

MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

MANITOU SPRINGS, CO

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 29, 2010

Members of the Board of Education present for the informal dinner were: Anna Lord, Glenn Noufer, Gino Mendoza, and Molly Stevens. Staff members present for the dinner were: Ed Longfield, Tim Miller, Pat Urban, Russ Vogel, Deb Yagmin, Chris Burr, and Glenn Hard.

Vice President Noufer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present for the Board of Education meeting: Anna Lord, Glenn Noufer, Gino Mendoza, and Molly Stevens. Staff members present were: Ed Longfield, Melissa McElhaney, Pat Urban, and Tim Miller.

Absent: Jennifer Farmer

Guests included: Danielle Donelson, Randi Hitchcock, Beth Romano, Steve Babbitt from Regis University and his students.

A. AGENDA

112910.01 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the Agenda for November 29, 2010 with the following amendment.

Adding: Jonathan Pletsch to the Routine/Consensus Items for Resignation.

Mrs. Stevens seconded the motion.

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

B. MINUTES

112910.02 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the Minutes from October 25, 2010 with the following corrections:

Page 3: The Delegation Assembly Report should be under Governmental Relations, not under Community Relations.

Same Report, wording should be: The new resolutions passed were related to student health and wellness, educator effectiveness enforcement of attendance

Page 10: 102510.05 Mrs. Lord moved to rescind her motion for Policy JICH/R.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

GOOD NEWS: Mr. Longfield introduced Ms. Donelson and Mr. Vogel from Manitou Springs Elementary School. He presented a plaque to them for being awarded 2010 – 2011 “The Commissioner and Healthy Schools Scorecard Award” \$1,000 Award.

Ms. Hitchcock, Ms. Romano and Dr. Yagmin from Ute Pass Elementary School, were also introduced and presented with a plaque for the same award in the amount of \$5,000.

UPE and MSE were two out of the top fifteen to win this award, one hundred seventy eight schools were in the running. Both schools have great Wellness Committee’s that were behind this award along with Ms. Faucette, Food Service Director and Ms. Sexauer, School Nurse.

Mr. Noufer commented that Mrs. Farmer would be very pleased and proud of both schools for their accomplishment.

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

Mrs. Lord received information from the American School Journal.

3.. Payment of Expenditures for the months ending August 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010.

112910.03

Mrs. Stevens moved to approve Payment of Expenditures for the months ending August 31, 2010 and September 30, 2010.

Mrs. Lord seconded the motion.

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

D. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Longfield attended a community event at the local Business of Arts Center, titled "How to make Manitou Springs a Better Place". 150 individuals were in attendance and this event was sponsored by Partners for Healthy Choices. Thank you to Laurie Wood and Natalie Johnson at Black Cat Books for organizing this event.

Mr. Longfield received a nice letter from a student regarding the conservatory program. As of now we have about 30 students enrolled taking drama classes, dance classes and private music lessons. Students attend every Monday evening for two hours. The district hopes to expand this program to Ute Pass Elementary students.

There will be a PLC meeting on Tuesday.

2. Board of Education

- a) Board of Cooperative Education Services Glenn Noufer and Molly Stevens

No Report

- b) Community Relations Jennifer Farmer and Molly Stevens

Mrs. Stevens mentioned that a parent from UPE will be doing a winter clothing drive. She will get more information and pass along.

- c) Governmental Relations. . . . Anna Lord

Report not available

- d) Pikes Peak Alliance Tim Miller

No Report – Next Meeting Friday, Dec. 3, 2010

- e) District Accountability Advisory Committee Gino Mendoza

No Report

3. Staff

a) Assistant Superintendent Tim Miller

Student enrollment: After submission of the official student count to CDE, it appears the final enrollment is 1,418 students/1,343.7 FTE. This is 6.7 FTE above our budgeted 1,337.0 FTE.

Mill Levy Certification: Our mill levy certification will be an agenda item for the Thursday, December 9th board meeting. The county assessor has until December 10th to finalize our assessed valuation; we have already received it, dated November 22nd. We have not yet received our certification worksheet from CDE. If we have a snow event that presents us from meeting on the 9th, we will have to schedule a meeting at another time so we can certify it in time to have it to the county treasurer by the close of business on December 15th.

