

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
JULY 20, 2009
MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT #14
MANITOU SPRINGS, CO 80829

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2009

Members of the Board of Education present for the informal dinner meeting at 6:00 pm and the 7:00pm meeting were: Anna Lord, Lori Finn, Jennifer Farmer, Larry Rice and Glenn Noufer. Staff members present were: Ed Longfield, Melissa McElhaney and Tim Miller.

President Lord called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Absent: Beth Campbell

Guests included: Representatives from the Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Council, Michael Faber, Pete Lee and Lynn Lee.

A. AGENDA

072009.01 Mrs. Finn moved to approve the Agenda for July 20, 2009 with moving the discussion for the Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Council up on the agenda when the representatives arrive.

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.

B. MINUTES

072009.02 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Minutes from June 22, 2009 with the following corrections.

Page 2: C. Recurrent

Mr. Howard Morrison would like to discuss with the Board the ~~Schmisney~~ Smischny. Estate.
Mr. Morrison will address the Board during Mr. Miller's report.

Page 3: D. Reports

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 ~~early July~~ July 1, 2009.

Discussed and approved proposed budget for fiscal year 2009-~~2010~~ 2010 in the amount of \$2,526,887.00

Page 4: c) Governmental Relations . . . Anna Lord

We can't simply continue to ~~defent~~ defend the status quo.

3) Again, from the standpoint of board leadership, where and how should we be leading our local system on this issue as a way to leverage scarce resources?

Page 6: At this time, Mr. Morrison, Attorney ~~advised~~ suggested to the Board and district ~~personal~~ personnel that they should move forward and investigate the reason why the district has not seen any funds from the ~~Schimney~~ Smischny Estate. The funds should have been awarded sometime ago. Mr. Miller will follow up with this matter.

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.

072009.03 Mrs. Finn moved to amend the Agenda for July 20, 2009 by removing "Approval of Minutes from July 7, 2009 (Action).

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.

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.

Mr. Rice shared an invitation with the Board for “The Club of Arts” Exposition – Artistic Fundraiser and Fashion Show – Sat. August 6th – 6pm Cornerstone Art Center. This is a first ever Colorado Springs art project where students with disabilities create their own identity through exploring and artistic medium with a volunteer artist.

Mrs. Lord received the Fall Regional Conference registration materials from CASB. Region 6 will meet October 5th at the Pueblo Convention Center. Please let Ms. Lord know if you would like to car pool.

Mrs. Lord also received an invitation for the dedication ceremony for the Chamberlain Academy through Harrison School District. The event will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2009.

D. REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Longfield informed the Board that Ms. Campbell has done a terrific job in planning the new teacher orientation and has everything ready to go. The topic will be differentiation. Some staff members have also received training on the Atlas Rubicon (a curriculum mapping program).

The Leadership Team will hold their retreat at Glen Eyrie on August 4th and 5th. Eight members of the Leadership Team will be attending the CASE Conference the last week in July.

Mr. Longfield has invited all Board members to attend: New staff luncheon on the 7th of August at 12:30pm upstairs on the 2nd floor. The staff breakfast will be on Tuesday, August 11th at 8:00am, Manitou Springs Elem. School.

Mr. Longfield has received CSAP results and reviewed them with the Board of Education. The district is in a good place – but he would like us to be in a better place with the scores. His goal is to work with the teachers to raise all scores.

A discussion was held regarding a proposal for Leadership Team salaries to be increased. Mr. Longfield proposed two different pay phases for the board to review. After a discussion, the Board decided that they would like an additional “3 phase” option brought to the table for the next scheduled work session.

2. Board of Education Reports

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

No Report

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

The Manitou Springs Education Foundation will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2009. This will be Mr. Mark Johnson's last meeting as he begins a new journey. He has been the president for the last two years.

Mrs. Lord informed the Board the Manitou Springs Band (MS or HS) will not be able to participate at the Bronc Days in Green Mountain Falls. Mr. Person, Band Director could not pull anything together for this event. They might be able to do a concert next year.

- c) Governmental Relations. . . . Anna Lord

July wrapped up with a flurry of activity at the state Capitol with the Long-term Fiscal Stability Interim Commission, the School Finance Interim Committee and the Early Childhood and School Readiness Commission all meeting the week of July 27. CASB is monitoring the work of all three of these committees closely and provided comment at both the Long-term Fiscal Stability meeting and the Early Childhood and School Readiness meeting.

- d) Pikes Peak Alliance Tim Miller and Ed Longfield

At the last meeting hall-passing time was discussed and the committee is seeking comments from other schools to see if the time is counted for the school day. Manitou counts the time for the school day (as do most school districts).

