

MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14 MANITOU SPRINGS, CO

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting
August 28, 2006

The informal discussion session and dinner meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Front Conference Room in the Shared Integrated learning Center.

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

President Barnes called the formal session to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Staff members present were: Roy Crawford, Melissa McElhaney, Beth Campbell, Tim Miller, Rob Cody, Keith Elsberry, Russ Vogel and Deb Yagmin.

Excused from formal session: Lori Finn

A. AGENDA

082806.01 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the Agenda for August 28, 2006 with the following amendment to the agenda. Page 3 of the agenda remove paragraph 3 and 4 in the middle of the page before Unfinished Business.

The motion was seconded.

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

B. MINUTES

082806.02 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Minutes for July 24, 2006 as amended.

Page 2: Mr. Rice received information about the CASB Advocacy Conference.
Page 5: A discussion was held on the upcoming request for a Mill Levy.

The motion was seconded.

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

Mrs. Barnes received information about the Fall CASB Conference. Mr. Crawford received a letter from the Drew Bolin, Director of the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation, State of Colorado, inviting Mr. Crawford, Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Miller to accept an award given to the District and to Mr. Zimmerman for our efforts in the energy management and energy conservation. Mrs. Farmer received an invitation to a seminar on Brain-Based Learning on Sept 30th.

3. Payment of Expenditures for the months ending for June 30, 2006 and July 31, 2006.

082806.03 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the Payment of Expenditures for the months ending June 30, 2006 and July 31, 2006.

The motion was seconded.

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

D. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

The Pikes Peak Bulletin and The Gazette published the District's Mill Levy Override press release.

The State of Colorado will recognize those involved in the Energy Conservation Audit. Mr. Zimmerman will be recognized on September 15th at the Governor's Mansion. Mr. Crawford and Mr. Miller will join him.

Mr. Crawford and teachers Bill Dallas and Alisha Donald attended a Manitou Springs City Council meeting. The Council was discussing lowering greenhouse gas emissions at the community level.

Mr. Crawford referenced a draft of a resolution opposing Amendment 39 (65% Solution). Mr. Rice recommends that the Board of Education oppose this measure. This resolution will be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

Mr. Crawford commended the Leadership Team, Ms. Campbell and Mr. Miller for the extra hours spent over the summer hiring new staff and preparing for the school year and noted that all employees received 3 ½ hours of Technology training . The start of school was calm and morale was high. The Business Office had some difficulties with the accounting software, Sage, but it seems everything has been resolved.

Thank you to Ms. Faucette, Director of Food Service and her staff for all the wonderful meals and hard work. Great job!

There will be a home volleyball game on Thursday night and a home football game on Friday night.

It was noted that there is a bump on the track surface. The installation company representative came out to look at it. They will run some drill tests to see what caused the bump. The new surface is still under warranty.

Ms. Butler-Olimb is our new web master. She has been redesigning the site. Changes have been positive.

Ute Pass Elementary has new landscaping! It looks wonderful.

2. Board of Education Reports

a. Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Larry Rice and Jeanne Barnes

No Report

b. Community Relations. Jennifer Farmer

The Wellness Committee will meet on Sept. 11th. The committee wants to explore ways to measure and evaluate the impact of changes to the Food Service Program. Parents and community members are welcome to join the committee.

The Middle School Cookout had a great turnout and everyone enjoyed the additional healthy food choices. Mr. Elsberry was not in attendance, but heard positive comments.

c. Governmental Relations Anna Lord

No Report

d. District Accountability Advisory Committee Lori Finn

No Report

e. Salary Committee Liaison Anna Lord and Lori Finn

No Report

3. Staff Reports

a. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Beth Campbell

Ms. Campbell discussed items on her written report. The Induction and New Staff Orientation was held on August 11th. Sixteen new teachers were assigned mentors. Teacher in-service is planned for September 1st and includes training in the use of “Thinking Maps” and critical thinking skills. The first meeting for Science Curriculum Review and Adoption met to identify objectives. The Adult and Community Education Committee will have Fall class offerings soon. The Summer Academy had 76 students and went well. Ms. Campbell also attached the 2006 CSAP summary report for District.

