



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

Mr. Finn received information on the School Advocacy Lawsuit.

3. Payment of Expenditures

121108.03                      Mrs. Finn moved to approve Payment of Expenditures for the month ending October 31, 2008.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

### **D. REPORTS**

1. Superintendent's Report

The Essential Learnings curriculum work being done is going great. Mr. Crawford commented that in his 33 years in education this is the most meaningful work he has experienced. The work has been extremely meaningful for everyone involved. He meets on a regular basis with Rob, Steve, Russ, Deb and Beth to plan in detail early release work.

2. Board of Education Reports

- a) Cooperative Education Services . . . Larry Rice and Glenn Noufer

Mr. Noufer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Rice and Mr. Crawford were all in attendance. Mr. Noufer, and on behalf of Mr. Rice, reported that the UPBOCES Budget was approved for 2008/2009 at \$1,744,422, that CIMP has been put on hold state wide until CDE can merge it with "the Determination Process" with 20 performance indicators, that the UPBOCES has moved up from "needs intervention" to "needs Assistance", and that CDE is focusing a lot of attention on developing and implementing "The State Performance Plan" to meet the federal mandates, or sometime in the future Colorado could lose it's funding for Special Needs.

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

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am – City Hall followed by the Manitou Springs Holiday Parade.

Focus Groups have been set for the Superintendent Search – Notices have gone out.

c) Governmental Relations . . . Anna Lord

Mrs. Lord and Mr. Crawford both attended Legislative Breakfast.

Mrs. Lord will be hosting meetings with Rep. Keith King and Rep. Michael Merrifield in the SILC building for the community.

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

Mr. Miller and Mr. Crawford both attended a breakfast meeting before the CASB meeting. The annual lunch will be held in February in Denver at the Capital.

e) District Accountability Advisory Committee . . . Lori Finn

Mrs. Finn did not attend. Mrs. Campbell mentioned that on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ms. Campbell, Mr. Paterson, Mrs. Purvis and Mrs. Finn attended a CDE Regional Meeting at the Penrose House to discuss Post-secondary and Workforce Readiness/Defining 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. It was a very productive 2 hours.

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

Mr. Crawford met with the salary committee and they discussed group norms, did some brainstorming and reviewed the coaching schedule. Mr. Miller will update the 5 year plan.

### 3. Staff

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instruction . . . Beth Campbell

Ms. Campbell reviewed her written report with the Board.

Mrs. Finn commented on the quality agenda for December 10<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development Induction day for staff. It is very clear and helps the Board to understand the process.

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

Mr. Miller discussed the calculation for the mill levy certification. Total program, mill levy override and abatement calculations are entered by CDE. The district calculates the amount required for our bond redemption fund. The resulting total of 48.098 mills is

below our voter approved maximum of 49 mills, so no reduction to the voter approved override is required.

Mr. Miller discussed the 10-year Coca-Cola contract, which ended on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The district is in discussions with five other local districts to review proposals from Coca-Cola and Pepsi for a new contract, although we are not committed to continuing with the group; one proposal from a small business local vendor has also been received by the high school. The leadership team will review the proposals and recommend/select a course of action for the district.

#### 4. Other

##### **Ute Pass Elementary – Deb Yagmin**

On December 1, 2008 Ute Pass Elementary practiced their lockdown procedures.

The children had their “Holiday Craft Fair” with 28 volunteers on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, December 1, 2008 the High School Jazz Ensemble will perform for the students at Ute Pass Elementary.

The students will also be doing some field trips.

##### **Manitou Springs Middle School – Steve Paterson**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys won the State Tournament in Basketball.

The students are doing a food drive.

Forensics will have their first meet on Saturday.

##### **Manitou Springs Elementary School – Russ Vogel**

The Rotary Club of Colorado Springs came and presented hardbound dictionaries to every 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will be visiting the Planetarium.

Space Week at the MSES – Students launching indoor rockets.

## **Manitou Springs High School – Rob Cody**

The high school has a student who is a Beottcher Scholarship finalist and another student who missed it by one point.

Mr. Cody recently met with 38 students who failed a class in the first quarter. Two students blamed the school staff for their failure and the other 36 took personal ownership for doing poorly.

The high school is building a support team of students and staff for students who lose a parent. Pikes Peak Hospice will be called in to do the training.

The students had a “Peace Jam” at school to combat bullying.

Mr. Cody was noted that a senior was recently accepted to Virginia Tech and two other students have been accepted to the School of Mines.

Mr. Crawford commented on the “Relationship” part of the middle school and high school lockdown drill. Afterwards Mr. Cody, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Crawford and Officer Gillis along with a parent who happened to get “locked in” debriefed on the situation.

Mr. Cody visited a home to meet with students and parents who are concerned about the past behavior of a fellow student. The parents and students were reassured by Mr. Cody and thankful for his accessibility.

8:25 – 8:35 pm Break

## **E. ROUTINE/CONSENSUS ITEMS**

121108.04                      Mrs. Finn moved to approve the Routine/Consensus Items.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

## **F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Accredite Manitou Springs Middle School through 2010.

Mr. Noufer commented that he is pleased with the format.

121108.05                      Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Accreditation for Manitou Springs Middle School through 2010.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

- Accredit Manitou Springs High School through 2010.

121108.06 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Accreditation for Manitou Springs High School through 2010.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

- Set the 2009 Property Tax Mill Levy

121108.07 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the following resolution  
“Be it resolved that the following mill levies be set for the December 2008 mill levy certification for taxes collected in calendar year 2009 for Manitou Springs School District 14, El Paso County, general fund, voter approved override, abatement/refunds, and bond redemption fund:

22.816	General Fund
17.435	Voter Approved Override
0.239	Abatement/Refunds
7.608	Bond Redemption Fund
48.098	Total Mills

These mill levies are set based on the El Paso County Assessor’s letter of November 24, 2008 certifying our net assessed valuation at \$108,977,330. Assuming a 100% collection rate, the general fund will receive \$2,486,426.76, the voter approved override will receive \$1,900,000, \$26,011.01 will be collected for the reimbursement of abatements/refunds, and the bond redemption fund will receive \$829,081.26.

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

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

- Revised Policy GCCAA Sick Leave Bank

121108.08 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve Policy GCCAA Sick Leave Bank on the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with clarification as to when the start date begins.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

- Discussion of CASB Conference

A short discussion was held regarding the break out sessions at the CASB Conference. Mrs. Lord had 12 people attend her presentation on Friday and she has been elected for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term for the Colorado Association of School Board Directors.

#### **H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

January 12: Essential Learnings: Principals and Teachers

January 26: Transition Retirement Requests  
Special Programs Report

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

121108.09 Mrs. Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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