

GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2008

Kaaron Jorgen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Board members Kaaron Jorgen, 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 Melissa Meldrum, Kandace Hugentobler, Merrill Hugentobler, Linda Hugentobler, Babs Davis, Marie Stocks, and Monty Risenhover. MHTN Architects Brian Parker, Skyler Rubel and Bruce Barnes were also present. Absent were Board Member Bryon Walston and Student High School Representative Ryan Burraston.

Ron Olsen led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AWARDS: Blue Ribbon Awards were presented to Babs Davis and Marie Stocks for their years of dedication and dependability to students in the roll of substitute teachers. Students of the month were Kandace Hugentobler and Monty Risenhover.

PRESENTATIONS: Brian Parker, Skyler Rubel, and Bruce Barnes with MHTN gave a power point presentation showing the current designs of the new elementary and voTech schools. The Board commended MHTN on presentation and designs.

STAFF REPORTS: Margaret Hopkin said she had been working on Capital Outlay and Maintenance and Operation reports. She has also been working on District Emergency Procedures. Principals are working on staff evaluations.

Doug Cannon talked about the selling of the Bonds. Tye Burgess from Wells Fargo is keeping in contact with Doug about selling the Bonds. The District could sell 2 to 3 million in Bonds now and wait until spring when construction begins to sell remainder of the Bonds. The District has ten years to sell the Bonds. The Board agreed to wait for now on selling any Bonds. The October 1 enrollment was up 10 students from last year; we are at 1498 students. Most of the growth is at Red Rock Elementary. The minority rate in Grand District is at 21.3; Disadvantaged is 40.1 The USBA Conference is at Little America in SLC, January 7-10.

Sherri Buckingham, Red Rock Elementary Principal gave positive staff reports on SIOP. Bruce Hucko, new art instructor has planned with teachers. The After School Program has started again. Parent – Teacher Conferences were well attended. The School Community Council is meeting October 30.

Steve Hren, High School Principal presented a request from students to form a Boxing Club. He also said that there will be a request from students to revise the cell phone policy; allowing students to use their cell phones at lunch.

Robert Farnsworth, Helen M. Knight Principal said that Abi Camps was selected as Student of the Month. Mayor Dave Sakrison awarded her a \$100 savings bond. In the computer lab, students are taking practice tests to prepare for core testing. HMK boiler is up and no leaks. After School Club have started up again.

Melinda Snow, Middle School Principal reported that she and Steve Hren attended the Governor's Leadership Conference in SLC. Carry over monies from Trust Lands will be used to buy Rosetta Stone, allowing all students and staff at Middle School the ability to access and learn a second language. Students at the Middle School will also have email accounts. Students will be attending an anti-bullying assembly. The Adventure Ed has the highest number of students attending since its beginning.

GEA representative, Melissa Meldrum said that GEA has created a newsletter for Grand members. At UEA, Linda Warren is presenting and Ryan Anderson is hosting.

GCEA representative, John West said they had nothing to report.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

- A. At the last Admin meeting Superintendent Hopkin and Principals talked about M & O needs.
- B. The USOE said for districts to plan on a 3% to 5% cutback next year. Eighty percent of Grand's budget is salaries.
- C. Contest Limitation Rule Survey: Board gave individual input. Kaaron will complete form according to Board comments to keep it equitable.
- D. Work-based Policy & Procedures submitted by Cari Caylor. Cari will make some changes and the policy will be posted for review.
- E. Master Plan Update – MHTN suggested that we combine the positions of construction manager and general contractor to save money. MHTN will help the RFP. MHTN will be back on October 30.

DELEGATIONS – no delegations

CONSENT AGENDA – Deb Hren made a motion to approve the September minutes. 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.

The Board agreed to read the Boxing request and discuss at the November Board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Jim Webster reported that he and Kaaron had traveled to Price with Sam Sturman to meet with Mike King from CEU to discuss CEU's commitment to partnering with Grand on the VoTec. There were no more Board reports.

ADVANCE PLANNING

Board Site visit will be Tuesday, November 18th at the Middle School. Regular School Board meeting November 19 - 6:00 pm at the District Office.