4. Principal Reports

Exciting events and happenings at Manitou Springs High School

During the weeks of November 8th and November 15th, the MSHS Student Council has promoted safe driving through the Drive Smart program. Activities have included 4 school-wide prime time assemblies, during which multiple presenters discussed devastating true stories of auto accidents involving high school students. In addition, students had the opportunity to take part in activities that demonstrate auto accidents, share statistics relating to teen driving, and to enjoy activities that promote and reward safe driving.

Fall season extra-curricular activities provided many students with an array of opportunities to show-case their amazing talents. The Fall Play was an incredible display of talent, and the band and choir students were amazing in their respective concerts. The cheerleaders, knowledge bowl team, football and volleyball teams represented MSHS with pride and respect. Even more amazing, however, was the success of the boys soccer team. The Mustangs finished with an incredible win loss record of 10 wins and only 5 losses and advanced to the State Quarterfinal round of the playoffs.

The winter season has begun, and students have high hopes in girls and boys basketball, wrestling, and girls swimming. There are winter concerts planned during December, and the Drama Club will compete at the One Act Competition in February at Lewis Palmer High School.

Teachers and staff are working diligently during the PLC time to continue to promote a “culture of respect,” and are now beginning to have collaborative discussions within each department to determine how we can facilitate an even greater degree of learning for every student.

**Board Report 11/19/2010
Manitou Middle School**

Sorry it has taken this long to properly format this report with R20 ☺

Relationships:

The Thanksgiving feast was a huge success. The entire middle school community stepped up! Many, many parent volunteers, as well as other district administrators came to help, and to enjoy the food.

Mix it up day made the paper! Students were encouraged to sit with and enjoy lunch with new folks, and they did so happily. They made signs promoting healthy ways of thinking about others, very cool stuff!

Rigor:

Mr. Adams is teaching Economics on Fridays, to a rousing success. Some students have been kicked out of their “apartments” for not paying rent, but are learning good lessons without actually losing their place in the world!

PLC's are focused on learning, and how to better report that learning to parents. The BAAC committee met and talked about school/home work products, and their role in a quality education. Respectful tasks were an important part of the discussion.

Opportunity:

Mrs. Myers and the “pillow club” are outfitting the library pit for relaxed reading. They made pillows after school, learning how to sew and helping their fellow readers!

Students are working harder than ever to be successful, both behaviorally and academically. The citizenship grade is motivating students to do their best every day. Students who need extra help are getting help during prime time, enabling teachers to give some necessary one on one attention.

MANITOU SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RELATIONSHIPS

- Our Mustang MIGHT MSES Wellness committee hosted its second grade-level family dinner Tuesday, 11/16, with a spaghetti gathering of first-grade families in the MSES commons. More than 70 people attended and networked!
- Manitou Springs Elementary School was chosen as one of 15 Colorado Schools who are Healthy School Champions. (Details in the celebration portion of your meeting.)

RIGOR

- PLC teams continue their regular weekly meetings. Not only are teachers working as grade-level teams on adjusting curriculum/instruction to their formative student data, but we have been able to collect and analyze growth data on various EL's from the first quarter pretests and EL assessments for program evaluation. Further, we had a full-staff PLC led by our pilot teachers to introduce whole-school instruction on the language program.
- It's looking now like we'll move to an EL-based report card in the third quarter, working it up during the PD days after Christmas, but won't move to the Powerschool version of that report card until next year. Cat has learned that Powerschool's eyes would cross if we switched reporting systems in the computer program mid-year.
- We are deep into the application of our new R2O-based observation and evaluation system. Teachers have submitted rubric-based goals on the new tracking forms, and Mr. Vogel is using the new rubric for more meaningful teacher dialog based on Relationships, Rigor, and Opportunity.

