



Mountain View School District #244 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 16, 2016

Clearwater Valley High School Library, Kooskia, 5:30 P.M.

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Lot Smith called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. Other board members in attendance were Mike Dominguez via telephone, and Rebecca Warden.

Additions, Deletions, and/or Corrections to Agenda

A motion to modify the Agenda pursuant to IC 74-204 was made by Rebecca Warden with a second by Lot Smith, to allow the following two additions due to the good faith reason that the information was received subsequent to the time the original agenda was posted:

To add:

- Larry Paul Scholarship recipient to New Business Consent Agenda Item #4
- Consider GEMS Handbook Changes for 2016-17 to New Business Item #7

To move Soccer Discussion from New Business Item #1 to the Information Agenda Item #4
The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

- **April 18, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Chairman Smith asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Dominguez seconded by Rebecca Warden 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 15 staff members/patrons in attendance at this time. Ms. Blees inquired when the Treasurer's Report would be posted to the district website.

Information Agenda

1) Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Stokes reported on: CVE personnel issues being addressed, staff continue to cleanup grounds and buildings and are compiling a list of district items for surplus declaration at a future meeting, surplus auction vehicles have been purchased to update the district fleet, test scores being reviewed and interventions are helping, special thank you to administrators, Char McKinney CIEA President, Cody Weddle and Board for their hard work and expertise. Board Member Warden inquired if the property acquisition near GEMS was complete and if tidying up the property had begun.

2) Administrators' Reports

Principal Miskin: Incoming freshman information night is underway, testing complete with results coming in, senior testing underway and their last day is Wednesday, state tournaments are this weekend, testing for grades 6-11 is next week, announced that Class of 2016 Salutatorian will be Tanner Coons and Valedictorian will be Shalynn Gutzman.

Director Weddle: State testing completed and scores show we are up district-wide in every category and grade level. New math curriculum is in the buildings with professional development coming at various times during next school year; a staff professional development survey has been issued for feedback and planning purposes.

Principal Anderson: GEMS finishing exams and end of course assessments, sports are finished, 8th grade ceremony and K-5 field day next week; LCSC and UI tours, band competition, battle of the books are underway; goals are for literacy improvement and behavior improvement school-wide; developing a schedule for next year with a rotation which frees up a position, keeps release time and helps with behaviors and literacy intervention at the primary level. Battle of the Books is a great thing to help establish the desired academic culture. Chairman Smith inquired about the number and configuration of K/1 classes planned for next year and at this time plans are for one K, one 1st and the remainder will be K-1 combos. Requests for straight K and straight 1st weren't enough to fully fill the classes but they will make it work to round them out. Board member Warden extended thanks to Principal Anderson for the volunteer recognition event held at GEMS.

Director Rodriguez: Reported on the growth of internet usage and need for more bandwidth in the district as well as the number of operating systems requiring upgrades to stay current.

Principal Hill: Accelerated Reader is in its final stages with a reward field trip next week, thank-you to Superintendent Stokes for guidance and support through the past couple of weeks. Board member Dominguez inquired if the CVE counselor FTE would change for next year.

Principal Higgins: Building goals have been submitted to Superintendent with targets for improvement established for the SBAC, SAT and ACT tests; announced that Class of 2016 Salutatorian will be Colton Cervantes and Valedictorians will be Darby Finnegan, Emily Kaschmitter, and Lily Willig; track and tennis state competition will be held later this week.

3) 2016-17 Budget -- Becky Hogg

A working draft of the 2016-17 General Fund, Forest Fund and Plant Facility Fund budget based upon current programs was presented to the board for their review; any requested program changes can be incorporated into the next draft.

4) Soccer Discussion - Tara Connolley

Ms. Connolley distributed two handouts, informed the board about the student and community interest, financial pledges made, expected costs and requested a vote tonight in order to facilitate scheduling. Board member Warden requested more information concerning compliance with Title Nine and fundraising parameters before voting on the issue. Board member Dominguez expressed concern with potentially eliminating Cross Country if there were students still coming through the ranks in that activity. GHS Principal Higgins and Activity Director Dame contributed to the discussion and will request that IHSAA staff review the current and proposed GHS programs for Title Nine compliance. Chairman Smith requested the costs and participation in Cross Country over the past three years; he also requested a more complete census of incoming GHS freshmen and CVHS students with regard to soccer participation. By consensus the board agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting.

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

- 1) **Treasurer's Report/Accounts Payable**
- 2) **In Lieu of Transportation/Room & Boarding - None**
- 3) **Open Enrollment Applications**
- 4) **Scholarship Larry Paul recipient**

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

Old Business

- 1) **Update - Steering Committee, Gun Policy – Mike Dominguez**
By consensus the board agreed to table this discussion until the next meeting.

New Business

- 1) **Soccer Discussion - Tara Connelly**
(Moved to Information Agenda)
- 2) **2016-2017 Calendar Revision/Monday Holiday**
A motion to accept the 2016-17 calendars presented for Grangeville/Clearwater Valley Schools and for Elk City School was made by Rebecca Warden, seconded by Mike Dominguez and passed unanimously.
- 3) **Consider Parking Lot Bids**
Superintendent Stokes reported that bids had been received from Poe Asphalt and from Knife River with Knife River's low bid coming in at \$467,000. The project will be completed this summer and will include grading and resurfacing parking lots at GHS, CVHS and Jr High, and the District Office. Sidewalk replacement costs will be borne by the district. A motion to approve the project and low bid award to Knife River was made by Rebecca Warden, seconded by Mike Dominguez and was approved unanimously.
- 4) **Consider Hard to Fill Position Signing Bonus/Title II Money**
Superintendent Stokes requested board approval for using *Title IIA Teacher and Principal Quality* funds for a signing bonus when attempting to secure teachers in hard to fill positions. A motion to allow administrators discretion to use Title IIA funds for a \$1,000 signing bonus when there are fewer than 5 qualified applicants was made by Mike Dominguez, seconded by Rebecca Warden and passed unanimously.
- 5) **New Hires/Resignations**
A motion to accept the list of new hires and resignations was made by Rebecca Warden, seconded by Mike Dominguez and passed unanimously.
- 6) **Declare Trustee Vacancy Zone 5**
A motion to declare Trustee Zone 5 vacant was made by Mike Dominguez, seconded by Rebecca Warden and passed unanimously.
- 7) **GEMS Student Handbook Changes**
Principal Anderson reviewed the nature of each of the proposed changes with the board. A motion to accept the handbook with the agreed upon changes was made by Rebecca Warden, seconded by Mike Dominguez and passed unanimously.

Public Input Session (2)

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

There were 9 staff members/patrons in attendance at this time and no input was received.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

School Board Chairman

School Board Clerk

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2016, 5:30 P.M., Mountain View School District Office, Grangeville, ID