

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

The trustees met in regular session Monday, October 17, 2011 at 6:31 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chair Manny Zuniga, trustees Rhonda Hogstad, Mark Berg, Superintendent Brent Lipp, and Business Manager Suzie Zentz. Tom Bradford was absent. There were four visitors (list attached).

Manny called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

AGENDA ADJ

Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Mark Berg seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Manny Zuniga noted that Tom e-mailed saying he would be unable to attend and extended his apologies. He plans to be present for future meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Brent Lipp recapped his administrative report:

ADMIN REPORT

- Brent noted that he has spent a good deal of time the past month working on Professional Development. **MBI**—3 groups of staff members are training on the Effective Classroom Practices—the Great Eight. **Rtl**—a group of staff members will be attending four training session developed by OPI. **AimsWeb**—K-2 teachers have completed professional training on reading and math data entry. We have more AimsWeb training scheduled in the months ahead. **Jim Staab**—staff members are continuing to work on aligning the curriculum with common core standards.
- Student Council is participating in Red Ribbon week and, along with Mr. Robinson, has many events planned to support living drug free.
- The website is supposed to be online today!
- Brent met with Elysian, Elder Grove, Roberts, and Blue Creek for technology purposes. It was a good discussion, but there are still some conflicts to work out.
- Suzie will cover the ANB—it's good!
- Brent has finished the Annual Data Collection. Paras have been added to large classes to accommodate accreditation needs.
- Fall sports are going well. Girls' basketball is running smoothly and about 12 kids from Canyon Creek participated in a county-wide cross country meet.
- Rhonda, Manny, and Brent plan to attend MCEL in Great Falls October 20th-21st.
- We are utilizing the SWIS software to track student referrals in order to better address student behavior. It is providing very useful information which should improve discipline throughout the school.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Suzie shared MCEL agenda information with the trustees.

MCEL INFORMATION

NEW BUSINESS

The trustees reviewed Jeff Flaten's application for the open trustee position. Jeff noted that he is an operations officer at Yellowstone Bank and has a kindergartener at Canyon Creek. He applied because he wanted to be involved in the school in some way. He is willing to attend trustee training. Manny said that he would like to see Mark and Jeff (if appointed) participate in an orientation session with Suzie and Brent. Manny expressed his hope that all trustees take the opportunity to attend school events and visit classrooms.

TRUSTEE INTERVIEW

Mark Berg made a motion to appoint Jeff Flaten to serve until the May 2012 election in the position vacated by Sheri Boelter's resignation; Rhonda Hogstad seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Manny thanked him for his commitment to the board. The oath of office was administered by the Clerk.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Mark Berg made a motion to nominate Rhonda Hogstad to serve as vice-chair; Manny Zuniga seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

VICE-CHAIR

Suzie Zentz compared 2010-11 to 2011-12 enrollments and updated the trustees on the increase in ANB. She stated that the important result of the enrollment information is that it will enable the District to ask for a Budget Amendment due to increased enrollment. She explained that the opportunity to ask for a Budget Amendment and additional funding is not available until the increase is beyond 6%. In our case, we have an increase of 17.51% in the elementary and 7.54% in the junior high. The budget amendment will result in an increase in the maximum budget allowed of \$137,017.20. Of that amount, the State will provide Direct State Aid of \$32,042.08. The remaining source of financing the budget amendment will be the General Fund reserve if the district chooses to use it. The first step is for the board to approve a Budget Amendment Proclamation.

ANB UPDATE

Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment Resolution Proclamation as presented; Mark Berg seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

BUDGET AMENDMENT PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

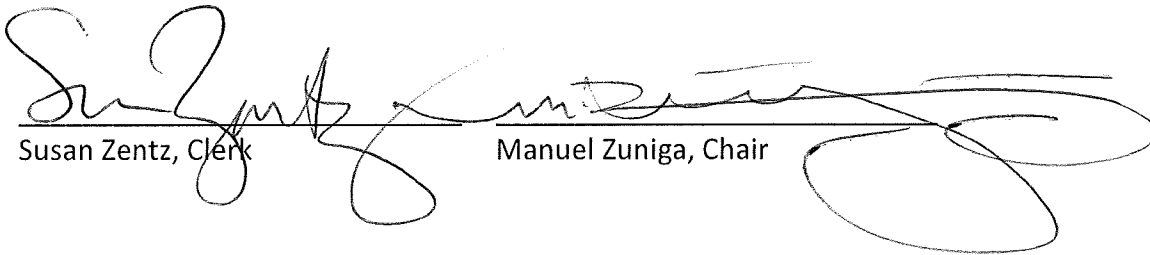
There was no public comment.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Technology policy—Brent will provide info
Promethean tech presentation
Budget Amendment
Christmas party

There being no further business, Mark Berg made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Zentz, Clerk

Manuel Zuniga, Chair