

GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 21, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. with board members Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Jim Webster present, along with Superintendent Margaret Hopkin, Business Administrator Doug Cannon, Secretary Becky McCormick, Steven Stocks, Principals Sherrie Buckingham, Robert Farnsworth, Stephen Hren and Taryn Kay, Catherine Sturman, Patty Jones, Joan Cannon, Kyle Cannon, Stephanie Dahlstrom, Sarah Bauman, Chuck Schildt, Kathy Cooney, Nick Jeffries, Alisa Jeffries, Afton Randall, Jessica Colyar, Preston Higgs, Nathan Johnson, Charlie Schildt, Sommer Stewart, Robin Stewart, Nicki Hazlett, Ivy Hazlett, Breann Russell, Steve Hazlett, Denese Markland, Donald Keogh and Ron Georg.

RECOGNITIONS

Steve Hren recognized Kyle Cannon and Sommer Stewart as Students of the Month. Ivy Hazlett and Charlie Schiltz were recognized as High Schools Students of the Year. Blue Ribbon Awards were given to Nick Jefferies (HS teacher), Sarah Bauman (21 Century Grant), Doug Cannon, Denese Markland, Julie Thurston (Statistical Team Excellence).

Margaret Hopkin also thanked Steve Hazlett for her support of the Bond Election. Kaaron Jorgen also thanked Nicki Hazlett for taking the Seniors on a class river trip at his expense.

PRESENTATION

Meeting opened up for questions or remarks concerning the Bond Election.

STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Hopkin reported: 1) welcome to Becky McCormick; 2) letter from Deb Rappe to the Charter School that she would not be able to oversee their Food Service Program for the 2008-2009 school year; 3) lunch prices will likely be raised next year, about twenty five cents; 4) a new safety law next year requiring all District personnel and volunteers that drive District cars undergo training; 5) the use of cell phones for students and staff at school, will provide District practice for the 2008-2009 school year.

Doug Cannon reported there was an agreement with the Legislature that all checks we write must be posted on the internet, effective October 2008.

Sherrie Buckingham reported on the spring IOWA testing. Third graders scored above the national average in all areas of Reading. The Tiered Instruction is in line for the fall. Arts Committee completed murals for the lunchroom. She also reported on various activities students are involved in May.

Robert Farnsworth reported on sixth grade writing assessments and core testing. He also reported on student activities in May.

Melinda Snow was not in attendance, but submitted a report with: 1) May student activities; 2) Staff Quality Teaching Projects; 3) hiring a Reading Specialists; 4) safe walking plan routes.

Taryn Kay reported core testing going well in all schools.. Taryn said the last Bond brochure is ready to be copied and mailed.

Stephen Stocks said that Ryan Burraston would be the Board's High School representative next year. Stephen also reported on all the May and June activities going on at the High School.

GEA representative Catherine Sturman reported the negotiations and election for the executive board underway.

GCEA President, Patty Jones reported that negotiations should be completed by the end of the month.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

UBSCT Test Results: Taryn Kay submitted the Spring 2008 UBSCT Results. She also submitted 3rd Spring IOWA, 6th and 9th Spring DWA. All results give reason to celebrate.

Director of Student Services Position: In an effort to reduce the Superintendent's work responsibilities it was opened for discussion to add 10 days to the Director of Student Services contract. Responsibilities could include supervision/evaluation of head of transportation, maintenance, technology, food services and grant director. Comprehensive review of policy manual and standard operating procedures. Community communication liaison. Sherrie Buckingham raised her concern that data management and curriculum assessment might fall more into this position; meeting District goals. Board discussion decided to review more during Executive Session.

Insurance Committee Update: Doug Cannon reported that insurance rates will only go up 4 percent next year. Benefit changes: 1) wellness deductible up from \$250 to \$300; inpatient copay up from \$200 to \$250; 3) prescription copay up from \$40 to \$55. PEHP has hired new person to handle problems school employees are having with insurance claims. PEHP is working on developing bigger network in Colorado. Margaret Hopkin said staff survey in insurance needs to be done by May 30.

Results of May 23, 2008 D.O.E. Radiological Survey: Evaluation of the HMK property did not reveal the presence of residual radioactive material in excess of standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. DOE has determined that the property does not require remedial action under the Moab UMTRA Project. Jim Webster

comments that it would like grounds tested where new buildings would be located. Also the Bark Park by the Vocational Center.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Margaret Hopkin said there are 2 bills that were problematic. Monies given for math and science salaries. Department of Human Resources responsible for funds; and a bill on performance based compensation, 1 year only. We are looking at SLOP training.

Truth in Taxation: Doug Cannon to look at actual monies and proceed with priority positions i.e. Red Rock Office Assistant.

Master Plan Update: Final mailer for the Bond rewritten in more basic terms. Citizens Committee working on a post card to vote yes for the Bond will be mailed prior to District's final mailer. Postcards are donated except for postage. Green Schools Group meets June 14th from 10-2 with MHTM to help define what we want to see in school sustain ability.

2008-2009 Staffing: Update on new employees and their placements; and position yet to be filled.

Board Self-Assessment: The Board decided to work on Assessment results at their retreat in June. Board members are to email Kaaron what they want to work on at the retreat.

Other: Kaaron Jorgen emailed Dan Johnson for help on the website. Board pictures do not match up with names. Jim Webster suggested we get an estimate on ground source heating for new building and for the High School.

Delegations: none

Consent Agenda: Minutes: Margaret Hopkin noted on page 9 to reverse wording of Land Trust and on page 13 to add a motion at the work session on April 29 made by Jim Webster to accept Wells Fargo as final consultant and underwriter for District Bonding. The motion was seconded by Bryon Walston and was passed unanimously. Jim Webster made a motion to accept the April 16, 2008 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Deb Hren and was unanimously passed by Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Jim Webster.

ACTION ITEMS: Policy 4155B Personnel - Grounds For Dismissal revision. A motion was made by Jim Webster and seconded by Deb Hren to accept the policy as amended. It was unanimously passed by Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Jim Webster.

Bryon Walston made a motion to pass the 2008-2009 Holiday Schedule, it was seconded by Jim Webster and passed unanimously by Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. 16

Communications: Bryon Walston thanked Ron Georg and the Times Independent for helping the community become aware of the upcoming Bond.

Advance Planning: May 28th Realtors at 3:30 at Zions, June 3 at 9:00 Dress Rehearsal for High School Graduation, 8:00 Graduation. July 8, Bond Ratification.

At 8:15 p.m. Ron Olsen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matter, seconded by Jim Webster and passed unanimously by Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Jim Webster.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MAY 21, 2008

Meeting called to order with board members Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster in attendance, along with Margaret Hopkin and Doug Cannon, Meeting called to discuss legal personnel matters, Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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Meeting was called to order at 9:34 Jim Webster made a motion to all ten days to The Director of Student Services (Taryn Kay~~s~~) contract to be used for data analysis, management and evaluation. Ron Olsen seconded the motion. Kaaron Jorgen, Ron Olsen and Jim Webster voted yes to pass the motion. Bryon Walston and Deb Hren voted no. The motion passed.