- e) District Accountability Advisory Committee Lori Finn

No Report

- f) Salary Committee Liaison Lori Finn and Jennifer Farmer

No Report

3. Staff Reports

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instruction . . . Beth Campbell

No Report

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

Mr. Miller will discuss Board election information later under “New Business”

Bus Fleet: Mr. Miller discussed that now is the time to commit to reserving a new bus (2009 model), and if we do at this time it could save the district \$8,000.

The Board liked the idea and Mr. Miller will follow up on writing an agreement

At this time (8:15pm) Mrs. Finn left the meeting for the evening.

E. ROUTINE/ CONSENSUS ITEMS

072009.04 Mrs. Farmer 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

- Kelly Johnston - MSES – Title I
- Dana McKeeman - MSES – Kindergarten

b) Classified

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

- Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Council Presentation

At this time Mr. Faber introduced himself along with Mr. Lee and Ms. Lee. Mr. Faber practiced law for several years (currently retired) and has been a community member for the last 16 year's. Mr. Lee has practiced law for thirty years and works closely with the City of Manitou Springs' Attorney. Ms. Lee is a trained facilitator in Restorative Justice. On September 17, 2009, PPRJC will hold there first major PPRJC Conference here in Colorado Springs. The idea behind PPRJC is to help offenders and the victims resolve disputes and come up with a plan of action. This program was introduced to the schools a few years ago and has been well received. Mr. Cody, HS Principal and Ms. Serena Pearson, MS Counselor has been involved in this program and will both present at the conference. They would like to ask that the district sponsor the conference and in return 5 staff members could attend for free. The Board agreed to be a "Gold" sponsor for \$1,000.00.

BREAK 9:03 to 9:10pm

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Policy Code: ADF

072009.05 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve Policy Code ADF (Student Staff and Wellness) on the second reading with the following changes.

Underline and Bold need to be deleted from paragraph.

Correction: ~~MSSd14.org~~ mssd14.org

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.

- Policy Code: BE (II. – 8.) (II – 9.)

072009.06 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve Policy Code BE (II. – 8.) (II – 9.) Regular Board Meetings and Special Meetings on the second reading with the following changes.

Underline and Bold needs to be deleted from sentence.

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.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- Call for Nominations

072009.07 Mr. Rice moved to approve the following Resolution for Call for Nominations for School Directors.

The Board of Education of Manitou Springs School District No. 14 in the County of El Paso, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

At this election, two directors at-large will be elected, each for a term of office of four years. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least twelve consecutive months before the election. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

A person who desires to be a candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition signed by at least 50 eligible electors who are registered to vote in the regular biennial school election.

Nomination petitions may be obtained at the Manitou Springs School District No. 14 administration office, located at 405 El Monte Place, Manitou Springs, CO 80829. Office hours are 7:30 am until 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. Completed petitions should be submitted to Tim Miller, the School District's designated election official, no later than 4:00 pm on August 28, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Education of Manitou Springs School District 14, in the County of El Paso and State of Colorado, has caused this call for nominations to be given this 20th day of July 2009.

Manitou Springs School District No. 14 Board of Education
Glenn Noufer, Secretary

Mr. Miller explained how the election process would work for the upcoming Board of Education election in November.

The Call for Nominations will be published on or after August 5, 2009, but not before. After it is published, interested candidates may come by the district office to pick up their election packet.

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.

- Official Notice to Participate in November Election

072209.08 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the following Resolution for the Official Notice of Intent for the Manitou Springs School District to Participate in the Coordinated Election on November 3, 2009.

The Board of Education of Manitou Springs School District 14 in the County of El Paso, State of Colorado, shall conduct its regular biennial school election on November 3, 2009 as provided by state law and participate in the election coordinated by the County Clerk and Recorder of El Paso County. The Manitou Springs School District shall contract with the County Clerk and Recorder of El Paso County for the administration of the regular biennial school election and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with El Paso County for this purpose. The County Clerk and Recorder shall serve as the coordinated election official for the November 3, 2009 election.

The Board of Education designates Tim Miller to serve as the school election official for the 2009 regular biennial school election. The school designated election official is responsible for performing election duties on behalf of the Board of Education and for rendering all interpretations and making all initial decisions as to controversies or other matters arising in the conduct of the regular biennial school election to the extent those responsibilities are consistent with the intergovernmental agreement.

A call for nominations for school directors to be elected at the regular biennial school election shall be published by the Manitou Springs School District on or about August 5, 2009.

The Board of Education directs the school designated election official to notify the coordinated election official of this intent to participate in the November 3, 2009 election by the deadline established in state law.

Manitou Springs School District 14 Board of Education
Glenn Noufer, Secretary

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.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Board Policies with errors
- Wrap up Board of Education Goals

I. ADJOURNMENT

072009.09 Mrs. Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Mr. Rice 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
Secretary