

## GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

Kaaron Jorgen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Board members Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Jim Webster present, along with Superintendent Margaret Hopkin, Business Administrator Douglas Cannon, Secretary Becky McCormick, Principals, Melinda Snow, Robert Farnsworth, Steve Hren, GCEA Representatives Flo Saggboy and John West, GEA Representative Linda Warren, High School Athletic Director Ron Dolphin, Donna Santos, Cori Santos, Beatrice Murgues, Brandy Shumway, Arlajean Paskett, and Verna Butcher.

Arlajean Paskett led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### RECOGNITION

Blue Ribbon Awards were presented to the 2007-2008 ALS team: Marva Bickle, Sherrie Buckingham, Beatrice Murgues, and Arlajean Paskett. The awards were given for improvements in responding to students with specific language learning needs.

High School Students of the month: Brandon Johnson and Cori Santos.

### PRESENTATIONS

Tye Burgess, Vice President of Public Finance for Wells Fargo, was not present to make presentation.

### STAFF REPORTS

A. Superintendent Margaret Hopkin reported on Freedom Writers. The District has received six comments concerning the class. Five were positive comments and one with concerns. The District has received positive feedback on the flyer sent to the community in August. On September 23, the new Higher Ed Commissioner from CEU is being recognized. Margaret Hopkin is unable to attend. Jim Webster will attend in her behalf.

B. Business Administrator Douglas Cannon reported that Adult Ed and Membership were audited the week of September 8, 2008. In communication with Tye Burgess, Vice President of Public Finance for Wells Fargo, the Bonds will not be sold as soon as anticipated due to current financial market.

C. High School Principal, Steve Hren:

- Students of the month for September are Cori Santos and Brandon Johnson.
- We are in the middle of Homecoming week with all of the festivities and extra-curricular events.
- Our first incentive/grade and eligibility check occurred this week.
- We are having our beginning student meetings to develop our student advocacy group.
- I have begun the evaluations for our 8 provisional teachers
- Native American club has a request to travel to the Fair in Ship Rock October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Cell phone update – As of 9/16 we have collected \$900.00 in cell phone fines. The money will be utilized for the student body in the form of:
  - Positive incentives such as movie tickets and activities for the incentive days during grade check times
  - Purchase of materials so Kent Dalton's wood shop classes can build a nice display case for the commons that will hold information such as students of the month, etc.

- Helping establish the new student advocacy group.
- The money is being held in the Principal's discretionary account.
- Having cell phones out of the classrooms and school have made a difference in the climate, especially in the classrooms.

Middle School Principal Melinda Snow reported that they have not confiscated any cell phones yet this year. UBI State Trainers were here September 16. The area of improvement is tardies. They are applying for a grant of \$2,400. Two thousand for incentives and four hundred for software for tracking. Back To School Night was the biggest yet. Student audience behavior at the Moab Music Festival Assembly was exceptionally good. Iowa testing next week. And NAPE in February. Ms Snow presented Middle School emergency evacuation maps. The Middle School's new advisory schedule is powerful.

Helen M. Knight's Principal, Robert Farnsworth reported that Back to School Night's attendance was down. Iowa testing begins next Monday. They have had one cell phone incident. After school programs begin next week.

E. GEA's representative Linda Warren thanked the Negotiating Team for all their efforts. Joanne Savoie is President of GEA. UEA is October 16 and 17. UEA will now be annually scheduled for the first Thursday and Friday of October. GCEA's representatives John West and Flo Saggboy are meeting with past president Patti Jones for training. John said he has received many positive comments from classified employees regarding negotiations and contracts.

## **DELEGATIONS**

No Delegations

## **INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

A. District Parent Involvement Policy: Linda Warren, Title I Coordinator reported that in order to complete the corrective actions requested by the USOE Title I review, our district needs to develop a district parent involvement policy. The legal requirement is: "The LEA has developed, jointly with parents of participating children, a parent involvement policy that reflects content described in 20 USC 6318(1)(2). The policy has been distributed to parents and included in the CUSAP, and includes an evaluation of the effectiveness of the parent involvement policy and activities." Red Rock and HMK have developed the required school parent involvement policies. Linda suggested we look at Granite School District's policy for our district level policy.

