

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2009
MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT #14
MANITOU SPRINGS, CO 80829**

Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting
Monday, September 28, 2009

Members of the Board of Education present for the informal dinner meeting at 6:00 pm and the 7:00 pm meeting were: Anna Lord, Glenn Noufer, Lori Finn and Jennifer Farmer. Staff members present were: Ed Longfield, Melissa McElhaney, Beth Campbell, Deb Yagmin, Russ Vogel, Chris Burr, Rob Cody, Mary Gressler, Amanda Hendrickson and Cameron Jones.

Guests included: Amanda Hendrickson, Mary Gressler, Lynn Bloomfield and Molly Stevens

Absent: Larry Rice and Tim Miller

President Lord called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

A. AGENDA

092809.01 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the Agenda for September 28, 2009 with adding the resignation of Peggy McDuffee to the Routine/Consensus Items.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

B. MINUTES

Minutes from August 24, 2009 and September 14, 2009 were not available.

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 information regarding the Delegate Assembly.
The Board declined to join the NSBA.

Mrs. Lord received a thank you from Lynn Lee for the district's participation in the Restorative Justice Conference.

3. Payment of Expenditures

092809.02 Mrs. Finn moved to approve the Payment of Expenditures for the month ending August 31, 2009.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

D. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Longfield expressed his interest in having a company called School Messenger communicate our emergency, snow delays or late start calls with a "robo" call. Mr. Sanchez has checked into this and it priced about \$1.00 per student.

The Health and Wellness Committee will soon be meeting on a regular basis. Mr. Longfield will be the new chair. He has asked Ms. Laurie Wood, Partners for Healthy Choices to attend. Together with Kaiser Permanente a 10K a day is being promoted for staff.

On September 24th and 25th, Mr. Longfield attended a Superintendent's Conference in Keystone, CO. The main topic was on how the State of Colorado was dealing with their budget crisis. The state will soon be talking about making budget cuts for the K-12 public schools. PERA (Public Employees Retirement Association) was especially hit hard and it is unclear on when and if it will recover.

Mr. Longfield attended the monthly Kiwanis meeting here in Manitou and was the guest speaker.

2. Board of Education

a) BOCES – Larry Rice and Glenn Noufer

No Report – Next Meeting October 8th in Woodland Park, CO

b) Community Relations – Jennifer Farmer, Glenn Noufer and Anna Lord

The Manitou Springs Education Foundation will be sponsoring a Family Fun Day after the Emma Crawford Coffin races on October 24th. There will be music, food and kids activities.

c) Governmental Relations – Anna Lord

Anna Lord attended the quarterly CASB Board of Directors meeting on September 25th and 25th. The following topics are of particular interest to the Manitou Springs School District:

1) State Budget. It appears that we have not yet reached the bottom of this downturn and forecasts will change as the year goes forward and the revenues and costs actually develop. Based on what we now know, the amounts funded by the next school finance bill could be as much as \$400 million below what Amendment 23 would require. Estimates of some suggest that the actual cuts to school finance next year could run as high as \$500-\$600 million below the amounts required by Amendment 23 and \$300-\$400 million below what has been funded this year.

It is important to realize that general fund spending for K-12 education and Medicaid absorbed almost all of the new dollars available for the state budget since FY01 and that spending for K-12 education, corrections and health care will amount to almost 80% of the budget in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

General Fund Revenues and Expenditures as a percentage of Total State Personal Income has declined steadily from around 5.5% in 1996 to 3.6% in 2002 when Ref. C brought them back to 4.0%. When Ref. C expires, general fund revenues and expenditures as a percentage of Total State Personal Income will decline to around 3.2%. These trends are not sustainable even in a good economy and CASB considers the need for constitutional reform a growing priority and will be focusing lobbying resources in this area.

2) 2010 Ballot Issues: Three proposed ballot measures, two constitutional and one statutory, have already been approved for petition circulation and petitions are circulating to put them on the ballot in 2010.

The statutory proposal, Initiative No. 10, would repeal the “Faster” changes to vehicle registration fees as passed this year by the legislature as a way to put money into road construction and maintenance. It would also reduce the state income tax from its current rate of 4.64% to 3.5%. While this is billed as a statutory initiative, it is important to remember that, under TABOR, taxes cannot be raised without a vote. Therefore, this change to the statute would have the much the same effect as a constitutional change.

