

MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

MANITOU SPRINGS, CO

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting December 11, 2006

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

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

Vice President Rice called the formal session to order at 7:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Staff members present were: Roy Crawford, Melissa McElhaney, Beth Campbell, Tim Miller, Rob Cody, Deb Yagmin, Russ Vogel and Russ Stamp.

Board Member Absent: Jeanne Barnes
Staff Member Absent: Keith Elsberry

Guests Included: Stevie Astley, Nancy Steen, Cory Urban, Abbie Steen, Chantry Campbell, Kayln Zupan; MSHS Students and Tom Sistaire from Hoelting.

A. AGENDA

- 121106.01 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Agenda for December 11, 2006 with the following changes:
- Remove Russ Stamp from Consensus/Routine Items for discussion
 - Add 4. Other at the end of Reports

The motion was seconded.

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

B MINUTES

- 121106.02 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Minutes for November 27, 2006.

The motion was seconded.

Vice President Rice requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mrs. Finn 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.

At this time Mrs. Astley introduced Mrs. Steen and the High School Choir group “SASI” (Smooth As Silk Indeed), Chantry Campbell, Abby Steen, Cory Urban and Kaylyn Zupan entertained the Board with a few holiday songs.

2. Receive and or Act on Correspondence.

The Board shared with each other information that they have received in the mail. Mr. Rice received information on the CASB Conference and a fundraising event for Bell’s Pulsy.

Mr. Crawford received a proposal from Mr. McGee, requesting that Manitou Springs Middle School sponsor a football team beginning in August, 2007. As per district guidelines for adding activities, Mr. Stamp will convene a study group to analyze the request. Mr. Crawford received a letter from Rick Walford, parent and volunteer athletic trainer, asking that an athletic trainer position be funded by the district.

3. Payment of Expenditures

121106.03 Mrs. Lord moved to approve Payment of Expenditures for the month ending October 31, 2006

The motion was seconded.

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

D. REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Crawford informed Board on a fundraiser event with Manitou Merchant’s. The District would receive 10% of sales from participating merchants for the month of November. This fundraiser was initiated by merchants to increase November sales. Participation was minimal but hopefully in the years to come it will grow. Thanks to all who participated.

We have advertised in the Independent Newspaper for Choice Night on January 24th. The local public radio station, KRCC will also be doing public service announcements advertising the evening.

Mr. Crawford mentioned that he is volunteering as a member on the Urban Renewal Authority in Manitou. CDE will be reviewing the SPED Program. Mr. Crawford has met with the Superintendent's from Cripple Creek and Woodland Park to discuss the UPBOCES roll in the review.

The District has assembled a team of people to hire the Middle School Principal. The position will be posted locally and nationally before holiday break and packets are almost complete.

The Pikes Peak Area Superintendent's Group has met with the Commander from Ft. Carson for the past three months. The Commander announced that they are expecting 4500 new soldiers to be placed a Ft. Carson.

Mr. Crawford and the Mill Levy Supporters had their last meeting. The balance of \$462 was donated to the Manitou Springs Education Foundation. The turn out for neighborhood walks, mailings and the website was a hit. Mr. Carpenter said the web site "hit's spiked after community walks. Mrs. Farmer will provide thank you cards for the committee.

2. Board of Education reports

a) Board of Cooperative Education Services. . . . Larry Rice and Jeanne Barnes

No report

b) Community Relations. . . . Jennifer Farmer

Mrs. Farmer mentioned that the Middle School Play "Robin Hood" went very well. Manitou Springs Arts Academy put on a fine production of Scrooge. A very wide range of age groups participated. Also, UPE students did an excellent job with Frog and the Prince. Congratulations to all performers.

c) Governmental Relations Anna Lord

Mrs. Lord attended the Federal Relations breakfast. Mrs. Lord has requested permission to attend a conference in Washington DC. It was agreed that she would pay for the airfare and meals and asks the district to pay for the conference registration and hotel.

d) District Accountability Advisory CommitteeLori Finn

The next DAAC meeting will be December 13th.

e) Salary Committee Liaison Lori Finn and Anna Lord

The next Salary Committee meeting will be December 13th.

3. Staff

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Beth Campbell

Ms. Campbell discussed the K-5 Professional Development Day, Dec. 8th. The evaluations have not be completed yet but the board will be informed of the results at the next meeting.

b) Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Tim Miller

Mr. Miller discussed his written report with the Board. Business items include the audit, which will be discussed later in the meeting. Mr. Miller is also requesting the board to authorize the resolution for the Mill Levy Certification. An all day free kindergarten will be discussed at the work session, so it can be presented to the community on Choice Night on January 20th.

4. Other

Mr. Cody and the high school science teachers attended class at UCCS for the day. It was well received by all. The students and teachers look forward to having the Professors attend the High School.

Mr. Cody had a team of 14 students meet at the Garden of the Gods Trading post to work on and develop a student dress code. They will present it to the BAAC and then to the Board of Education.

Mr. Rice suggested invited the Math teachers to come and talk with the Board regarding the Math Policy. Mr. Cody will arrange for them to come in for a discussion.

Mr. Vogel invited the Board and all others on the 19th for an all school performance. The kids will perform at 2:00 and 7:00 pm.

Dr. Yagmin invited the Board to be in attendance on the 20th at UPE when the K-3 students have a visit from Santa.

E. CONSENSUS/ROUTINE ITEMS

121106.04 Mrs. Anna Lord moved to remove Mr. Russ Stamp for discussion and approve the following for maternity leave.

The Board discussed the Transitional Retirement for Mr. Stamp. It was decided that the District has a ninety-day policy for notice to request transition. Mr. Stamp fell short by 12 days, therefore he will be granted his transitional retirement for March 1st.

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

a) Certified

- Russ Stamp – MSHS – Activities Director EXHIBIT E

b) Classified

- Meleah Perkins – MSHS – Media Tech EXHIBIT E

2. Employment

a) Certified

b) Classified

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

121106.05 Mrs. Farmer moved to waive the ninety-day policy for Mr. Stamp.

Mr. Rice requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mrs. Finn vote aye, Mrs. Lord vote no, Mr. Rice voted no.

With a tie vote as in the one above, equals a no vote.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 2005-2006 Audit

Mr. Tom Sistaire was in attendance to discuss and answer questions the Board might have on the draft of the 2005-2006 Audit. He explained key summary pages and that District 14 had received a “clean” audit.

- Mill Levy Certification

121106.06 Mrs. Farmer moved and read the following Resolution for the Mill Levy Certification.

“Be it resolved that the following mill levies be set for the December 2006 mill levy certification for taxes collected in calendar year 2007 for School District 14, El Paso County, general fund, voter approved override, abatement/refunds, and bond redemption fund:

22.816	General Fund
17.314	Voter Approved Override
0.211	Abatement/Refunds
<u>8.659</u>	Bond Redemption Fund
49.000	Total Mills

These mill levies are set based on the El Paso County Assessor’s letter of November 22, 2006 certifying our assessed valuation at \$93,666,120. Assuming a 100% collection rate, the general fund will receive \$2,137,086.19, the voter approved override will receive \$1,621,735.20, \$19,770.17 will be collected for the reimbursement of abatements/refunds, and the bond redemption fund will receive \$811,054.93.

The Board of Education requests that the above levies be extended on the tax rolls.”

In the absence of state funds, the general fund mill levy would have been 84.853 mills.

H. FUTURE AGENDAS

- SPED Information Awareness (February)
- Free All Day Kindergarten (January)
- Capital Reserve (February)
- School Calendar (February)

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned a 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Farmer
Secretary