

# MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14

## MANITOU SPRINGS, CO

Regular Monthly Meeting Board of Education  
January 22, 2007

The informal discussion session and dinner meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Front Conference Room of the Shared Integrated Learning Center.

Members of the Board of Education present for the informal meeting were Jeanne Barnes, Lori Finn, Anna Lord, Jennifer Farmer and Larry Rice.

President Barnes called the formal session to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Staff members present were: Roy Crawford, Melissa McElhaney, Beth Campbell, Tim Miller, Rob Cody, Keith Elsberry, Russ Vogel and Deb Yagmin.

### **A. AGENDA**

012207.01                      Mrs. Lord moved to approve the agenda for January 22, 2007.

The motion was seconded.

President Barnes requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mrs. Finn voted aye, Mrs. Lord voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Barnes voted aye.

### **B. MINUTES**

Minutes were not available for approval.

### **C. RECURRENT**

1. Identification of members of the audience who are not listed on the Agenda wishing to make a comment to the Board of Education.

There were none.

2. Receive and or Act on Correspondence
3. Payment of Expenditures for the month's ending November 30, 2006 and December 31, 2006.

012207.02 Mrs. Lord moved to approve Payment of Expenditures for the month's ending November 30, 2006 and December 31, 2006.

The motion was seconded.

President Barnes requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mrs. Finn voted aye, Mrs. Lord voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Barnes voted aye.

**D. REPORTS**

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Crawford shared with the Board recent articles that were published in local newspapers regarding advertising for "Choice Night" and Free All Day Kindergarten.

The Wellness Committee continues to meet monthly. They are focusing on supporting the Food Service Program, Grant Writing, Student Physical Activity, and Educational Programs for students and parents.

Mr. Crawford reviewed what the schools have left for snow hours K-5; 61 hours, MS; 16.7 and the HS; 14.9.

The City of Manitou Springs has recently adopted a Climate Protection Resolution. They are hoping to reduce energy costs by 40%.

Mr. Crawford will be hosting the Pikes Peak Area Superintendent's group in the SILC on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Middle School Principal Selection Committee continues to meet, to date we have received 21 requests for applications.

Mr. Rice said that Dr. Brian Hopwood would be inducted into the Colorado Music Hall of Fame on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Broadmoor.

2. Board of Education Report

a) Board of Cooperative Education Services . . . . . Larry Rice and Jeanne Barnes

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b) Community Relations . . . . Jennifer Farmer

The Manitou Springs Education Foundation will be awarding between 8-10 mini grants again this year. Applications are available.

Mayor Marcy Morrison has resigned her position as City Mayor.

The Fruit Cake Toss finally took place last Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The event was held on the track field at the high school. The middle school had a team of two boys that tossed a cake about 17 feet.

c) Governmental Relations . . . . . Anna Lord

Mrs. Lord met with Rep. Michael Merrifield at the Black Cat Bookstore, a good number of people were in attendance.

Mrs. Lord has been asked to sit on the Board for the Federal Relations Network, and to serve on the Advisory Committee for Rep. Merrifield who has just be diagnosed with cancer. She was also asked to sit on the Citizens Committee for Public Health.

d) District Accountability Advisory Committee . . . . . Lori Finn

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e) Salary Committee Liaison . . . . . Anna Lord and Lori Finn

The committee recently met, and committee members understand the possible scenarios that the district is considering with the Mill Levy money and health insurance increases.

3. Staff

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services . . . . . Beth Campbell

Ms. Campbell reviewed her written report and answered questions from the Board. She discussed the In-Service day for staff, new Staff Induction and the Skill Block classes. Things seem to running pretty smoothly and registrations are coming in. Summer School discussion will need to take place within the next month.

b) Assistant Superintendent for Business Services . . . . . Tim Miller

Mr. Miller reported on the ongoing security project and the supplemental budget. The security project has been under the direction of EMC who contacted companies to place bids. The company that was selected was Houlton. The supplemental budget will be presented to the Board in February.

4. Other

Mr. Elsberry feels that the Middle School and Elementary School had bad publicity regarding the students putting in their initials into fresh concrete downtown Manitou. Hopefully the students will learn from this and are involved in Restorative Justice activities. Mr. Vogel added that the kids will have to do some community service work.

Mr. Elsberry has a few students who will be playing in the CU Honor Band now in February.

Mr. Cody mentioned that Abby Nimz is a Boettcher Foundation Scholarship finalist. Brooke Barnes was recently nominated by her Grandmother for Classroom Champion on KOAA television.

Mr. Vogel and his staff have been involved in Project Lead the Way. Several students from Cheyenne Mountain presented. This was funded by Night of Excellence revenues.

The Elementary School now has a service dog named Mac. Mrs. Pearson, counselor from the Middle School has had a service dog for several years. The students really benefit from this.

Ute Pass Elementary will host their Shakespeare/Art Night on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The High School will have their Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 16<sup>th</sup> and the students will have a late start.

Dr. Deb Yagmin thanked Tyler Bricking, Tyler Coles, high school students and Mr. Woodard for helping fix her flat tire

The students from Ute Pass Elementary continue their fundraising efforts for their trip to Johnstown.

## **E. CONSENSUS/ROUTINE**

012207.03                      Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the following Routine/Consensus Items.

The motion was seconded.

### 1. Resignations/Leave of Absence/Retirement/Transitional Retirement

#### a. Certified

- Caroline Wilfong

#### b. Classified

## 2. Employment

- a. Certified
- b. Classified

## 3. ARK Contracts

President Barnes requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Farmer voted aye, Mrs. Finn voted aye, Mrs. Lord voted aye, Mr. Rice voted aye and Mrs. Barnes voted aye.

## **F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 2007-2008 Key Compensation Issues and assumptions: timelines and decision points

A discussion was held and comparison sheets were handed out for the Board to review. Compensation will be discussed in detail at the March work session.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

- Second Quarter Financial Statement (Report)

Mr. Miller reviewed the Second Quarter Financial Statement with the Board and answered questions.

## **H. FUTURE AGENDAS**

- February 12<sup>th</sup>: SPED
- February 26<sup>th</sup>: Summer School
- March 5<sup>th</sup>: School Finance/Employee Compensation
- April – Board Retreat

## **I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Farmer  
Secretary