Initiative No. 12 would sunset all existing and future “de-Brucing” elections and permit taxpayers to put local property tax cuts on the ballot by petition. Since almost every school district and many municipalities have gone to their voters and “de-

Bruce", this initiative could result in considerable loss in revenue and require these governmental bodies to go to the voters on a regular basis to "re-de-Bruce".

d) Pikes Peak Alliance – Tim Miller

No Report – Mr. Miller did attend the last meeting.

e) District Accountability Advisory Committee – Lori Finn

We had welcome and introductions for the opening of 2009/2010 DACC meeting.

Ed Longfield, Superintendent gave opening comment along with the Vision and Mission.

Laurie Wood: Partners for Healthy Choices talked about a grant she was waiting to hear back on for a yearlong effort. Since then the grant has come in.

DACC Notebooks were handed out and reviewed over. The meetings for the year consist of five meetings. September, October 20, November 9th, February, and April I (second Tuesday, 6-8 at the SILC building.)

CAP4Kids: went over summary, continuing work and finalized document of Postsecondary Workforce Readiness Skills. What is next and who wants to be involved in getting the word out to parents and community.

District/school accountability: Talked about the CDE Longitudinal Growth Model. Meeting that was set up for parent education September 15 and 16.

Last item of the meeting was topics for the yearlong study priority topics. The DACC members voted on what they felt were the most important. Also, who wanted to know who wanted to be involved in the different areas? This was also presented to the BOE on September 14, 2009.

Next Meeting is October 20, 2009

f) Salary Committee Liaison – Lori Finn and Jennifer Farmer

No Report

3. Staff Reports

a) Assistant Superintendent for Instruction – Beth Campbell

Ms. Campbell discussed her written report. In her written report she pointed out that on October 5th, there will be a in-service K-12 staff training on prevention, intervention, response priority topics (with collaboration/resources from Joyce Stafford, Joni Sexauer and Pat Moran) on child abuse reporting, sexual harassment/bullying an universal

precautions/blood-born pathogens (with other topics to be considered/added October 5 or later, e.g. self-endangerment drugs/alcohol, risk factors, etc.

Summer School Teachers were in attendance to report on their programs. Lynn Bloomfield and Mary Gressler reported first they had 55 kids in the Gardening Program, Dr. Yagmin had 10 kids at UPE, Amanda Hendrickson reported out on the MSES Jump Start and Cameron Jones worked with 26 MS students. The MS students did several projects and field trips away from school. They had 4 staff members and 1 parent volunteer.

Summer Program was also available for Special Education Students.

b) Assistant Superintendent for Business Services – Tim Miller

No report – Mr. Miller reviewed his business at dinner.

4. Principals

UTE PASS ELEMENTARY – Deb Yagmin

The 5th grade camp went well for both schools. Thanks to Joleen Schnake, MS PE Teacher, Bill Dallas, former HS Teacher, Amber Richman, MSES Teacher and Mark Brost, MSES Teacher.

MANITOU SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - Russ Vogel

Mr. Vogel said they had between 400 and 500 parents at the open house. He mentioned that they lost about 30 kids but even with that loss the numbers are still up for enrollment. Data Day for the elementary schools went well, great meetings!

Author Fest is coming up Mary Gressler has done a lot of work to organize this event.

MANITOU SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL – Rob Cody

Relationship - Mr. Cody received a call at home over the weekend from a teacher, with a report that we had a runaway student. Mr. Cody made some calls to the Manitou Police they then contacted Park County Police and “the chain” process went into effect. The student was found and was not a run away. He just shows that everyone cares!

Rigor – HS Senior Ben Foreman is an AP Scholar

Recently 46% out of 67% did a survey and they believe in what they are learning.

Opportunity – The HS has invited a female Muslim cartoonist from Colorado College to and talk with the kids.

MANITOU SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL – Chris Burr

The Love and Logic training continues for staff at the Middle School. The staff is reviewing their skills and building a leadership team.

BAAC meeting was held tonight and Traci Woofter is the new BAAC president.

5. Other

Welcome and congratulations to Molly Stevens! Molly will hold a seat on the Manitou Springs School Board. She is a UPE parent and community member.

