

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	3/28/2016

Present:

David Steinert,
Board President

Absent:

Eric Pfannenstiel

David Bower

Gina Mitchell

Heather Paulson

Steven Marantino,
Superintendent

Board President, David Steinert called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., all members were present. Mr. Steinert asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of personnel [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 [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 7:05 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Steinert asked if there were changes or additions to the agenda.

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

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Steinert asked if there were questions or comments on the minutes, and noted the 2015-16 Supplemental Budget Appropriation Resolution. He also noted employment items including one resignation and reviewed the employment list.

Motion was made by Ms. Paulson and seconded by Mrs. Mitchell 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 Girl, Faith Stults reported on current student activities, including athletics, FFA and FBLA. Ms. Stults responded to a question about the soccer program, explaining Sargent students participate in Center's soccer program.

Student/Staff Presentation:

Mr. Lyle Carbutt reported on a project he and his students are participating in, in conjunction with Adams State and Yale Universities. He described student's involvement in this cooperative learning activity that involves creating a database relating to antibiotic resistant bacteria found in soil.

Mr. Rafe Paulson and Mrs. Terri Paulson introduced their students, who provided reports on their award-winning science fair projects. Students reporting included Leighton Burt, Brennan Gearhart, Clay Kimberling, Kendra Sears and Cole Seger. Students answered question about their projects, and discussion followed.

Assessment Coordinator

Ms. Sanderson provided a report on up-coming assessments including PARCC and CMAS, noting areas of assessment for different grade levels. She also noted teacher trainings on administering the tests.

Principals

Mrs. Hemmerling reported on parent/teacher conferences, the Elementary Principal PLC, which she will host this week, work with ASU on continuation of the STEM grant, current enrollment and upcoming activities.

Mrs. Cochran reported Marika Basagoitia was awarded a Daniels Scholarship, and Mary Hood has been accepted to the Air Force Academy. She also reported on work on the STEM grant with ASU; questions were answered and discussion followed.

Mr. Steinert reviewed Directors reports, and discussion followed.

Board Reports

Mr. Pfannenstiel reported on the DAC meeting and Mrs. Mitchell reported on the BOCES meeting and the training held at BOCES with CASB's attorney and Mr. Steinert reported on the CASB Winter Legislative Conference.

Superintendent

Mr. Marantino reported the planned opera presentations were postponed due to illness, it is hoped they will be rescheduled. He also reported on a 1 hour delayed start due to bad weather and road conditions, a letter from Valley Superintendents commending Senator Crowther and noted a possible ballot initiative pertaining to school funding. He also provided a letter regarding the district's financial reporting and audit and commended Business Manager, Rebecca Quintana on her work in this area.

Community Input

Mr. Steinert welcomed the input of community members present, and noted the 3 minute time limit per speaker. He also noted the proceedings were recorded and that those speaking are responsible for their comments.

Jill Gosar made note of the quality displayed at the meeting tonight. She stated she recently heard of budget cuts and feels disappointed in the educational funding available. She expressed concern about cutting the elementary counseling position, stressing the importance of staff and raised the question of how quality educational programs will be maintained with the cuts proposed.

Devi Jardon spoke in support of the elementary counseling position and described the support she receives as a teacher through this position.

LaVonda Castillo provided information on curriculum, relating to previous discussion under the reports section of the agenda. She also expressed support of the elementary counselor position, noting services provided to both students and teachers, and expressed concern over combining classes to have one teacher per grade level.

Terri Baker spoke in favor of keeping the elementary counselor position, and stated SLV Mental Health has pulled out of schools, and explained potential needs and situations of students with counseling needs. She explained the benefits of a counselor to students and teachers.

Carol Sessums expressed concerns regarding the loss of the remaining business classes and FBLA program. She explained advantages her son has realized

through his participation in the program and expressed her sadness for the loss of those advantages for students in the future.