OPPORTUNITY

- Muzzy Spanish programs are finally in every classroom, PreK-4th. Students are very excited about this new opportunity. Only one copy of Mandarin curriculum has arrived for 5th grade, but teachers are sharing in the meantime and have already lined up a native Mandarin speaker to help them with pronunciations and tonality.
- Students are regularly attending violin, piano, and guitar lessons at the Colorado Springs Conservatory, supported in tuition and transportation by District 14.
- Our annual Veteran's Day program drew 30 veterans/active service people on stage to be honored in front of a packed house. Due to technical issues, Mr. Lewis's first-ever music program was performed entirely *a cappella!*
- Mr. Lewis's latest Global Opus program was held Nov. 19, when *I Made Laswan* and the Colorado College Gamelan Ensemble performed the traditional music of Bali for MSES and UPE students.
- Our BAAC approved the following 2010-2011 Afterschool Stipend Programs: 1.) Intermediate Basketball, 2.) Scratch Club (Computer Programming), 3.) Math Club, 4.) Chess Club, 5.) Homework Club, 6.) Battle of the Books, 7.) Young Architects, and 8.) MSES Hiking Club.

UPE

It has been a busy month at UPE. Please contact me if you want further information about any these items. ☺

Relationships:

Good Citizens Lunch
Friday Flicks for Fantastic Kids
Food Drive for Church of the Wildwood Food Pantry

Rigor:

Honor's Assembly
Handwriting Without Tears training
Compared same group of students ITBS scores in 2002 and 2009 with same group of students to see growth of UPE as a school

Dr. Cheesman visit:

- gave us guidance regarding our intensive students who have not been progressing as quickly as we wish.
- provided us training to use "Let's Read" a special intensive prescriptive reading program

Opportunity:

Fire drill
Bus Evacuation Drill
KKTV Meteorologist, Brandon Borremans, presented to the 1st and 5th grade students
Halloween Carnival and Silent Auction
Joined MSES for the Bali music program
Healthy School Champion Grant Winner (\$5000)

E. ROUTINE/CONSENSUS ITEMS

112910.04 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the following Routine/Consensus Items.

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

a) Certified

b) Classified

2. Employment

a) Certified

b) Classified

- James Bomark – HS Custodian
- Marjorie Pelicano – MS SPED Para
- Jonathan Pletsch – UPE Para

c) Substitute Teacher

- Kathleen Hake – Professional License

3. ARK Contract

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Approval of the Audit

112910.05 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the 2009 -2010 Audit.

Mr. Mendoza seconded the motion.

Mrs. Lord commented that the audit was well done and feedback was very positive. The auditor was in attendance at the last Board of Education Work Session. Mr. Noufer asked if the district has considered changing auditors. Mr. Miller said that Hoelting and Company rotate their auditors, and Mr. Longfield said that this seems to be a good practice.

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

At this time Mrs. Lord greeted our visitors from Regis University. Nine out ten students were in attendance along with their Professor Mr. Babbitt. One student is in the school law program and the others are prospective educators.

- Policies – Third Reading
- Policy GCBE: Certified Staff

112910.06 Mrs. Lord moved to approve Policy GCBE: Certified Staff on the third and final reading.

Mrs. Stevens seconded the motion.

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

- Policy JLCD/R: Administering Medication to Students

112910.07 Mrs. Lord moved to approve Policy JLCD/R: Administering Medication to Students with changes.

Mrs. Stevens seconded the motion.

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

- Policy JICH/R: Alcohol, Illicit Drugs & Substance Abuse

This policy will be placed on hold. Mr. Longfield would like to have further discussion at his next cabinet meeting

- Policies – Second Reading

- Policy EEAG: Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

This policy will go into third reading.

- Policy FFA: Naming New Facilities

This policy will go into third reading.

G. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

H. FUTURE AGENDAS

- December Board Meeting: Thursday, December 9th @ 7:00 p.m. – Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- Certify Mill Levy
- CASB Conf. Debrief
- Potential Early Graduation
- MSSD 14 Health and Wellness Update
- Payment of Expenditures for October 2010

Break at 7:58 p.m.

The Board will enter into Executive Session.

8:06 p.m.

112910.08 Mrs. Stevens made a motion to go into executive session citing
C.R.S 24-6-402 (4F) Personnel

Mrs. Lord seconded the motion.

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

The board came out of executive session at 8:33 p.m.

112910.09 Mrs. Lord made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Mrs. Stevens seconded the motion.

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