

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**APRIL 27, 2009**  
**MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14**  
**MANITOU SPRINGS, CO 80829**

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, April 27, 2009

Members of the Board of Education present for the informal dinner meeting at 6:00pm and the 7:00 pm meeting were Anna Lord, Jennifer Farmer and Lori Finn. Staff members present were: Roy Crawford, Melissa McElhaney, Beth Campbell, Tim Miller, Deb Yagmin, Rob Cody, Russ Vogel and Steve Paterson.

Absent: Larry Rice and Glenn Noufer

President Lord called the meeting to order at 7:0 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

**A. AGENDA**

042709.01                Mrs. Finn moved to approve the Agenda for April 27, 2009 with the following amendment.

Add: Toni Barton – MSHS – Technology Instructor to the Routine/ Consensus Items

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

**B. MINUTES**

042709.02                Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Minutes for March 30, 2009 with the following changes:

The Board suggested that a different format for the corrections on the minutes be used.

Corrections -

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There was an article in the Gazette on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March regarding our new Superintendent Ed Longfield, also an article was written regarding the need for districts to update policies on a regular basis. Thanks to Ms. Farmer and our former BOE President Mss. Barnes for being sure that our policies are reviewed on a three-year cycle.

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- The Superintendent of School Contract ~~was~~ were discussed.

### **C. RECURRENT**

1. Identification of members of the audience who are not listed on the Agenda wishing to make a comment to Board of Education.

There were none.

2. Receive and or Act on Correspondence.

- High School Bacculaureate and Senior Breakfast invitation received.
- MSEF Disco Party Fundraiser at Adam's Mountain Café invitation received.
- Girls Scouts Award Ceremony invitation received.
- Information on Walden University received.
- MSHS Art Show Invitation received.

Mrs. Lord was very impressed with the student artwork on display at the Manitou Springs Elementary School when she visited as part of the Accreditation process. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade digital photography pieces are outstanding.

3. Payment of Expenditures

042709.03                      Mrs. Finn moved to approve the Payment of Expenditures for the month ending March 31, 2009.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

## **D. REPORTS**

### 1. Superintendent's Report

There were no questions for Mr. Crawford on his written report.

### 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

MSEF: Art Banners are on sale for \$100/side. See Mr. Crawford for selection. Disco Party is happening Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> at Adam's Mountain Cafe from 5:00-8:30pm. Social Hours starts at 5pm, Heavy Hors D'oeuvres at 6:00 pm and dancing at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$30/ person and \$50/couple.

### School Items

The High School presented to a full house on April 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> the production of Grease. Congratulations to all those who participated.

The Community Action Fair was held on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> at Manitou Spring City Hall. The MSEF, Peace Jam, and Partners for Healthy Choices were in attendance along with many other organizations around our community.

Spirit of the Mustang Awards – Congratulations to the following who received this award:

Bill Dallas, Beth Romano, Karen Hegg, Angelita Surage  
Cathrine Bulter-Olimb, Russ Vogel, Roy Crawford

- c) Governmental Relations . . . Anna Lord

All the news coming out of the Colorado Legislature has to do with the School Finance Bill, SB256, and the news changes almost daily.

As of April 17<sup>th</sup>, after a fast ride through the Senate, the House Education Committee is reviewing the school finance bill and has a half-dozen amendments proposed which would reduce some of the Senate's expenditures in areas like charter school capital construction and reducing the \$152 million cut proposed by the Senate to \$110 million.

Either way, higher education is looking at dramatic funding cuts.

Another budget-balancing piece of legislation is Senate Bill 260, which will divert \$24.5 million from the School Trust Lands permanent fund into the State Education fund, passed on Second Reading.

Mrs. Lord also commented on the Play Production Grease. The students did an excellent job. She would like to see a “warning” about mature content on the programs and or advertisements.

d) Pikes Peak Alliance

Mr. Miller attended the last meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. School Finance information was reviewed. Several schools will either have a freeze on salaries or award steps and lanes only. District 14 will honor the steps and lanes for their employees and make other salary decisions in the fall or winter next year when the revenue situation is more certain.

e) District Accountability Advisory Committee . . . . Lori Finn

No Report.

f) Salary Committee Liaison . . . Lori Finn and Jennifer Farmer

The last meeting was April 14<sup>th</sup> and there will be a special meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss health insurance.

