

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 30, 2009  
MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT #14  
MANITOU SPRINGS, CO 80829**

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, November 30, 2009

Members of the Board of Education present for the informal dinner meeting at 5pm were: Jennifer Farmer, Glenn Noufer, Gino Mendoza and Anna Lord. Staff members present for the regular meeting were: Ed Longfield, Melissa McElhaney, Beth Campbell, Tim Miller, Deb Yagmin, Russ Vogel, Chris Burr, Rob Cody.

Absent: Molly Stevens

Guests included: Angela Gieck (Para), Dawn Sticht (SPED Teacher), Laurie Wood, Larry and Jean Rice.

President Farmer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

At this time, Ms. Anna Lord presented to Mr. Larry Rice a gift of appreciation for his eight years of service to the Manitou Springs School District 14 Board of Education. Ms. Lord thanked Mr. Rice for his support, knowledge, dedication, and time that he gave to the district. Mr. Rice played an important role in the passing of 2 mill levy overrides, construction of the SILC building and the employment of 2 superintendents.

**A. AGENDA**

113009.01                      Mrs. Lord moved to approve the Agenda for November 30, 2009 with the following changes.

Adding: ARK Contracts to Routine/Consensus Items  
Adding: Policy KEC to New Business

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

Good News: Mr. Longfield introduced Angela Gieck (Para) and Dawn Sticht (SPED Teacher), the two ladies that saved a little boy from choking. Mr. Vogel said the student was eating a grape and it got stuck in his throat. Ms. Sticht started to perform the Heimlich maneuver, and then Ms. Gieck stepped in and took over until the grape was dislodged. It was to the point that the little boy's lips were turning blue. Thanks to them and their training in CPR the little boy is just fine.

## **B. MINUTES**

113009.02 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the Minutes from October 26, 2009 with the following corrections.

Page 1: At this time Mrs. Astley's student choir SASSI ~~will perform~~ performed "Lollypop".

Page 7: Two representatives will need to be ~~named~~ appointed to the BOCES Board when the new board members have been sworn in.

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

Page 8: Mrs. Finn reported the grant from the state was ~~permitted~~ awarded to Partners for Healthy Choices for Laurie Wood ~~to go full time to be employed~~ full time and have extra funds for programs.

Page 10: Board members made a comment that the Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences ~~went well and smooth~~ went smoothly this year.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

113009.03 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the Minutes from November 9, 2009 with the following corrections.

Page 1: Mrs. Lord swore in Molly Stevens and Gino Mendoza ~~in~~ as the new Manitou Springs School District Board of Education members, replacing departing members Lori Finn and Larry Rice.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

President Farmer requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Lord voted aye, Mr. Mendoza voted aye, Mr. Noufer voted aye and Mrs. Farmer 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 an or Act on Correspondence

Mrs. Lord will forward on emails to all Board members. The CASB Conference is Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, the President's reception will be held on Thursday night.

### **D. REPORTS**

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Longfield hopes that everyone finds the "weekly chip shots" and "Mustang Mondays" helpful.

The City of Manitou Springs is applying for a grant regarding safe walkways to school. They are asking for support from the district to have a sidewalk poured for the students to use on Fountain Pl. up to the Middle School. This is something that has been needed for a long time to keep the students safe.

The leadership team is still reviewing the yearlong study topics and committee work is being completed. The Salary Committee will come together in February or March to be updated on the

State funding for school districts.

Mr. Longfield will be attending the CASB Conference.

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Love and Logic training from 8-4pm at the MSES auditorium.

Mr. Longfield has been working with BOCES and the Delta County School District to bring the "Back Pack" program here to the district. He has invited 2 representatives from Delta Schools to come and present the program here on February 26<sup>th</sup> to our pre-school teachers. The program is designed to allow the families of pre-school age children to check out tubs of different learning activities.

Mr. Longfield, along with Ms. Laurie Wood recently attended the Colorado Legacy Breakfast in Denver for Health and Wellness. Studies show that breakfast should be served to all students because it helps them at the end of the day. Ms. Wood also thanked the Board for allowing her to attend.

## 2. Board of Education Reports

### a) BOCES – Glenn Noufer and Molly Stevens

No Report

### b) Community Relations – Jennifer Farmer and Molly Stevens

No Report

### c) Governmental Relations – Anna Lord

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, Anna Lord attended the annual Legislative Breakfast. State Senator Keith King was in attendance along with Representatives Amy Stephens, Bob Gardener and Michael Merrifield. Each legislator was given the opportunity to discuss bills they had sponsored in the 2009 legislative session as well as bills they were hoping to introduce during the 2010 legislative session.

Rep. Stephens discussed the School Accounting Transparency bill, which she introduced in 2009. This bill was defeated, but she is considering reintroducing a similar bill this year.

Rep. Gardner discusses several bills but none of them directly impact public education.

Rep. Merrifield plans on introducing: On-Line schools legislation, which would create a “portal” to allow parents to compare on-line schools, a teacher evaluation bill and a bill to close “loopholes” in the science based sex education bill.

Senator King spoke in praise of Rep. Merrifield’s Concurrent Enrollment bill, which was passed in 2009. He is concerned that Race to the Top dollars be used in a meaningful way and has proposed that these funds be used to create an electronic CSAP system which could have results back to educators in two days.

