



Mountain View School District #244 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 20, 2015

Mountain View School District Office, Grangeville, 5:30 P.M.

Call Meeting to Order

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

Additions, Deletions, and/or Corrections to Agenda

None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

• March 16, 2015 Regular Meeting

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

Public Input Session (1)

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

There were approximately 20 patrons and staff members in attendance at this time.

Information Agenda

1) Superintendent's Report-

Superintendent Stokes reported that hiring staff for next year is underway, negotiations with the CIEA will start within the next 2 weeks, there will be an increase in the number of Kindergarten students at GEMS next year and the multiage concept lends itself well to accommodating the load along with the request for another teacher. Principal Holthaus endorsed adding a teacher and retaining the multiage concept to even the load.

Superintendent Stokes explained further that the number of teaching staff serving students in the district exceeds the number funded by the State so the district relies upon the supplemental levy and Forest Fund revenue to make the budget work; if we depart from multiage we will be required to add even more staff so he supports the decision to retain multiage in order to not add to the tax bill. Superintendent Stokes thanked the White Bird community residents for attending the meeting and for their work with the district; he and the board are happy to have them as partners in transferring the White Bird school property to the newly formed White Bird Area Recreation District.

2) Administrators' Reports

Principal Miskin reported on 4th quarter, spring activities, ISAT/SBAC testing, graduation date this year, screening and interviewing of staff to be hired.

Principal Higgins reported on ISAT/SBAC testing, student feedback on testing, prom, senior project reviews, class night, graduation, and spring state sports.

Principal Hill reported on ISAT/SBAC and IRI testing, Lions Club sponsored vision/hearing screening, RTI training with GEMS teachers, grade 4/5 students attending Earth Day, and noted she has written applications for two grants to the Nez Perce Tribe for a .5 FTE counselor and for tablet devices.

Director Weddle reported that various state tests are underway, teacher evaluations are underway, new curriculum is being delivered, and he is working with high school principals developing a RTI early warning system,

Principal Holthaus reported on Kindergarten screening and commended the GEMS K-1 staff for working well with parents and day care providers during this process, ISTA/SBAC and IRI testing, and grades 7/8 field trips to LCSC and U of I.

Librarian Johnson reported on end of course assessment review, professional development and curriculum committees, book fairs at GEMS and CVE, and informed the board she has assumed duties at the GEMS library and the CVE para-pro position is open.

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

- 1) **Treasurer's Report**
- 2) **In Lieu Of Transportation/Boarding – None**
- 3) **Resignations and New Hires (note that all Resignations and New Hires are listed on the enclosed documents)**
- 4) **Request for Kooskia Lions Club Scholarship Modification**

It was noted that a complete listing of resignations and new hires was included in the board packet. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mike Dominguez seconded by Julia York and was approved unanimously.

New Business

1. Consider Additional K-1 Position

A motion to approve an additional K/1 teaching position at GEMS for 2015-16 was made by Mike Dominguez, seconded by Julia York and was approved unanimously.

2. White Bird School Transfer

Al Holden extended his thanks to the MVSD board and all parties working together toward the transfer. He introduced the newly formed White Bird Area Recreation District (WBARD) commissioners, Dean Heckman, Steve Dalglish, and Christy Christiansen and provided a copy of the State Department of Education transfer form needing completion to Superintendent Stokes and requested a copy of any survey or property description language that the district might possess. By consensus the board confirmed that Mr. Holden should consult with district attorney Adam Green and should proceed with obtaining the required appraisal. It was noted that the WBARD is responsible for all costs associated with the appraisal and closing of the transfer. In addition, the WBARD offered to provide in perpetuity the electricity needed for the White Bird/Deer Creek school bus plug-in. A motion to allow the WBARD to move forward with the appraisal and other requirements as per the MVSD proposal for transfer, following legal approval by district attorney Green, was made by Mike Dominguez, seconded by Julia York and was approved unanimously.

3. Proposed RIF Policy – Bruce Wassmuth

Mr. Wassmuth presented a draft proposal of a RIF Policy formulated by the teaching staff and answered questions from the board. A motion to table the discussion until the next board meeting was made by Mike Dominguez seconded by Julia York and was approved unanimously.

Old Business

None

Public Input Session (2)

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

There were 14 patrons and staff members in attendance at this time. Katie Told addressed the board regarding the many positives of the multiage program at GEMS which she sees as both a parent and a volunteer in the school.

Executive Session Pursuant to IC 63-2345(a)

1) Administrative Contracts

At 6:45 PM a motion was made by Mike Dominguez and seconded by Julia York to enter into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345 (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.

Vice Chairman Warden called for an individual vote which was as follows:

Mike Dominguez Aye
Julia York Aye
Rebecca Warden Aye

Executive session ended at 7:23 PM and the meeting resumed in open session.

A motion to extend the existing term of contracts by one year for administrators Higgins, Hill, Miskin, Weddle and Hogg was made by Mike Dominguez, seconded by Julia York and was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

School Board Chairman

School Board Clerk

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2015, 5:30 P.M., Clearwater Valley High School Library, Kooskia, ID