E. ROUTINE/CONSENSUS ITEMS

092809.03 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve the following Routine/Consensus Items.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

a) Certified

b) Classified

- Peggy McDuffee – Bookkeeper

2. Employment

a) Certified

b) Classified

- Jacqueline Grant – Dist. Technology Tech.

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

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Board Policies

- District Holidays GCD (III.-32.) Second Reading

092809.04 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve Policy GCD (III. – 32.), on the second reading.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

- Administrative Fringe Benefits Schedule GBCB (VI. – 31 B.) Second Reading

092809.05 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve Policy GBCB (VI. – 31 B.) Second Reading

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

G. NEW BUSINESS

- Declaration of Elected Candidates

092809.06 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve and read the following Declaration of Elected Candidates.

Declaration of Elected Candidates

WHEREAS, the only matter before the electors at the regular biennial school election on November 3, 2009 is the election of persons to fill the office of school director; and

WHEREAS, three individuals have filed nomination petitions with sufficient signatures to qualify as candidates to fill two offices; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for filing an affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate has passed without any individual filing such an affidavit; and

WHEREAS, one individual who filed a nomination petition with sufficient signatures has delivered a notarized statement withdrawing their nomination, leaving the district with two individuals having filed nomination petitions with sufficient signatures to qualify as candidates to fill the two offices,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Manitou Springs School District that the following individuals shall be declared elected:
Molly Stevens and Clemente “Gino” Mendoza.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these candidates shall receive certificates of election after which they will be eligible to take the oath of office after November 3, 2009 and will be qualified to participate in the organization meeting of the Board of Education scheduled for November 9, 2009.

Manitou Springs School District 14 Board of Education
Glenn Noufer, Secretary
September 28, 2009

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

- Appointment of Instructional Material Review Committee

092809.07 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve an Instructional Material Review Committee for books in question at the Manitou Springs Middle School.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

Ms. Campbell has lined up six folks to be on the review committee including parents, staff and one high school student.

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

- Resolution for Classified Employee Week

092809.08 Mrs. Finn moved to approve the following Resolution for Classified Employee Week

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

HONORABLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Manitou Springs District 14 Classified School Employees are an essential part of this District's education system; and

WHEREAS, classified employees are dedicated to assisting in the provision of quality education for the students of Manitou Springs District 14; and

WHEREAS, the classified employees of our school district perform the daily cleaning and maintenance of school property, safely transport students, prepare and serve nourishing meals, maintain records and reports, and assist in classrooms and on school playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for Manitou Springs District 14 to recognize the role classified school employees hold in our education system and to salute them for the valuable service they provide to our students and to our community.

**NOW THEREFORE, WE, THE MANITOU SPRINGS DISTRICT 14
BOARD OF EDUCATION, PROCLAIM OCTOBER 19 - 23, 2009 AS**

CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WEEK

President, Anna Lord

Treasurer, Lori Finn

Vice Pres., Jennifer Farmer

Asst. Sec./Treas., Larry Rice

Secretary, Glenn Noufer

Superintendent, Ed Longfield

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

• Board Policies - the following two policies were tabled

- Alcohol and Controlled Substance Use and Abuse GBEC (III. -38.) -
First Reading (Action)

- Employment of District Personnel GCEC (VI. - II.) First Reading
(Action)

- Administrator Contract Year GCB (III. - 23.) (III. - 24.) (III. - 25.)
(III. - 28.) (III. - 29.) First Reading (Action)

092809.09 Mrs. Farmer moved to approve Policy GCB III. - 23.) (III. - 24.) (III. - 25.) (III.
- 28.) (III. - 29.) with the following amendments. See Attachment A

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

Staff and guests were excused at 9:55pm

092809.10 Mrs. Farmer moved to leave the Regular Meeting Session and enter into
Executive Session at 9:59pm, for the purpose of discussing a Personnel

Matter per Statute: 24-6-402 (4-F-I). Mr. Ed Longfield was invited to attend and joined the Executive Session.

Mrs. Finn seconded the motion.

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

092809.11 Mrs. Farmer moved to leave the Executive Session and return to the Regular Session at 10:43pm.

Mr. Noufer seconded the motion.

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

092809.12 Mr. Noufer moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 pm.

Mrs. Farmer seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Noufer
Secretary, MSSD Board of Education