

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
June 22, 2009
MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14
MANITOU SPRINGS, CO 80829

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2009

Members of the Board of Education present for the informal dinner meeting at 5:30pm and the 6:30pm meeting were: Anna Lord, Lori Finn, Jennifer Farmer, Larry Rice and Glenn Noufer. Staff members present were: Roy Crawford, Melissa McElhaney, Beth Campbell and Tim Miller

President Lord called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Guests included: Noli Morath, Anne Collopy and Howard Morrison

A. AGENDA

062209.01 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Agenda for June 22, 2009 with the following amendments:

E. ADD: Pat Allen to the Routine/Consensus Items for resignation.

G. ADD: Approval for a 2009-10 contract for Anna Hayes - .6 Speech and Language Therapist to New Business Items.

G. ADD: Middle School Language Arts Curriculum Approval to New Business Items.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

062209.02 Mr. Noufer moved to approve the Minutes from March 15, 2009 as presented.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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.

062209.03 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Minutes from June 8, 2009 with the following correction.

Mr. Rice was absent.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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.

Mrs. Noli Morath and Mrs. Anne Collopy will present the new Middle School Language Arts Curriculum under New Business.

Mr. Howard Morrison would like to discuss with the Board the Schmisney Estate.

2. Receive and or Act on Correspondence.

Mrs. Lord received notice that the CASB dues are due. Also, there would be a discount if the district signs up early for 3 or more conferences in advance.

3. Payment of Expenditures for the month ending May 31, 2009.

062209.04 Mrs. Finn moved to approve Payment of Expenditures for the month ending May 31, 2009.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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.

D. REPORTS

1.. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Crawford worked with Mr. Longfield today and he plans on coming in on Tuesday as well. The transition should be smooth. Mr. Longfield will be on board in early July.

2. Board of Education Reports

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

UPBOCES Board met Tuesday, June 9th @ 5pm

Discussed and approved proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009-20010 in the amount of \$2,526,887.00

Discussed receiving Federal Government IDEA fund in the amount of \$73,256.00

Over the next two years using this money on the following:

\$34,800.00 to be used for staff development FY 2009.

\$75,000.00 to be used each year FY2010 and 2011 for Autism Staff.

The balance of \$611,570.00 will flow through the three Districts as a percentage based on funded pupil count.

Woodland Park and Manitou will request part of their allocation in FY 2009 for salary increases.

Next meeting, to be decided, will be late October or mid November.

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

Mrs. Lord has emailed Mr. Person information regarding Bronc Days in Woodland Park. She would like the Manitou Band to perform during Bronc Days.

c) Governmental Relations . . . Anna Lord

Attended the CASB Director Meeting June 20 – 21, 2009

Issue: Challenges for local school board leadership that must be addresses. School boards may not continue with a “business as usual approach”. We can’t simply continue to defent the status quo.

- 1) Education. Friends and foes of public education alike seem to believe public schools are falling short. Among other things, that belief is reflected in criticisms about the dropout rate, the achievement gap and claims that schools do not prepare students for the 21st century challenges. Whether these criticisms are fair or unfair, they are driving massive changes to the accountability, legal and fiscal environment in which public schools operate. Both friends and foes are asking I school boards will have, or even should have, anything to do with the solution to these problems.
- 2) Choice. 20 years ago every student attending public schools in Colorado was obligated to attend their neighborhood school. Today choice from intra and inter-district options, charter schools and online schools has become deeply embedded in the education landscape. Seven percent of the student body in Colorado is attending charter schools alone. Choice is a value of consumers of our public schools and we are only a few votes short in the legislature from seeing a new wave of choice legislation further expanding the boundaries of choice. How can school boards make this an issue over which they have some control, rather than the issue of critics of public education?
- 3) Technology. We discussed at length the implications of a new technology and “disruptive innovation” for public education. Again, from the standpoint of board leadership, where and how should we e leading our local system on this issue as a way to leverage scarce resources.
- 4) School Finance. The scarcity of public dollars is a reality that in all likelihood will not change soon. The acceptance of federal money requires the acceptance of additional oversight and lack of local control. School boards must advocate for more dollars and a more school district friendly finance system as well as to think about how to best function in a resource-short environment.

