

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2009
MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14
MANTIQU SPRINGS CO 80829

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2009

Members of the Board of Education present for the informal dinner meeting at 6:00 pm and the 7:15 pm meeting were Anna Lord, Jennifer Farmer and Glenn Noufer.
Staff members present were: Roy Crawford, Melissa McElhaney, Beth Campbell, Tim Miller, Deb Yagmin and Rob Cody.

President Lord called the meeting to order at 7:15pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll call.

Absent: Larry Rice and Lori Finn – Board of Education Members
Russ Vogel and Steve Paterson – Building Principals

Visitors included: Steve Marantino, Steve and Laurie Wood

A. AGENDA

012609.01 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Agenda for January 26, 2009 with the following addition.

Add: Under Reports – Other - Superintendent Search Update

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion

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

B. MINUTES

012609.02 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Minutes for December 11, 2008 as amended.

Reports: Page 2: 1. Superintendent's Report

Refer to the leadership team with a title – The work has been extremely meaningful for everyone involved. He meets on a regular basis with Mr. Cody, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Vogel, Dr. Yagmin and Ms. Campbell.

New Business: Page 7: • Discussion of CAB Conference

A short discussion held regarding the break out sessions at the CASB Conference. At the Districts break out session on Friday, 12 people attended the presentation on R20. Mrs. Lord has been elected for a 2nd term for the Colorado Association of School Board Directors.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mr. Noufer 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.

CASB Billboard has been emailed out.

Business of Arts Invitation was received.

3. Payments of Expenditures

012609.03 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Payment of Expenditures for the months ending November 30, 2008 and December 31, 2008.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

D. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Crawford talked about the District 14 Employee Health Fair that was held on Friday, January 16th. It was a success and we plan on having another one next year and then hold them every other year after that. Thanks to Ms. Deutsch and Ms. McElhaney for their great work. Mrs. Farmer also contributed a great deal by getting door prizes and soliciting vendors. Great job!

The hiring process for the Middle School Principal is on schedule. We have three teachers, plus a classified staff member, a leadership team member and our Asst. Superintendent of Instruction who have volunteered to be on the search committee. We will be looking for 3 parents and a community member (with no students in school) to also serve on the committee. A notice will be placed in the Pikes Peak Bulletin asking for a community member.

2. Board of Education Reports

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

No Report – Mr. Crawford said that the CIMP report will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

The Manitou Springs Education Foundation will be meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 4:00pm. They will discuss the future direction of Foundation.

At this time Steve and Laurie Wood were introduced. They both are with “Concrete Couch” here in Manitou. Mr. Wood discussed several opportunities for students, parents and the community to get involved with creative art projects to build a “Relationship”. For list of classes please visit: www.conretecouch.org

- c) Governmental Relations Anna Lord

Mrs. Lord hosted two meetings with Merrifield and King in December to come and visit with folks for questions and answers. King accidentally double booked so his meeting will be rescheduled to a time in February.

- d) Pikes Peak Alliance . . . Roy Crawford and Tim Miller

There is an upcoming meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2009. Finances will be on the agenda. On February 12, 2009 Mr. Miller and Mr. Crawford will be attending an El Paso County delegation lunch at the Capital.

- e) District Accountability Advisory Committee Lori Finn

Ms. Campbell will accommodate members for a meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 evening and then host a “mini” meeting on Tuesday evening for the folks that cannot attend on Wednesday.

Next official meeting will be February 10th, 2009

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

Next meeting February 5, 2009

3. Staff

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instruction . . . Beth Campbell

Ms. Campbell reviewed her written report. She discussed the PD360 consideration – which is a 24/7 online training for the leadership team and the Professional Development Committee.

The Summer School Program planning will take place on February 3, 2009.

Ms. Campbell has met with Dr. Yagmin and Mr. Vogel for a mid-cycle accreditation review.

