

**MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14
MANITOU SPRINGS, CO**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 22, 2011

Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting, present for the informal dinner were: Anna Lord, Gino Mendoza, Glenn Noufer and Jennifer Farmer. Staff members present for the dinner were: Ed Longfield, Tim Miller, Pat Urban, Chris Briggs-Hale, Chris Burr and Glenn Hard.

Absent from Dinner: Russ Vogel

President Farmer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Present for the Board of Education meeting: Jennifer Farmer, Anna Lord, Gino Mendoza and Glenn Noufer.

Absent: Molly Stevens

Guests: Timothy Buchanan, Kelly Dude and Elizabeth Drummond

Staff members present were: Ed Longfield, Melissa McElhaney, Pat Urban, and Tim Miller.

A. AGENDA

082211.01 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the Agenda for August 22, 2011 with the following amendment – adding Kevin Benson – Computer Tech. and Jack Holladay – Substitute to the Routine/Consensus Items.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

B. MINUTES

082211.02 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the Minutes for July 25, 2011.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

082211.03 Mr. Noufer moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 pm
CRS: 24-6-402 4 (H): Discussion of Individual Students to include:

The Board of Education, Ed Longfield, Glenn Hard, Kelly
Dude, Pat Moran, Tim Buchanan, Tim Miller and Pat Urban

Mrs. Lord seconded the motion.

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

Break – 8:10 pm –

Mr. Dude, Mr. Moran and Mr. Buchanan left for the evening.

082211.04 Mrs. Lord moved to return back into regular session at 8:17pm.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

D. 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 was none.

2. Receive and or Act on Correspondence

The Board of Education received a letter/summary from Mr. Buchanan.

2. Payment of Expenditures for the month ending June 30, 2011

082211.05 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the Payment of Expenditures ending
June 30, 2011.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

E. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Longfield reported that he met with the entire leadership team and directors on Friday, Aug. 19th. They had a great day at the Glen Eyrie Conference Center/Castle. The team listened to an amazing presentation given by the middle school teachers on how they plan on using the iPads in the classroom.

Mr. Longfield has invited Ms. Shaunda McQueeney to present to the Board.

Tuesday, August 23rd, is the start up with new teacher orientation and continues on Wednesday, August 24th, with a bus tour and lunch for new employees. Thursday, August 25th, all staff returns, and will begin with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and assembly at 9:00 a.m. All Board members are welcome to attend.

2. Board of Education Reports

- a) Board of Cooperative Education Services: Glenn Noufer and Molly Stevens

No Report

- b) Community Relations: Jennifer Farmer and Molly Stevens

No Report

- c) Governmental Relations: Anna Lord

The landmark *Lobato* lawsuit is currently in its fourth week in court. In *Lobato*, the plaintiff, parents, and school districts seek to require the legislature to meet its constitutional duty to maintain a public school system that is fair & equitable for all of its students. Last week, Judge Sheila Rappaport heard from a diversity of witnesses:

- A **school finance expert** walked the Court through the impact of education cuts on various districts and various student demographics, especially those who qualify for free lunch ("at-risk");
- **National experts** testified about the resources necessary to ensure teacher effectiveness, the value of early childhood education, gaps in Colorado's ECE system, and the societal and economic costs of an inadequate education;
- **Superintendents** reinforced previous testimony about the impact of insufficient education resources on at-risk and homeless students;

- **Current and former state legislators** testified about the failure of the legislature to study the actual costs of the mandates and standards they have created;
- **Parents** testified that they believe insufficient resources resulted in their children and foster children receiving an inadequate education. Thus, it that did not prepare their children for success in the workforce or higher education.

The state is expected to begin its case on Wednesday this week. Expected to testify for the state are:

- Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia;
- Former Colorado Commissioner of Education William Moloney; and
- Former and current employees of the Colorado Department of Education.

Also in the Colorado courts this past week, district court struck down the **Douglas County voucher program** by issuing a permanent injunction based primarily on concerns that the program improperly directs money intended for public schools into religious programs.

d) Pikes Peak Alliance: Tim Miller

No report

e) District Accountability Advisory Committee: Gino Mendoza

No Report

3. Staff

a) Assistant Superintendent: Tim Miller

Mr. Miller presented information regarding student enrollment. The numbers look promising and are above what was expected when formulating this year's budget.

F. ROUTINE/CONSENSUS ITEMS

082211.06 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the following Routine/Consensus Items.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

a) Certified

b) Classified

- Deb McCloskey – UPE – Media Tech.
- Pamela Ward – MSES – SPED Para

1. Employment

a) Certified

- Sean McCune – MSHS – Social Studies

b) Classified

- Kevin Benson: Computer Technician

2. Substitutes

- Harold Lampasso
- Ann Hall
- David Valier
- Jack Holladay

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

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Policy GCCAA – Sick Leave Bank

082211.07 Mrs. Lord moved to approve Policy GCCAA – Sick Leave Bank for the third and final reading.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

- Policy GBK/GBK-R – Staff Concerns, Grievances, and Complaints

082211.08 Mrs. Lord moved to approve Policy GBK/GBK-R – Staff Concerns, Grievances, and Complaints

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

- Policy GBL – Retaliation

Policy moved from 2nd reading to 3rd reading.

- Policy JICDE – Bullying Prevention & Education

Policy moved from 2nd reading to 3rd reading

- Policy GBEB – Staff Conduct

This policy will remain in 1st reading

H. NEW BUSINESS

- Contingency to Cancel Board Election

082211.09 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the following and read for the minutes:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Manitou Springs School District is not scheduled to meet again until September 12, 2011, and the school director election must be cancelled by August 30, 2011 if there are three or fewer candidates for the three seats to be filled by the election, the district's designated election official is authorized to cancel the election if there are three or fewer candidates after the nomination petition deadline of 4:00 p.m. on August 26, 2011 and the affidavit of intent to run as a write-in candidate deadline of 4:00 p.m. on August 29, 2011 have passed and to insert their names below, per the following:

WHEREAS, the only matter before the electors at the regular biennial school election on November 1, 2011 is the election of persons to fill the office of school director; and

WHEREAS, three or fewer individuals have filed nomination petitions with sufficient signatures to qualify as candidates to fill the three offices; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for filing an affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate has passed without a sufficient number of individuals filing such affidavits so as to require an election; and

WHEREAS, state law at *C.R.S. 1-5-208 (1.5)* authorizes the Board of Education by resolution to cancel the election and declare the candidates elected if, at the close of business on August 30, 2011, there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at the election, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be write-in candidates.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the designated election official for the regular school biennial election is authorized to take all necessary and appropriate steps to cancel the election, including providing notice of the cancellation by publication and by posting notice in the office of the designated election official; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designated election official shall notify the county clerk and recorder of this action by September 2, 2011 so that election expenses to date can be pro-rated accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals shall be declared elected:
_____, _____, _____; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these candidates shall receive certificates of election after which they will be eligible to take the oath of office after November 1 and before November 28 and will be qualified to participate in the organization meeting of the Board of Education to be held by December 5, 2011.

Manitou Springs School District No. 14 Board of Education
Gino Mendoza, Secretary

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

- 4th Quarter FY 2011 Financial Report

Reviewed and Received.

I. ADJOURNMENT

082211.10 Mrs. Lord moved to adjourn from the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Gino Mendoza
Secretary