### 3. Staff Reports

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instruction . . . . Beth Campbell

Ms Campbell reviewed her written report with the Board. She extended an invitation to the next early release on May13<sup>th</sup>, which will recap this year’s work, get feedback as we move forward, and culminate with an ice cream social.

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

Mr. Miller discussed the still pending disposition Schmichney Estate. It has been set up for a one third to go to a trust to serve special needs students. Mr. Miller will do some further research on this item to see where it stands and will follow up with the Board.

#### 4. Principals/Other

##### **Manitou Springs High - Mr. Cody**

Rigor: Mr. Cody was pleased to announce that Daniel Gieck has been accepted to the Air Force Academy. Opportunity: The new hires at the high school have turned in their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Relationship: The year is almost over!

##### **Manitou Springs Middle School - Mr. Paterson**

Mr. Paterson announced that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Knowledge Masters and they also placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the regional Knowledge Bowl.

##### **Manitou Springs Elementary School - Mr. Vogel**

Night of Excellence was held and it was a huge success. The 1st grade tea party was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. Mr. Vogel and the interview team interviewed seven applicants for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade position - 60 applications were received.

##### **Ute Pass Elementary School - Dr. Yagmin**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade CSAP reading scores are in and we are very pleased with the results which are some of our best ever.

Memorial Hospital will be coming to collect their \$900 check that the students raised for Cancer Research. The students raised the funds with penny jars, hat day, and bake and food sales.

Upcoming events: Spaghetti Dinner, Pony Fun Run and Shakespeare.

Graduation: May 28<sup>th</sup> - UPE - 8:45 am

May 21<sup>st</sup> - MSES - 1:30 pm

May 27<sup>th</sup> - MSMS - 6:00 pm

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - MSHS - 9:00am

Mrs. Finn announced that a former student who attended MSES and now goes to West Middle School and that Clara Harris has won a math competition. Congratulations Clara and MSES.

**E. ROUTINE/ CONSENSUS ITEMS** (Action)

042709.04 Mrs. Finn moved to approve the following Routine Consensus Items.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

**a) Certified**

**b) Classified**

- Heather Koller – Food Service EXHIBIT E

2. Employment

**a) Certified**

- Karen Hillman – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science – MSMS EXHIBIT E
- Katlyn McQueeney - .5 English Teacher – MSHS EXHIBIT E
- Cindy Myers – GATE Teacher – MSMS EXHIBIT E
- Elizabeth Tindall – SPED – MSHS EXHIBIT E

**b) Classified**

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

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

- 2010-2011 Calendar first reading (Action)

042709.05 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the first reading for the 2010-2011 Calendar.

After a short discussion, Mr. Crawford explained key calendar dates: the start date of August 16<sup>th</sup>, end date of May 25<sup>th</sup> ½ day, May 26<sup>th</sup> last teacher day and 2 weeks at Christmas.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

- First Reading of Environmental Responsibility Policy ADG (Action)

042709.06                Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the First Reading of  
Environmental Responsibility Policy ADG

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

- Resolution to support Teacher Appreciation Week

042709.07                Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the following Proclamation for  
Teacher Appreciation Week.

WHEREAS, the Manitou Springs School District 14 Teachers are an essential part of this District's education system; and

WHEREAS, teachers are dedicated to providing a quality education for the students of Manitou Springs District 14; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for Manitou Springs School District 14 to recognize the role teachers hold in our education system and to salute them for the valuable service they provide to our students and to our community;

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14 BOARD OF  
EDUCATION, PROCLAIM  
MAY 4th - 8th, 2009  
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report reviewed and accepted.

#### **H. FUTURE AGENDAS**

Regular Board of Education Meetings will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.

Mrs. Farmer will not be in attendance on May 11<sup>th</sup>

Meetings in June will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

Exit Interview for Mr. Crawford will be at the June 8<sup>th</sup> Work Session

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

042709.08                      Mrs. Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Finn