



Mountain View School District #244 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2015
Mountain View School District Office, Grangeville, 5:30 P.M.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Lot Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Other board members in attendance were Mike Dominguez, Rebecca Warden and Zone 2 appointee Julia York. Sally Nolan was absent.

Additions, Deletions, and/or Corrections to Agenda

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- December 15, 2014, Regular Meeting
- January 8, 2015, Special Meeting
- January 12, 2015, Special Meeting

Chairman Smith asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rebecca Warden, seconded by Mike Dominguez and passed unanimously.

Swearing In Of New Board Member – Zone 2:

- Julia York
Chairman Smith administered the oath of office to Julia York; all board members present signed the Code of Ethics/Operating Procedures.

Public Input Session (1)

Audience may address the board (members of the audience are requested to sign in and indicate their topic)

There were 6 staff members 17 patrons, and district attorney Greg FitzMaurice in attendance at this time.

Information Agenda

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stokes reported on two pressing issues of funding for the district noting that the supplemental levy election will be held in March at the same dollar amount as the year prior and the federal forest funds have reverted to the 25% payment from the USFS which means the district will receive a fraction of the former amount authorized under the non-renewed Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act (SRSCA). The administrative team is working on the budget for 2015-16 with an eye toward proactive positioning making reasonable reductions and hard choices to get ahead of the funding shortfall that is coming; it is estimated that the district will lose at least \$900,000 due to SRSCA not being reauthorized. He also noted that the Levy is barely passing so increasing its amount is not feasible. Budget changes will be brought to the board for their approval. Curriculum work is underway with common core alignment. Current state reporting and funding causes many demands to be placed upon the administrative staff; more local control is being sought.

Administrators' Reports

Administrators Higgins, Rodriguez, Miskin, Holthaus, Johnson and Weddle each gave a brief report of the activities and accomplishments occurring in their respective buildings and programs.

New Business Consent Agenda (to be approved in one motion)

- 1) **Treasurer's Report**
- 2) **Adopt New Special Education Manual**
- 3) **In Lieu of Transportation - None**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mike Dominguez seconded by Rebecca Warden and was approved unanimously.

New Business**1) K-1 Conversation**

Spokespersons Melissa Lane and Heidi York relayed questions and concerns on behalf of the group of parents in attendance and presented to the board a copy of a letter written by a former employee to Superintendent Stokes. Their chief concerns and questions revolved around the multiage grouping of K-1 students, the need for understanding how and why this program was implemented and if it was supported by teachers. Discussion ensued with questions posed to the board and administration. Principal Holthaus, Superintendent Stokes and board members Dominguez and Smith relayed the history and the various criteria that were met by implementing the program. At the conclusion of the discussion it was suggested that the parents may meet individually with Principal Holthaus to review data and discuss options.

2) New Hires – per detail list

A motion to accept was made by Mike Dominguez, seconded by Rebecca Warden and was approved unanimously.

3) Resignations – per detail list

A motion to accept was made by Rebecca Warden, seconded by Mike Dominguez and was approved unanimously.

4) School Calendar Adoption for 2015-16

A motion to accept was made by Julia York, seconded by Rebecca Warden and was approved unanimously.

5) Emergency School Closures at CV Elementary and CV Jr./Sr. High School - 01/05/2015

A motion to accept the emergency closure due to snow/ice and unsafe conditions for school bus routes on January 5, 2015 at both Clearwater Valley Elementary and Clearwater Valley Junior Senior High School without requiring a makeup day was made by Mike Dominguez, seconded by Rebecca Warden and was approved unanimously.

6) Discuss Reschedule of February Meeting due to Conflict (Day on the Hill)

A motion to reschedule the regular February board meeting to February 23, 2015 was made by Rebecca Warden, seconded by Mike Dominguez and was approved unanimously.

7) Accept and Award Bus Bids

A motion to award the purchase of two buses, a 71 passenger conventional and a 77 passenger transit with the addition of chains, to Harlow's Bus Sales was made by Mike Dominguez, seconded by Rebecca Warden and was approved unanimously.

8) Greg FitzMaurice

Attorney FitzMaurice has served as district counsel for the past 34 years; having been recently appointed by the Governor to the position of 2nd District judge, he encouraged

the board to begin some type of selection process to choose local counsel to represent and work with the district in the future

9) Superintendent Evaluation

Chairman Smith distributed evaluation criteria to the board for their consideration. These criteria will be addressed in executive session at the next board meeting.

Old Business

- 1) None

Public Input Session (2)

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There were 6 staff members and 4 patrons in attendance at this time.

Executive Session IC 67-2345(a): (a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

School Board Chairman

School Board Clerk

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2015, 5:30 P.M., Clearwater Valley High School Library, Kooskia, ID