

GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 18, 2009

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, Rob Welch, GCEA Representatives Flo Saggboy and John West, GEA Representative Joanne Savoie. Also in attendance were Tom Edwards, Meera Edwards, Terry Galen, Tom Eyer, Brenda Short, Debbie Sjoblom, Lee Sjoblom, Tamra Norman, Dayna VanArsdol, Clinton Day, Tom Day, Mary Walker-Irvin, Ron Irvin, Ginny Leech, Cody Windor, Kenneth Windsor, Janis Windsor, Howard McPherson, Ian Buckingham, Kira Wilson, Audrey Baird, Cori Santos, Donna Santos, Joseph Fournier, Stephanie Cluff, RayeLyne Robertson, Linda Hugentobler, Kandace Hugentobler, McKinleigh Barney, Daniele Short, Barbara Ashurat, Ashlee Norman, Steve Norman, Nola Norman and Linda Warren.

Kaaron Jorgen led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kaaron also announced the Ground Breaking for the new schools will be April 2, 2009.

Recognition: Steve Hren presented Students' of the Month Joseph Fournier and Kortnee Graff. Regional Spelling Bee winners were recognized; McKinleigh Barney placed second and Jonathon Park and Delaney Manley tied for sixth place. Sterling Scholar winners were recognized. District winners were Clinton Day, Kandace Hugentobler, Athena Hawks, Kira Wilson, Monty Risenhover, Nola Norman, Kortnee Graff and Cody Windsor. Regional winners were Ivy Hazlett, Hailey Hendrson, Cori Santos, and Charlie Schildt. Tom Edwards received a Blue Ribbon Award for his continuing dedication and commitment to students. The John family was recognized for their determination to receive and education. Steve Hren recognized the following community members for their help with Prom: Jennifer Heili, Teresa and Larry McElhaney, Sally Bishoff, Summer Johnson, Emily Johnson, Brenda and David Short, Ninarose Harmison, Matt Keogh, Frank Melo, Donna Metzler, Mike Baird, Sue Dalton, Nicki and Steve Hazlett, Tammy and Ken Colyar, Debbie and Lee Sjoblom, Karen McKinlay, Stan Jones, Suzanne Woodward, Annie Dalton, Pugh Dalton, Terry and Travis Clark, Rachelle Pierce, Harold Saunders, Cathy Beeman, Cindy Hirschfeld, Cole and Cindy Howe, Mel Dolphin, Ron Irvin, Mary Walker-Irvin, Leonard Cobb and Martha and Gene Leonard.

Staff Reports: Superintendent Margaret Hopkin reported on computerized core testing. Dan McNeil is applying for a grant for Mentor Program Model presented by Senator Bennett. The USBA Regional meeting is April 15 at noon at the Moab Brewery. Margaret Hopkin referred the Board to a letter from concerned homeowners the O'Neils about the bus stop near their home on Austin Drive.

Doug Cannon, Business Administrator reported that budget cuts for this year will be approximately \$174,000.

High School Principal Steve Hren said Moab hosted Sterling Scholar in Price and it went very well. Steve introduced Stephanie Cluff, Softball Coach who read a letter requesting travel to Mesquite. Doug Cannon had checked with Risk Management and they oked the out of state travel.

Melinda Snow, Middle School Principal talked about Teen Employment Fair, Law Enforcement Assembly, Peer Pressure Panel, and Ute Spiritual Leader/Storyteller.

Robert Farnsworth, Helen M. Knight Principal commented on Spelling Bee Champs. The fifth grade block celebrated Colonial Days. The playground has been partially fenced off due to construction.

Sherrie Buckingham, Red Rock Principal said the third grade talent show is March 19. Hogle Zoo is coming to Red Rock. Sherrie and kindergarten teachers have been working with kindergarten intervention. Leadership Team meeting is March 19.

GEA: Joanne Savoie announced co-presidents are Sarah Henderson and Peggy Hardy. A survey has been distributed to teachers as to their priorities for the 2009-2010 school year.

GCEA: Flo Saggboy also announced that GCEA also had given classified a survey for priorities for 2009-2010 school year. Flo attended a workshop in Murray.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

April Site Meeting will be at the Adult Ed building on April 21st at noon. A work session will follow from 1:00 2:30 at the District Office. Regular Board meeting on April 22nd at 6:30 pm.

Shafer House – Kitchen Rental: Daniel Wilson with Sagetree Trading would like to rent the Shafer House kitchen for a catering business. The Youth Garden staff would like to let Daniel Wilson use the kitchen on a trial basis. The Board decided to give a directive to Superintendent Hopkin letting her make the decision. It was decided to go with the Youth Garden recommendation with the temporary trial rental.

Legislative Summary: House Bill 66 = Equalization of Property Tax did not pass.

District Cutbacks: District needs to cut back \$400,000 next year. The State Retirement Fund took a hit with our current economy.

Truth In Taxation: Do we utilize next year?

Master Plan Update: Jim Webster reported that Dan McNeil applied for a stimulus grant for solar panels for both new buildings - \$350,000. Jim talked to Miles Nelson with CEU. Higher ed is having to reduce budget by 12%, so there is no movement on the CEU/votec partnership. CEU will apply to CIB for grant for the partnership.

Staff 2009-2010: Letters of Intent are in. 1 retirement, 2 intend to discontinue, 1 undecided, 6 requests for transfer. Special Ed at HMK is the only opening as of March 18, 2009.

Board Teleconferencing: Ron Olsen will be leaving on a LDS mission for one year. He and his wife Marilyn will leave May 19, 2009. Margaret Hopkin has checked the legalities and he may stay on the Board. Attorney Jon Robson will send policy. Ron was just re-elected for a four year term to the Board. Ron will teleconference for Board meetings.

DELEGATIONS

Linda Warren said the District is required to have a policy for Title I Parent Involvement. The Board thought they had passed a policy in the fall. More information to be presented in the April Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jerry Hansen is being recommend for hire to replace Julio Lopez’ position at Helen M. Knight. Bryon Walston made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda and to hire Jerry Hansen. 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.

ACTION ITEMS

Ron Olsen made a motion to allow the Softball Team to travel out of state to Mesquite. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications from Board Members

ADVANCE PLANNING

April 2 Ground Breaking	1:00 votec	2:15 elementary
April 15 USBA Regional Meeting	12:00 pm	Moab Brewery
April 21 Board Site Visit – Arches	12:00 pm	1:00 – 2:30 Work Session District Office
April 22 Board Meeting	6:00 pm	District Office
April 28 District Priorities Meeting	1:30 – 3:00	District Office

At 8:50 pm Jim Webster made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MARCH 18, 2009

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 1, 2009

At 9:30 pm the Board went into Regular Session. A motion was made by Jim Webster to send a letter of remand to the hearing officer requesting certain clarification of findings in regards to employee A. The motion was seconded by Bryon Walston. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Ron Olsen, and Jim Webster. The motion passed. Deb Hren abstained from voting.