Senator King also mentioned that he would be doing a clean up to the Charter School Institute Statute and a bill on statewide articulation agreements for community colleges. He is also investigating a proposal for a cost of living factor and equity factor for the reduction of school finance instead of a cut like we had this year.

I am working with Senator King to schedule a meeting with him and interested school board members from the Pikes Peak region for Saturday morning, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the MSSD 14 District offices.

d) Pikes Peak Alliance – Tim Miller

e) District Accountability Advisory Committee – Gino Mendoza

No Report

f) Salary Committee Liaison –

No Report

### 3. Staff Reports

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instruction – Beth Campbell

b) Assistant Superintendent for Business Services – Tim Miller

The board agreed that Mr. Miller’s written report be included in the minutes, as follows:

**Student enrollment:** After submission of the official student count to CDE, it appears the final enrollment is 1,405 students/1,337.0 FTE. This is 25.8 FTE above our budgeted 1,311.2 FTE, and still almost completely offsets our share of the \$110 million K-12 rescission that will occur in January.

**Mill Levy Certification:** The county assessor has until December 10<sup>th</sup> to finalize our assessed valuation. Our mill levy certification will be an agenda item for the Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The certification is due to the county treasurer by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**School Finance:** The governor has proposed a \$260 million reduction to K-12 for the 2010-11 fiscal year. There are of course additional state revenue forecasts to come on December 20<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> before the legislature acts on the school finance bill. Of interest to us will be the revenue projections for future years; if there are indications the revenue slump will continue, we will budget for 2010-11 differently than if the future revenue projections are more optimistic.

In addition, Mr. Miller commented on the mill levy certification process. The district received an assessed valuation notice dated November 24, 2009 from the county assessor today. Although it typically does not change, the assessor can change it until December 10<sup>th</sup>. By law, the district must certify its mill rate to the county treasurer no later 4:30 pm on December 15<sup>th</sup>; so, if there is a snow day on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> that cancels the scheduled board meeting, the board must meet sometime prior to 4:00 pm on Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> to certify the mill levy.

#### 4. Principals

##### **MANITOU SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL** – Rob Cody

A former high school student named Mr. Barton as their most influential teacher in their life from high school.

The high school hosted a graduation meeting earlier this evening, to discuss the time of the high school graduation. It was decided that graduation would be held on Saturday, May 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. (night time graduation). The reason for the time change is CHSSA will be hosting a state track meet and some of our students may be participating.

There have been 6 year long study visits scheduled, to include 6-12 program, and Leadership Service program.

The NCA visit went well, the reports are available.

##### **MANITOU SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** – Russ Vogel

MSES hosted the Veteran's Day Program, and the auditorium was packed. This year the 4<sup>th</sup> graders planned the program, which included over 50 Veterans.

A new program is under way at the elementary school, called "Take 5 Program". Mr. Vogel visited Mr. Smith 's classroom and noticed how he has managed to have the kids focus on their work by themselves, while he is working with other students.

There has been a step-up in technology with new cameras and projectors, allowing teachers to present to the class.

##### **UTE PASS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** – Deb Yagmin

Thanks to three former UPE students, Katie Weimer, Kelsey Gregg and Mia Rychlik: these three young ladies came up to talk with students about being responsible in cars. The assembly was to help children to remind parents to buckle up. Also, thanks to Ms. Stoneback of arranging this assembly.

Dr. Yagmin hosted the "Good Citizens" lunch for students, this is something they always enjoy doing.

Pioneer Days were recently celebrated with 2/3 graders keeping journals, visiting the White Horse Ranch, homemade toys were made and bison and beans were served for lunch. Additionally, the students were treated to Pioneer Days' stories by a professional storyteller.

**MANITOU SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL** – Chris Burr

If you are interest in attending Love and Logic with Charles Ray, please RSVP to the Middle School. The DAAC has been invited and an invitation went out in the newsletter.

Explore test results from Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> were handed out, and the Middle School students scored well above the National average. Mr. Burr mentioned that the students did not use calculators.

Mr. Burr also received positive feedback on the change of the parent/teacher conferences from parents and staff members.

The Middle School received a check in the amount of \$7,000 for the Council for the Arts.

Mr. Burr thanked everyone for the well wishes while he was sick.

5. Other

**E. ROUTINE CONSENSUS ITEMS**

113009.04                Mrs. Lord moved to approve the following Routine Consensus Items.

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

**a) Certified**

**b) Classified**

2. Employment

**a) Certified**

**a) Classified**

- Joy Greeno – Bookkeeper – Central Office

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

Break 8:03 p.m. – 8:06 p.m.

## **F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Policies

Policy Code: GCB (III. -23.) (III. – 24.) (III. – 25.) (III. -28.) (III. -29.)  
Administrative Contract Year 2nd reading

It was agreed that this policy be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

Policy Code: GBEC (III. – 38.) Alcohol and Controlled Substance Use and  
Abuse – Employees 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

It was agreed that this policy be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

- Policy

Policy Code: KEC (IX. -13.)

It was agreed that this policy be moved to second reading. Mrs. Lord will draft a policy for the second reading.

## **F. FUTURE AGENDAS**

There will not be a December Work Session.

The December Regular Board of Education Meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009

- Mill Levy Certification
- Accreditation for UPE and MSES

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

113009.05                      Mrs. Lord moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gino Mendoza

Secretary