.

Mrs. Lord would like to have a discussion on the District's Mission and Vision statements along with the board members personal educational beliefs and values.

121007.09            Mrs. Farmer moved to adjourn at 9:25pm.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Noufer.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Noufer  
Secretary