

**Manitou Springs School District 14
MANITOU SPRINGS, CO**

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 17, 2010

Members of the Board of education present for the informal dinner and meeting were: Jennifer Farmer, Gino Mendoza, Anna Lord, Molly Stevens, Ed Longfield, Tim Miller, Deb Yagmin and Russ Vogel.

Absent: Glenn Noufer

Staff present for the regular meeting at 7:00 pm were: Melissa McElhaney, Susie Frick, Maria Masone, Miora Archuleta and Greg DiFiore.

Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Kranz, Trinity Kranz, Bryce Coop, Seth Henderson, Maria Lange and Katy Grieb.

President Farmer called the meeting to order to 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

A. AGENDA

051710.01 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the Agenda for May 17, 2010 with adding Ms. Vicki Franson to the Routine/Consensus Items.

Mrs. Stevens seconded the motion

President Farmer requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Lord voted aye, Mr. Mendoza voted aye, Mrs. Stevens voted aye and Mrs. Farmer voted aye.

B. MINUTES

051710.02 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the minutes with the following correction.

P1 – Second to last paragraph – remove comma

This is a motivational program, encouraging students in grades K-College to look for the challenges in life and see them as opportunities for growth. Congratulations to all.

Mrs. Stevens seconded the motion.

President Farmer requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Lord voted aye, Mr. Mendoza voted aye, Mrs. Stevens voted aye and Mrs. Farmer voted aye.

Good News: At this time Mr. Longfield introduced Miss Trinity Kranz, 4th grade

student at MSES. Trinity presented to the Board her Power Point presentation, regarding her IEP plan.

She read to the Board her goals and dreams and things she can do now in school and that she would like to be able to do someday. Mr. Longfield presented to her a certificate for Outstanding Achievement, along with a "Mustang" pin.

Other good news included: Mr. DiFiore's students from Ute Pass Elementary and their presentation of robot's that they built and programmed themselves. Melissa Peterson, Aerospace Education Specialist with the Space Foundation, has been team teaching with Mr. DiFiore. Ms. Paterson has worked with the students a total of five hours this year and will continue next fall with another five hours. The students demonstrated to the Board what they have learned regarding robotics.

Dr. Yagmin also announced that Mr. DiFiore recently won a special award called the PACE Award (Professional Association of Colorado Educators). He was presented with a \$350 check which Mr. DiFiore used to purchase an Interwrite Pad for his classroom.

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.

Mrs. Lord received an email from a high school student expressing their opinion about the process the board takes to non renew a teaching contract.

Mrs. Farmer received a magazine.

3. Payment of Expenditures for the months ending April 30, 2010.

051710.03 Mrs. Stevens moved to approve the Payment of Expenditures for the month ending April 30, 2010.

Mrs. Lord seconded the motion.

President Farmer requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Lord voted aye, Mr. Mendoza voted aye, Mrs. Stevens voted aye and Mrs. Farmer voted aye.

D. REPORTS

1. Superintendent

Mr. Longfield recently met with Laurie Wood, PHC; Former Mayor Eric Drummond, Current Mayor Marc Snyder, several community members and principals to discuss the topic of mental/physical wellness (students who are being bullied, who are using racial comments, who are hurting emotionally and those are using illegal substances). The meeting took place on May 11, 2010, at Adam's Mountain Café. They hope to have an action plan in place for next fall.

2. Board of Education

a. BOCES Glenn Noufer and Molly Stevens

No Report – Meeting Canceled

b. Community Relations Jennifer Farmer

The District held its first Community Breakfast held Friday May 7th, 2010. There were 15 in attendance and was deemed a success. The MSEF held its annual fund raiser on May 7th. Through donations and auction items they raised over 3700.00. They will be accepting applications for mini grants in the Fall of 2010.

c. Governmental Relations Anna Lord

d. District Accountability Advisory Committee Gino Mendoza

No Meeting

e. Pikes Peak Alliance Tim Miller

d. Principals

UTE PASS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Deb Yagmin

EL day

- All teachers participated in Wiki development for the storing of created ELs. Common assessments and investigation of new report card format were discussed.

Enrollment:

- 6 tours conducted. Students registered.

- Choice students and high enrollment of district K and 1st, prompted the addition of another Kindergarten class. We will have one Kindergarten, one Kindergarten/First combo and one First grade.
- In contact with Happy Trails Child Development Center in Woodland Park about encouraging students to attend Ute Pass. The director's son will be a first grade student next year and she is willing to continue driving a van from Happy Trails to UPE with students who are enrolled there.
- Cooperation with MSES about choice students, continues. Dani and Christine talk weekly.
- We are encouraging parents of current 5th grade choice students to talk with neighbors about registering their 4th or 5th grade students.

RtI

- District meeting was helpful for new idea development and questioning of our current process.

Destination ImagiNation

- Fund raising continues. We have registered the students and paid for their room and board. Special thanks to the Manitou Springs Education Association, Ute Pass Parent Association, Ute Pass Staff, Manitou Springs Education Foundation, Manitou High School Staff, Mayor Steve Randolph (WP), Rapid Lube, Frontier Trading Post, David Mals Massage, Park State Bank, Ute Pass/Woodland Park Kiwanis, Courier View, Teller Business Builders and many Woodland Park community members who have contributed.

MANITOU SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Russ Vogel

RELATIONSHIPS

Special Education Teacher Susie Frick guided one of our students, a fourth-grade girl with Downs Syndrome, to host and lead her own IEP meeting this year. Her Powerpoint presentation for the IEP meeting celebrated her strengths and relationships and delineated her dreams, needs, and goals.