B. Student Cell Phone Practice Implementation Update – High School Principal Steve Hren said the money collected from cell phone confiscation will go directly back to students, i.e. incentives, rewards, travel.

C. High School Activity Association – Cut Games? State Superintendent, Patti Harrington has asked Superintendents to poll Board members on this issue. High School Principal Steve Hren is concerned about the equity. Ron Dolphin, High School Athletic Director presented a letter from Region 12 Board regarding the proposed change in contest limitations. Ron stated that last year our District had already made changes limiting travel to non-league games over 200 miles one way. Ron Dolphin said proposed

changes will not effect this year's travel. Region 12 will give their formal position on the changes in the spring. Deb Hren said we need to look at creative scheduling, i.e., tournaments where multiple games/matches could be played.

D. Friend of Education: Partnership Statue Request. Moab Folk Festival has requested Friend of Education status for rental of the High School Auditorium. The Board gave Superintendent Margaret Hopkin administrative directive on the request. Margaret Hopkin will award the Moab Folk Festival their request.

E. Master Plan: Design Progress – Margaret Hopkin said the Focus Groups will meet collectively with MHTN architects on September 24, and the Administrative Team will meet with MHTN architects on September 25. MHTN has provided concept maps for the K-6 school. We are not selling Bonds as soon and we thought. The Architect fee is in the hands of our attorney John Robison. Jim Webster and Margaret Hopkin attended the County Council meeting on September 16. The Community Learning Center in partnership with CEU is on the County Council CIB consolidated list. The field house is not on their list, but will remain second on the Board's list. Margaret Hopkin and Jim Webster talked about developing strategies on District building. Douglas Cannon reported that in five years the High School Bond will be paid off. He also said the Legislature has suffered from tax revenue shortfall and districts may have to cut their existing budget 1 to 5 percent this year.

F. Board Goals – Margaret Hopkin presented Board members the 2008-2009 Grand County School Board Goals. The Board will study and review at their October 7, 2008 work meeting.

## **CONCENT AGENDA**

Bryon Walston made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

A. SPECIAL ED POLICY – Jim Webster made a motion to accept the Special Ed Policy as posted. Ron Olsen seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

B. BUILDING RENTAL AGREEMENT – Jim Webster made a motion to accept the Building Rental Policy as posted. Ron Olsen seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

C. HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY ASSOCIATION – POLL:

- ✓ Jim Webster said do not go below 3A level – mixed feelings
- ✓ Ron Olsen – needs more information
- ✓ Bryon Walston – needs more information
- ✓ Deb Hren – approve if fair

Bryon Walston made a motion to allow Native American Club to travel to Shiprock. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

Deb Hren made a motion to allow the Meteorology class at the High School to travel to Grand Junction, Colorado - pending funding. Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Kaaron Jorgen will be out of town until September 29, 2008. Please contact her on her cell phone at any time.

### **ADVANCE PLANNING**

Tuesday, September 23 MHTN	1:00 – 2:00 DO	Drop Off Zone
	2:00 - 3:30 DO	Elementary Focus Groups
	3:30 – 4:30 DO	VoTec Design
Wednesday, September 24 MHTN	8:00 – 9:00 DO	VoTec Debriefing
	9:00 – 10:00 DO	Elementary Debriefing
	10:00 11:30 DO	Clinical Safety Debriefing
Monday, October 7	Noon	Board Work Session – Board Goals
Monday, October 13	8:00 -11:00 DO	Coaches Training
	1:15 – 3:00 Bowling Alley	Pre K-6 Component #1
Tuesday, October 14	12:00 – 1:00 High School	Site Visit
Wednesday, October 15	6:00 DO	Board Meeting

At 8:07 pm Kaaron Jorgen asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Ron Olsen made the motion to go into Executive Session and Bryon Walston seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion carried.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2008**