b. Assistant Superintendent Business Services Tim Miller

Mr. Miller reviewed his written report with the Board. There have been some glitches in the Sage accounting system that resulted in the delay in the end of year report. The accounting staff has been working with CDE to reduce our liability from the audit. Mr. Miller has signed and submitted the Mill Levy Intergovernmental Agreement with the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder. He has also drafted the required letter for Ballot Order and Content for the November election, which is due on September 8th. The Fund Balance restoration will include: deferral of payment for science curriculum to FY08 \$82,000, reduction of over allocation to cap/ins reserve \$12,170, reduction of school/staff budgets by 5% or \$24,980.

The Food Service Department had a positive visit from Kim Butler of CDE. She came to review our free and reduced program and menus. Ms. Bulter was very impressed with our program. Ms. Faucette requested that budgeted monies for an extra freezer be used to purchase a stove. Mr. Miller approved this change since the stove was the same cost as the freezer. Also, Ms. Faucette computerized the free/reduced lunch program to provide anonymity to students.

4. Staff

Dr. Yagmin thanked the Board for approving the schedule for the 1st week of school for testing. It was an awesome week, a great deal was accomplished and the schedule went smoothly.

Everyone is invited to the Open Houses at all schools. HS – 8/30 at 6:30pm; MS – 8/29 at 7:00pm; MSES 9/6 at 6:00pm and UPE at 6:30pm.

The Football Team will play their last home game under Coach Rykovich on October 20th. It will be a big game with alumni returning for Coach's last game. The Manitou Springs Fire Dept. will have a fireworks display. Both Dr. Miller and Mr. Milar will return to announce the game. There will also be a fundraiser to donate funds to the Multiple Sclerosis Society in honor of Mrs. Rykovich. Please come show your support!

E. CONSENSUS/REPORT ITEMS

082806.04 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the following Routine/Consensus Items.

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

a) Certified

b) Classified

2. Employment

a) Certified

- Patricia Allen – Counselor – MSHS

b) Classified

- Lesley Blyth – Media Tech – MSHS
- Terri Chandler – SPED Para – MSMS
- Erin Conley – SPED Para – MSHS
- Lisa Gillette – SPED PARA – MSHS
- Judy Gothot – Food Service
- Heather Koller – Food Service
- David Krosky – Computer Tech. – MSMS

- Diana Nation – Food Service
- Leslie Procter – Food Service

The motion was seconded.

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

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Use of Surplus Energy Project Funds

No action taken at this time. The Board asked Mr. Miller to do research on the security system and report back to them.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- DAAC Charge

Ms. Campbell reviewed her written report on the District Accountability Advisory Committee.

This year the charge to the committee will be:

- To continue to work with the school Accreditation and report back to the Board of Education.
 - To review and adopt a new science curriculum; the DAAC will provide input twice during the year.
 - To continue to define the Body of Evidence for the District.
 - Support the Wellness Committee and provide input.
- Opening of School Report including Initial Student Enrollment

As discussed in Mr. Miller's report. He updated the Board on the opening student count to date is lower than anticipated; however, he was optimistic that the district should be where they need to be for the October student count.

- First Reading of the Following Policies

Mr. Crawford reviewed a draft of a Family Education Rights and Privacy Act Policy. It is a policy that the district has never had in place but which is required in federal law.

082806.05 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the 1st Readings of the following policies:

Instructional Philosophy (IA)
Curriculum Review and Revision (IG)
Curriculum Development (IGA)
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The motion was seconded.

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

082806.06 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the 1st Reading on JRA Policy.

The motion was seconded.

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

H. FUTURE AGENDAS

Technology Director Report
Resolution for Classified Employee Week
Resolution opposing Amendment 39

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Farmer
Secretary