

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2009
MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14
MANTIQU SPRINGS, CO

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting
Monday, March 30, 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, Lori Finn, Glenn Noufer, and Larry Rice. Staff members present were: Roy Crawford, Melissa McElhaney, Beth Campbell, Tim Miller, Rob Cody, Steve Paterson, Deb Yagmin and Russ Vogel.

Guests included: Laurie Wood

President Lord called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

A. Agenda

033009.01 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Agenda for March 30, 2009 with the following changes.

REMOVE FROM AGENDA:

b) Community Relations: Local artist Steve Wood of Concrete Couch in attendance with students.

E. ROUTINE/CONSENSUS ITEMS

Add: ARK Contracts

G. NEW BUSINESS

Employment of a Superintendent of Schools – change to discussion of contract
Board will enter into Executive Session

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

B. MINUTES

033009.02 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Minutes with the following corrections.

PAGE 1: 022309.02 Mrs. Farmer moved to have the Solar Panel presentation to after Payment of Expenditures.

PAGE 2: County Commissioner Sally Clark talked with Mrs. Lord regarding Student Art Work from Manitou on display in the County Office Building Board Room.

PAGE 5: MANITOU SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Forensics Team met at Timberview Middle School in a major regional competition and represented the school well.

PAGE 7: • Superintendent Hiring Process – Report by Mrs. Farmer

Twenty-eight applications were received, the Board narrowed those to ten, and the Search Committee reduced that number to six. CASB will do background checks for the district and the Board will then select the final three. The three candidates will tour the district on the 13th of March and interviews will be on the 14th. An open house will take place on the afternoon of the 14th in the high school commons. The Board of Education members will meet on Sunday, March 15th to make the final selection.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

President Lord requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mrs. Finn voted aye, Mr. Noufer voted aye, Mr. Rice 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 Board of Education.

At this time Ms. Laurie Wood introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Wood has been selected as the Partners for Healthy Choices Prevention Coordinator. The PHC Committee received a grant a few months back and part of the funds were to hire a coordinator to work with young people that are affected by substance abuse, violence, delinquency, school drop out and teen pregnancy. She will have other responsibilities to include grant writing and administration. Welcome Laurie!

2. Receive and or Act on Correspondence.

Mr. Rice commented on the nice ad that has been placed in the Westside Pioneer for Choose Manitou. The ad will run until the end of May.

Advertisement for Secure Check Screening was received.

Business of Art Consortium invitation was received –event at the Antler’s Hotel.

WORRMS Club Director Angelita Surage and students drafted a letter of support from the Board of Education to move forward in their process for fund raising for solar panels. Ms. Lord would like to make some changes to the letter.

3. Payment of Expenditures

033009.03 Mrs. Finn moved to approve the Payment of Expenditures for the month ending February 28, 2009.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

D. REPORTS

1. Superintendent’s Report

The middle school principal search – Over 60 requests came in for applications, there were 43 responses and 37 were qualified. Six candidates will be interviewed over a two- day period. Mr. Crawford has invited Mr. Longfield (new superintendent) to come and visit with the candidates.

2. Board of Education Reports

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

Mr. Rice attended a workshop for BOCES Representatives and Board members. He was informed that our BOCES is not in compliance with the state. There were 23 areas that were pointed out. The UP BOCES will submit a plan on April 12th and the final plan will be submitted in January 2010. The presenter was Glen Gustafson, CFO at D-11. He talked about the ABC’s of school governance. What an awesome presentation!

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

The Manitou Springs Education Foundation will have their annual fundraiser on May 4th at 5pm; Adam's Mountain Café will provide the dinner. Art banners will be on sale for \$100.00. The Green Mountain Falls community will also be hanging 3 banners up near the Gazebo/Lake. The Concrete Couch Bridge project in Shriver Park (pond) has begun.

The new project at Soda Springs Park is almost complete and art tiles will go on the park wall. 10 students are needed to design 14 tiles from the MS/HS. \$200 is needed for the materials and Mr. Paterson might be able to fund the project.

There was an article in the Gazette on the 18th regarding?????, thanks to Ms. Farmer and our former BOE President Ms. Barnes our policies have been reviewed.

c) Governmental Relations . . . Anna Lord

Ms. Lord attended the CASB Board of Directors meeting a few weeks ago. Technology in the classroom was discussed. The Board was sent home with a reading assignment.

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

A dinner meeting is scheduled for April 1st.

e) District Accountability Advisory Committee . . . Lori Finn

The last DAAC meeting was on March 10th from 5-7pm. There was a change in time due to the Superintendent Search hiring committee had a training that same evening. The MSES PC has purchased projectors for all classrooms.

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

No information at this time. Mr. Crawford, Mr. Miller and Ms. Deutsch will be meeting with the insurance carriers – Baldriga and Company to discuss options.

3. Staff Reports

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instruction . . . Beth Campbell

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

4. Other

Ute Pass Elementary School – Dr. Yagmin

The school had 8 science fair winners. These students will be visiting cancer patients at Memorial Hospital. Parent Teacher Conferences will soon begin. ITBS for 2nd graders will begin in two weeks.

Manitou Springs Middle School – Mr. Paterson

Lisette Casey, MSMS Teacher was named as state's top teacher! She was awarded a plaque, \$1,000 plus \$500 for the school. Hundred's of nominations were received for the Teacher's Insurance Plan's teacher of the year. Congratulations Lisette! Student, Garrett Finn raised \$1,500 to send to Africa to drill for fresh water wells. The Hudgings Foundation in Denver sponsors this fundraiser. The Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts have a good start on the climbing wall at the middle school. They do have a contractor supervising their work.

Manitou Springs High School – Mr. Cody

Mr. Cody was pleased with the excellent pool of candidates for the math position. Ms. Bodine was the chosen candidate for the position. The SPED Teachers and Mr. Woodrich are prepping students for AP Testing and doing IEP's. 13 students have registered. The support group meeting will begin next week with students who have been trained to help other students who have lost loved ones. The Robotics' competition was held over spring break. Eight students were involved with this project and a \$5,000 grant was received from Boeing. What an exciting event to attend!

Manitou Springs Elementary School – Mr. Vogel

Mr. Vogel was pleased to announce the student drops have been installed for projectors in all classrooms. The Manitou Springs Elementary PAC funded the projectors. MS. Heidenreich recently travel to the ??? with her husband who is a photographer wrote a book on the ABC's of???? The 5th grade position was posted today.

E. ROUTINE/CONSENSUS ITEMS

033009.04 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the following Routine Consensus Items.

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

- a) **Certified**

Carolyn Venezia- MSHS Science-Transitional Retirement

b) Classified

- Stacie Shook – MSMS – Para

EXHIBIT E

2. Employment

a) Certified

- Britta Bodine – MSHS – Math Instructor

EXHIBIT E

b) Classified

3. Other

Motion_____ Second _____ Roll Call _____

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

BREAK – Returned at 9:07pm

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Middle School Principal Hiring process – Covered earlier in the meeting
- MSHS Parent Survey Data to add to November 2008 accreditation report

The High School Parent Survey was reviewed and discussed.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- Revision of 2009-10 Additional Days supplement to the school calendar

033009.05 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the additional supplemental days to the school calendar.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

- 2010 – 2011 Calendar first reading

Tabled

The building principals and Ms. McElhaney were excused for the evening at 10:00 pm.

- Employment of Superintendent of Schools

H. FUTURE AGENDA

I. ADJOURNMENT