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

Mr. Miller reported that he attended a CASE conference in Denver last week; among the speakers was Vody Herrmann, CDE asst. commissioner for finance. She reported that changes to school finance caused by the current state budget crisis were happening “minute to minute.” She handed out a spreadsheet that showed possible rescission amounts for each school district for the current fiscal year; amount for Manitou Springs was \$45,000. The plan is that if this happens, we will just absorb this amount and the district’s ending fund balance for the year will be \$45,000 lower than it otherwise would have been.

For next fiscal year, FY09-10, the state will probably be forced to fund K-12 education at the minimum amount that complies with Amendment 23 and TABOR. There is no telling what that might look like, but the one thing the district must do is attempt to control our enrollment so that no funding reductions result from reduced enrollment.

4. Other

Manitou Springs High School – Mr. Cody

Mr. Cody reported that it is a great “Relationship” for the “Concrete Couch” group to reach out to the high school students to get involved.

The Restorative Justice program continues to work with students.

The Robotics class is off to a good start with teacher Mr. Horner.

“Rigor” is being offered through an afterschool study hour at 3pm for students who need the extra time to get their homework done.

Ute Pass Elementary – Dr. Yagmin

Dr. Yagmin attended the Manitou Springs Environmental Fair. She made a few “Relationship” connections with folks at the fair.

At the “ Choice Night” which was on January 22, 2009 no new “Opportunities” were there for Ute Pass Elementary School. Dr. Yagmin is has scheduled to give a couple of tours to families from the Woodland Park area.

5. Superintendent Search

The search has begun! Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) has posted the position as of January 15, 2009 and it will close on February 18th. CASB will collect the applications and do an initial paper screening. It is up to the district to work on the selection committee. Mrs. Farmer will start that process.

E. ROUTINE/CONSENSUS ITEMS

012609.04 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the following
Routine/Consensus Items.

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

a) Certified

- Steve Paterson – MSMS Principal

b) Classified

2. Employment

a) Certified

b) Classified

- Kathy Fiala – Food Service
- Margaret Hallstand – Food Service
- Kendal Kelly – Instructional Services Secretary
- Jacqueline Peerboom – Food Service

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Revised Policy GCCAA Sick Leave Bank – Second Reading

012609.05 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the 2nd reading for the Revised Policy GCCAA Sick Leave Bank as corrected.

Spelling correction: ~~expect~~ to except.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

G. NEW BUSINESS

- Revised 2008 -2009 Budget as required by law

Mr. Miller presented the adopted revised budget for the current fiscal year, FY 08-09. This is a new requirement in Colorado law, that each school district must adopted a revised budget by January 31st, updated to reflect information known to the district by December 31st.

The adopted resolutions were:

Mrs. Farmer moved and Mr. Noufer seconded "BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of School District Number Fourteen in El Paso County that the following revenues and expenditures for each district fund comprising the 2008-2009 Annual Revised Budget be adopted."

General Fund	\$12,647,058
Insurance Reserve Fund	\$143,942
Capital Reserve Fund	\$907,387
Governmental Designated Grants Fund	\$299,998
Pupil Activities Fund	\$410,725
Bond Redemption Fund	\$1,965,983
Building Fund	\$642
Food Service Fund	\$399,867
Internal Service (Health) Fund	\$1,572,816
Trust and Agency Funds	<u>\$780,457</u>
TOTAL	\$19,128,875

Mr. Noufer moved and Mrs. Farmer seconded “BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of School District Number Fourteen in El Paso County that the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

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Tim also gave the 2nd Quarter financial report for the district; all district funds are in good shape at this point in the year, although expenses are running higher than desired in the health fund. If the year to date trend continues, the health fund balance may decrease by some \$60,000 by the end of the year, but still be above \$300,000 at that time.

012609.06

- Second Quarter Financials

Second Quarter Financials were reviewed and accepted.

H. FUTURE AGENDAS

- Teachers Evaluations – feedback from the Board – Feb. 9th
- 2010/11 School Calendar Draft – Feb 23rd
- Transitional Retirement
- Principal Hiring Report

I. ADJOURNMENT

012609.07 Mr. Noufer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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