Melissa Mitchell addressed the board on behalf of herself and her husband, Tyler expressing support for the elementary counseling position. She noted understanding of the budget constraints, and expressed hope for a successful mill levy to help alleviate them. She stressed the importance of the program and the need for opportunities for participation in all programs.

Mr. Steinert expressed the board's appreciation for the input received. He stated all were valid points expressed, and that the board does not make decisions lightly, and noted the board's decisions are made based on recommendations received. A question pertaining to a grant option was answered, and discussion followed.

Action Items

Acceptance of superintendent recommendation for contract cancellations

Mr. Steinert explained the superintendent's recommendation for the cancellation of contract for Sharon Adams (Secondary Business Teacher) and for Nicole Clark (Elementary Counselor) for the 2016-17 school year. Mr. Marantino commented he appreciated the comments received, and explained his duty to present a balanced budget to the board. He stated he is working with the principals to make budget cuts and explained the timeline involved in building a budget along with contract approvals for next year. He stated final funding is still unknown. Mr. Marantino stated his recommendation is to approve the action item to notify staff members of the intent to cancel contracts. He emphasized this action does not cancel the contracts, at this time it will direct the superintendent to notify individuals of the intent to cancel contracts. Discussion followed pertaining to the cancellation of the board's work session, and concern regarding adequate information for board members in consideration of budget and employment decisions. Consensus was to schedule a work session in April.

Motion was made by Mr. Bower and seconded by Mr. Pfannenstiel to accept Superintendent recommendation and to provide notice of intent to cancel contract to Sharon Adams and to Nicole Clark.

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

Policy Revisions

Mr. Marantino explained the revisions and recommended repeals are based on a review of the personnel section of policies with CASB's core policies. He also noted revisions to policy ADF, School Wellness are recommended by the school's Wellness Committee. Discussion followed pertaining to the committee's

recommendation to prohibit consumption of energy drinks and soda during the school day. Mrs. Cochran added information regarding discussion with the District Accountability Committee; further discussion followed. Board members and administrators agreed to table action on revisions to policy ADF, while further work continues to create an initiative in the school pertaining to this matter. Mr. Marantino noted policy GCEA is provided for information, with no recommendations for revision at this time. Discussion continued and policy revisions were reviewed. Mr. Steinert suggested pertinent information in policy GCEA Arrangements for Professional Staff Substitutes could be included in another policy instead, discussion followed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell and seconded by Ms. Paulson to approve revisions to the following policies listed for first reading: GBEE, GBG, GBGB, GBGF-R, GBK, GCA, GCCAE, GCI, GCL.

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

Motion was made by Ms. Paulson and seconded by Mr. Pfannenstiel to table action on policy ADF, School Wellness.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Bower to approve policy repeals as listed.

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

Discussion Items

Budget

Mr. Marantino explained the budget process. Ms. Quintana explained assessed valuation and the relation to state funding, explaining this resulted in a decrease in funding this year, however as budgeting was conservative, impact to the budget was avoided. Questions were answered and discussion followed.

Items noted for discussion at the work session were food service program information and continued discussion and review of the vision, goals and mission statement. Options for dates for the work session were discussed and consensus was to schedule for Monday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the administration building.

Mission and Goals

Mr. Marantino presented a draft compiled through work with the staff and consultation with Neal Seneff. He stated he will share this information with teachers and asked board members to review and send their comments to him. Discussion followed.

Mill Levy

Mr. Steinert noted the need to be specific in terms of needs, discussion followed pertaining to the need also to work in tandem with the DAC, and options for a sunset provision and starting the process earlier.

Theater Commercial

Mr. Marantino provided an update on work in process, filming will take place soon; the format was discussed.

Debrief Meeting, April agenda

Mr. Steinert noted the next meeting will be on April 25, agenda items to include teacher contracts, non-renewals, memos of reasonable assurance for support staff, 2016-17 coaching agreements, and second reading on policies.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.