

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

<u>Kind of Meeting</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Month/Day/Year</u>
Regular	HS Library,	6:00 p.m. Executive Session 7:00 p.m. Regular Session	2/22/2016

Present:

David Steinert,  
Board President

Absent:

Eric Pfannenstiel

David Bower

Gina Mitchell

Heather Paulson

Steven Marantino,  
Superintendent

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Board President, David Steinert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., all members were present. Mr. Steinert asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of personnel, evaluations [C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)].

Motion was made by Mr. Bower and seconded by Mr. Pfannenstiel to adjourn to executive session for discussion of personnel evaluation [C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)].

Vote: Mr. Bower, aye; Mrs. Mitchell, aye; Ms. Paulson, aye; Mr. Pfannenstiel, aye; Mr. Steinert, aye. Motion carried.

The meeting returned to regular session at 7:03 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Steinert noted one change to the agenda under employment, add an item for resignation, (Item C 1, with the Superintendent Contract C 2 and Employment List C 3).

Motion was made by Mr. Pfannenstiel and seconded by Ms. Paulson to approve the agenda as amended.

Vote: Mr. Bower, aye; Mrs. Mitchell, aye; Ms. Paulson, aye; Mr. Pfannenstiel, aye; Mr. Steinert, aye. Motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Steinert noted items included under consent agenda; minutes, financial reports, and employment. Mr. Steinert reviewed the employment list, and asked if there were questions or comments on the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Ms. Paulson and seconded by Mr. Bower to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote: Mr. Bower, aye; Mrs. Mitchell, aye; Ms. Paulson, aye; Mr. Pfannenstiel, aye; Mr. Steinert, aye. Motion carried.

### **Reports**

#### Students

Head Boy, Caleb Cotton and Head Girl, Faith Stults reported on basketball playoff games, Student Council activities, FFA week, and FBLA districts.

#### Student/Staff Presentation:

Ms. Reinhart's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, Conner Holmes, Josh Sawyer and Aiden Oaks-Jaramillo provided a report on their class project on water in the San Luis Valley; board members asked questions and expressed appreciation for the work invested in the project. Secondary Art Teacher, Annie Troncoso also provided a report on her students work on a Master's Project. Students studied, researched and then created copies of a work by a Master. Questions were answered and discussion followed.

#### Assessment Coordinator

No report this month.

#### Principals

Mrs. Hemmerling reported current enrollment, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade cross-curricular projects and STEM projects; also on the recent staff in-service on school safety, and a teacher training workshop and student activities.

Mrs. Cochran also reported on the teacher training; discussion followed and questions were answered.

Mr. Steinert reviewed Directors reports, and discussion followed.

#### Board Reports

Mr. Pfannenstiel reported on the DAC meeting and Mrs. Mitchell reported on the upcoming BOCES training for board members; in addition, the round table discussion with staff was reported on and discussed.

Superintendent

Mr. Marantino also made note of the school safety staff training, and reported on the formation of a Superintendent Advisory Council which will meet every 4-5 weeks to promote ideas and communication. He also noted a movie presentation at Adams State University for educators.

**Community Input**

Tyler Kyffin addressed the board regarding recent discussion and consideration of a 4 day week schedule. He asked the board to be more specific with agendas, and stated he feels a 4 day week could create a substantial savings to the district.

Melinda Baber stated as a parent of current and former students she has experienced both a 4 day and 5 day schedule, and noticed little difference. She noted the importance of small class sizes and expressed concern regarding the tension and division surrounding the calendar options.

Terri Baker stated her preference is for the year-long testing format vs standardized testing. She also expressed support of a 4 day week schedule, stating she feels opinions stated have been ignored, and noting advantages with scheduling sports and activities, time to collaborate with peers and time with family, and suggested a schedule with ½ day attendance on Fridays.

Mr. Steinert thanked audience members for attending the meeting, and for their comments.

**Action Items**

**2016-17 School Calendar**

Mr. Marantino reported on the process of work on the calendar after the January meeting; three drafts were prepared and presented to staff and to the District Accountability Committee. Suggestions were incorporated into the final draft. Following Mr. Steinert's suggestion that the number of quarter/semester days be adjusted, the draft was revised to start Christmas break later, which adjusts days by 4. Also, it was requested one professional development day prior to school be changed to a work day, this was also added to the final draft being presented for approval. Questions were answered and discussion followed; it was noted the President's Day Holiday is one week later. Mr. Marantino stated the format of professional development days will change to allow ½ day for teacher collaboration, and teachers may also, with their principal's approval, request reimbursement for additional time for specific needs; discussion continued. Mr. Steinert stated he would like to stream-line the process for next year and approve a similar format for 2017-18, this idea was discussed.

Motion was made by Mr. Pfannenstiel and seconded by Ms. Paulson to approve the 2016-17 school calendar presented with the noted correction to President's Day.

Vote: Mr. Bower, aye; Mrs. Mitchell, aye; Ms. Paulson, aye; Mr. Pfannenstiel, aye; Mr. Steinert, aye. Motion carried.

### **Policy Revisions**

Mr. Marantino noted there have been no additional changes to the policies; they are presented for second reading and adoption. He and Mr. Pfannenstiel will be reviewing new policies for revision.

Motion was made by Ms. Paulson and seconded by Mrs. Mitchell to approve policy revisions presented.

Vote: Mr. Bower, aye; Mrs. Mitchell, aye; Ms. Paulson, aye; Mr. Pfannenstiel, aye; Mr. Steinert, aye. Motion carried.

### **Fiscal Exigency**

Mr. Marantino stated it may be necessary to reduce staff or to eliminate programs for the coming year. The declaration of fiscal exigency allows for the preparation of recommendations for necessary budgetary reductions. Discussion followed; Mr. Steinert asked if there was a motion to declare fiscal exigency.

Motion was made by Mr. Bower and seconded by Ms. Paulson to declare a fiscal exigency due to restricted revenues and direct the superintendent to prepare recommendations for budgetary reductions; if needed, to include staff and programs.

Vote: Mr. Bower, aye; Mrs. Mitchell, aye; Ms. Paulson, aye; Mr. Pfannenstiel, aye; Mr. Steinert, aye. Motion carried.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Mission and Goals**

Mr. Steinert read the district's mission statement and the list of goals compiled earlier was noted; Mr. Marantino suggested the long term goals be considered for approval at the March or April board meeting and that perhaps time could be set aside at the March work session to finalize the list. Discussion followed.

#### **Budget**

Mr. Marantino reported he and Ms. Quintana have been monitoring funding news; they do not anticipate an increase in funding, however. They are looking

at options to balance the budget and work will take place during March and April for presentation of a preliminary 2016-17 budget in May; discussion followed.

**DAC Directive**

Mr. Steinert stated the board has asked the District Accountability Committee to look into a mill levy ballot question again for the 2016 election. They, however will need details as to an amount, preference as to sunset options, etc. Mrs. Mitchell suggested looking into why the 2015 ballot issue failed. Discussion followed, and the following items were noted: 1) Mill Levy (March meeting); 2) Research top 10 public schools in Colorado 3) Budget review. Mr. Marantino noted he is researching Friday absences. Discussion continued.

**Date for Work session**

Possible dates were suggested and discussion followed; consensus was to schedule a work session on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

**Debrief Meeting, March agenda**

Mr. Steinert noted the next meeting will be on March 28, agenda items to include and executive session at 6:00 p.m. for evaluations. Action Items will include principal contacts and possibly policy revisions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.