RIGOR

We were pleased that our 3rd-Grade Reading CSAP Scores tied a four-time record for percent proficient/advanced, at 87%. Even better, our study and implementation of the Gurian Institute strategies to close our gender gap resulted in our boys to not only close the performance gap but to outscore our girls in percent proficient/advance, 88% to 86%.

OPPORTUNITY

Our new technology teacher, Jon Orr, is already working directly with classroom teachers to integrate technology with classroom lessons. Next year, we will have full integration of technology into our intermediate literacy blocks, as students rotate to his lab to complete their reading/writing lessons on computers.

Our third grade again this year spent a Night at the Museum, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. This year's highly was students' dissection of sheep hearts last Thursday evening "before bed."

MANITOU SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL – Chris Burr

In the 6th grade our students will be doing their Comedia performances on Thursday, May 20th. They will also be setting off their rockets on Friday, May 21st.

In the 7th grade Western Expansion Day is on the 14th of May. There will be plenty of great food if you want to stop by!!!

The 8th graders are finishing up their performance assessments this week, then will show off their solar oven on the 21st of May, and tape themselves for Dare 2 Dream on the 24th.

The end of the year holds promotion practice, swimming for each grade level, our annual awards assembly, yearbook signing, promotion, the 8th grade dance, and finally the 6th/7th grade dance the morning of the 27th.

It's a busy time, with lots of wonderful things going on.

MANITOU SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL – Rob Cody

At the Tri-Peaks League Art Show, where 9 schools participated, MSHS Art students took home 1/4 of the total awards. There were also a few categories that we almost entirely swept (for example: of the 4 printmaking categories our students won ALL of the ribbons awarded except for one 3rd place ribbon.)

The WORRRMS wrote 5 grants and we received \$7,500.00 from the Hillsdale Fund to continue our recycling program. They funded us 3 years ago and were pleased and impressed enough with how we used the funds to re-grant us again.

Peace Park: Established a permanent tribute to peace in our community. In collaboration with Wendy Fay and Concrete Couch, planning and design sessions, Saturday work sessions dedicated to a main peace pole that reads May Peace Prevail on Earth in 4 different languages, surrounded by four directional poles dedicated to the 4 natural elements: Fire, Wind, Earth, and Water. To be dedicated May 19th.

E. ROUTINE/CONSENSUS ITEMS

051710.04 Mrs. Lord moved to approve the following Routine/Consensus Items.

Mr. Mendoza seconded the motion.

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

a) Certified

- Kari Boozell – MSES – Music
- Vicki Franson – MSES - GATE
- Amber Richman – MSES – 5th Grade

b) Classified

- Catherine Brinkman – Para
- Peter Ledesma – Custodian
- Matt Maday – MSHS – Para
- Bob Rozell – MSES – Custodian

2. Employment

a) Certified

- Kathryn Haeseker - .5 UPE Literacy Teacher
- Kate Merrit – 1.0 MSES Special Education Teacher

a) Classified

President Farmer requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Lord voted aye, Mr. Mendoza voted aye, Mrs. Stevens voted aye and Mrs. Farmer voted aye.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Lobato Case: Financial Support

051710.05 Mrs. Lord moved to approve to support the Lobato Case financially for the amount of \$1,399.

Mr. Longfield addressed that the F.T.E. count he submitted was the wrong number, it should be 1,330.

Mrs. Lord moved to amend the motion to support the Lobato Case financially in the amount of \$1,330 which is about \$1 per student.

Mrs. Stevens seconded the motion.

Mrs. Lord commented that when the Board makes a decision on certain items, it is always not supported by the voters and this may be one of those items.

Mrs. Farmer said she heard from Mr. Noufer earlier in the day, and he is also in support of the board passing this motion.

President Farmer requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Lord voted aye, Mr. Mendoza voted no, Mrs. Stevens voted aye and Mrs. Farmer voted aye.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- Preliminary Budget – Tim Miller

051710.06 Mrs. Stevens moved and Mrs. Lord seconded the following resolution: "BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of School District Number Fourteen in El Paso County that the following revenues and expenditures for each district fund comprising the 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget be adopted."

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES
General Fund	\$14,219,001	\$14,219,001
Insurance Reserve Fund	\$216,500	\$216,500
Special Revenue Funds:		

Capital Reserve Fund	\$507,528	\$507,528
Governmental Designated Grants Fund	\$271,601	\$271,601
Pupil Activities Fund	\$424,500	\$424,500
Bond Redemption Fund	\$1,996,215	\$1,996,215
Food Service Fund	\$392,500	\$392,500
Internal Service (Health) Fund	\$345,539	\$345,539
Trust and Agency Funds	\$760,000	\$760,000
TOTAL	\$19,133,384	\$19,133,384

Roll Call Vote: Farmer Aye, Lord Aye, Mendoza Aye, Noufer_(absent)_, Stevens

051710.07 Mrs. Stevens moved and Mrs. Lord seconded the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of School District Number Fourteen in El Paso County that the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011:

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES
<i>funds as above</i>	<i>revenues, expenditures and reserves as above</i>	

Roll Call Vote: Farmer Aye, Lord Aye, Mendoza Aye, Noufer_(absent)_, Stevens

- Policy JLCDA Students with Food Allergies

Policy will be on the agenda next month for 2nd Reading

- Policy JGBAA Non Resident School Attendance

Policy will be on the agenda next month for 2nd Reading

H. FUTURE AGENDAS

June 14 – Work Session – 6:30 pm

June 28 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm Dinner

I. ADJOURNMENT

051710.08 Mrs. Lord moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Mrs. Stevens seconded the motion.

President Farmer requested a roll call vote: Mrs. Lord voted aye, Mr. Mendoza voted aye, Mrs. Stevens voted aye and Mrs. Farmer voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gino Mendoza
Secretary