Important issues in the legislature:

- Concurrent enrollment bill moved forward.
- Interim committee formed to study the financing of public schools
- Interim committee formed to study the fiscal stability of the state.
- Amendment 21 and Ref. C due to expire
- Be ready to refund the Fiscal Emergency Restricted Reserve in January
- Next year will probably be even worse financially.

d) Pikes Peak AllianceTim Miller and Roy Crawford

The final meeting for this school year was held Thursday, May 28, 2009. The meeting was an opportunity for the member districts to discuss the performance of the lobbyists and to recap the 2009 legislative session.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 5:30 pm, Clarion Hotel.

e) District Accountability Advisory Committee . . . Lori Finn

The last meeting was held on June 2, 2009. On June 8, 2009 Mrs. Finn attended the College in Colorado Training.

f) Salary Committee LiaisonLori Finn and Jennifer Farmer

No Report

3. Staff Reports

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instruction . . . Beth Campbell

Ms. Campbell reviewed her written report.

b) Assistant Superintendent for Business ServicesTim Miller

Mr. Miller confirmed that School Board meetings do in fact need to be recorded. He has provided a new recorder for this purpose and Mr. Noufer will read up on the directions.

Mr. Miller will review the 2009-2010 Budget later in the meeting.

At this time, Mr. Morrison, Attorney advised the Board and district personal that they should move forward and investigate the reason why the district has not seen any funds from the Schminney Estate. The funds should have been awarded sometime ago. Mr. Miller will follow up with this matter.

4. Other

None

E. ROUTINE/CONSENSUS ITEMS

062209.05 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the following Routine/
Consensus Items.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

a) Certified

- Pat Allen – Counselor – MSHS

b) Classified

2. Employment

a) Certified

b) Classified

3. Other

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.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2009-2010 Adopted Annual Budget

Mrs. Farmer moved and Mrs. Finn seconded the following resolution:
"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of School District Number Fourteen in El Paso County that the following revenues and expenditures for each district fund comprising the 2009-2010 Annual Budget be adopted."

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES
General Fund	\$14,209,115	\$14,209,115
Insurance Reserve Fund	\$165,031	\$165,031
Special Revenue Funds:		
Capital Reserve Fund	\$741,522	\$741,522
Governmental Designated Grants Fund	\$360,018	\$360,018
Pupil Activities Fund	\$434,500	\$434,500
Bond Redemption Fund	\$1,959,145	\$1,959,145
Building Fund	\$-	\$-
Food Service Fund	\$410,000	\$410,000
Internal Service (Health) Fund	\$350,000	\$350,000
Trust and Agency Funds	\$760,000	\$760,000
TOTAL	\$19,389,331	\$19,389,331

Roll Call Vote: Farmer_Y__, Finn_Y__, Lord_Y__, Noufer_Y__, Rice_Y__.

Mrs. Finn moved and Mrs. Farmer seconded the following resolution:
"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of School District Number
Fourteen in El Paso County that the amounts shown in the following schedule
be appropriated to each fund as specified in the budget for the fiscal year beginning
July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010."

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES
<i>funds as above</i>	<i>revenues, expenditures and reserves as above</i>	

Roll Call Vote: Farmer_Y__, Finn_Y__, Lord_Y__, Noufer_Y__, Rice_Y__.

Break – 7:57 – 8:03pm

G. NEW BUSINESS

- Middle School Language Arts Curriculum

Ms. Morath and Ms. Collopy (MS Teachers) presented to the Board the new recommended Middle School Language Arts Curriculum.

062209.06 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the recommended Language Arts Curriculum as presented subject to availability to funds.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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.

- Approval for a 2009-10 Contract

062209.07 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve a one-year contract for Anna Hayes .6 Speech and Language Therapist for the school year of 2009-2010.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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.

- Revised Wellness Policy

062209.08 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Revised Wellness Policy ADF as presented on first reading.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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.

- Revised BOE Meeting Policy

062209.08 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Revised BOE Meeting Policy to include recording of meetings, as presented on first reading.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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.

H. FUTURE AGENDAS

July 7, 2009 – 6pm Work Session:
Communication, Norm and Goal Setting

I. ADJOURNMENT

062209.08 Mrs. Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm.

 Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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