

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SD #4

The trustees met in regular session, Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chair Rhonda Hogstad, Trustee Mark Berg, Trustee Billie Bergstrom, Trustee Manny Zuniga, Superintendent Brent Lindgren, and Business Manager Jeanne Carroll.

The chair called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

AGENDA ADJ

*Manny Zuniga made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Mark Berg seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.*

CONSENT AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

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1. Thank You—Suzie Zentz

Suzie thanked the Board for her retirement party and her years working at Canyon Creek School.

Mr. Lipp reviewed his administrative report with the trustees.

ADMIN REPORT

- Mrs. Murphy's band students attended a music festival on February 3rd at a minimal cost to the district and it was great experience for the kids. He would like to see the process continue. Manny said he attended and it was outstanding. The conductor mentioned that it was high school level music and Canyon Creek school was at the top.
- Congratulations to 7th and 8th grade boys basketball. They finished the County School tournament in third place. He said the team showed awesome sportsmanship on the court and represented the school with pride. Mark said the boys played their hearts out and they did not give up. Brent said those grades work hard and Mr. Rice had said their work ethic was great.
- This year's Science Fair, Curriculum Fair and Book Fair will all be on Thursday, February 22nd. There will be open houses in rooms. It's a good time for people to get in and see what's going on 6-7:30 on Thursday.
- SBAC testing is coming up and we will be ready. Our testing window will be from March 23rd March 27th. With careful planning, we should be able to complete the tests in a one week time span. Other schools take 3-4 weeks. Guidance has worked hard to get it within a week. Mark asked teachers to make sure there is no homework and no practices during this week. Manny said it was difficult also during Missoula Childrens Theatre. Brent said it was all fixed, but it was hard on the kids. Brent has been really stressing it in Teams. Mark said teacher communication is nil and needs to be improved. Remind 101 is what Mark uses to send a quick message. The Spelling Bee info was a prime example.
- We have had some unexpected staffing situations this month. Although these were unexpected, the staff has been great about making adjustments and stepping up to help out. We have shuffled some people into different positions and are in the process of notifying parents about the long term changes. A teacher will be using leave through April 7th. Brent's biggest concern is for the students. Mrs. Meick will be stepping up to help with lesson plans, etc. There may be possible collaborating on any openings that are part-time.
- The Community Newsletter is being worked on. Brent talked about what it will contain and how long he plans it to be. The goal is to be put it out on Friday. There have been a lot of circumstantial situations this month that have consumed Brent and he is very disappointed that it is not printed and in the mail yet.
- Brent said he would like to commend First Student with their quick response to an accident That took place this month. The bus was not actually in the accident, but may have been

Involved. First Student had a sub one day who pulled out in front of a pickup pulling a trailer, because he was running the route backwards. First Student responded well to the incident. There is an ongoing investigation. First Student has a new manager who is working with Brent. He is working on getting bus permanent drivers. Manny brought up cameras that cost us \$6,000 and then when First Student uses a different bus, there's an issue. Brent is also questioning some of their practices. Brent said he is impressed with the new manager. Rhonda and Billie were notified. Brent said if the bus would've been hit, he would have called everyone.

- Mrs. Halama was in a competition for Rib and Chop for \$1000 for technology and she won by 3 votes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Variance on Accreditation

ACCREDITATION

Mark Berg made a motion to approve the accreditation variance as it was presented. Manny Zuniga seconded. Brent explained Effie Benoit from OPI called about employee reporting done by the superintendent and business manager. Because of our staffing, Brent is over on his duties by .07 administratively. The accreditation deviation was placed on the 7th and 8th grade. He wrote up the variance and the Board approves it and then the Board of Education approves it. This will happen again next year and is a common problem. Manny said part-time deans were tried before and it just didn't work. *All voted in favor.*

2. Approve Hirings/Resignations

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Manny Zuniga moved to approve the long-term sub contract as presented for McKenzie Dundas. Billie Bergstrom seconded. All voted in favor. Mark Berg moved to hire Lindsay Parsons at sub pay until 30 consecutive days, When it would then go to beginning teacher salary daily rate of pay. *Billie Bergstrom seconded.* Lindsay's para position will be filled by a good sub for the next two weeks and that buys some time to see what happens. May have to hire a para if need be. *All voted in favor.* Mark Berg moved to approve Joan Dean's resignation as librarian at the end of the school year. *Manny Zuniga seconded.* They want to thank her and she met her big goals. She taught the kids the right way to use the library. She did outstanding work. *All voted in favor.* The Board said she will be missed and she's done a terrific job.

3. Resolution for Mail Ballot Election

RESOLUTION/ELECTION

Manny Zuniga moved to make a resolution calling for a Mail Ballot Election to be held on May 5th, 2015, to elect three trustees for three year positions and to seek approval for a mill levy to operate and maintain the school district and to seek approval of a Tech Levy. Mark Berg seconded. Mrs. Carroll explained why the resolution for election for mail ballot needed to be done at this time and reviewed procedures with the Board for Petition of Nomination, and other election deadlines. *All voted in favor.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. Spring Enrollment Count

SPRING ENROLLMENT

The information in the packet shows the ANB is down, but hopefully inflationary increases from the Legislature will level that out for funding. Brent said there is supposed to be a new subdivision going in at 64th and Danford that is partially in our district. This should be beneficial for us. Brent said there should be a little bit of a funding increase for those middle school grades. Mark asked if the out-of-district students can come back, Brent said yes they can.

2. Strategic Plan

STRATEGIC PLAN

Mark Berg moved to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. Billie Bergstrom seconded. Brent reviewed the highlights of the plan. Some of the new ones are that CSCT team means would allow a social worker, or YBGR, to come in and help students who qualify. We basically have to provide a space and a phone. He feels it would be a positive goal. We don't pay for any of it. The downside to that is that cross-over with the counselor and that can be a problem. Teacher inputs were added such as student-led parent conferences one out of two conferences a year. Mark's input was for colleges and universities to come in or a field trip for 8th graders to see what's out there for careers. Brent would like to emphasize STEM. Board agrees. Another is to transform current grading system into a standards based system. The hardest part will be helping the community understand the new grading system. It is showing what the students really know. Brent explained the process that will need to happen over the next 5 years. It will be done in small steps. Community engagement is a big one. The after-school program is part of this, developing a stronger volunteer program and continuation of the student community involvement. Professional development is a goal to be worked on. Facilities were addressed in the plan with prioritization over the next 5 years.
All voted in favor

3. Water Project Update

WATER PROJECT

Brent said system is hooked up. Brown's plumbing came in and worked on connections between the buildings. Then there was less water pressure than there should be. The pump was pumping correctly. One of the pressure tanks was imploded and not working correctly. Then the other tank also had to be replaced. Also there was a leak in the roof in the cook's office. Brent contacted the same people who coated the roof on the other side to take a look at it.

There being no further business, Manny Zuniga moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Mark Berg seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk

Rhonda Hogstad, Chair