

GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 20, 2009

Kaaron Jorgen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Board members Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, 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, Taryn Kay, GCEA Representative John West, GEA Representative Joanne Savoie. Also in attendance were Erik Wermuth, James Jorgen, Caitlyn Howe, Tony Cossairt, Mary Rice, Devin Hall, Arlajean Paskett, Laura Reed, Rob Welch, Ryan Anderson, Linda Warren, Zach Taylor, Luis Tavares, Monty Risenhover, Buffy Camps, Josie Camps, Drew Camps, Warit Amornsaensuk, Robert Craig, Caleb Holyoak, Udit Bhavsar, Joseph Hawks, Tyler Hugentobler, Jake Colyar, Aaron Topliss and Ashlyn Walston.

Bryon Walston led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition: Students of the Month were Caitlyn Howe and James Jorgen. Blue Ribbon Awards were given to the High School Soccer Team and their Coaches for going to State Competition. Laura Reed was given a Blue Ribbon Award for her extracurricular work with High School science students. Middle School Quiz Bowl team was recognized for taking 1st place in Southeast Regional Varsity Quiz Bowl.

Staff Reports:

Margaret Hopkin reported that State Superintendent Patty Harrington had called about the O'Neal bus stop concern on Austin Drive. On Saturday, May 16, the High School Cheer Team was traveling home from an event when one of the suburbs they were traveling in caused 3 brush fires from an exhaust spark. The incident happened between Salina and Green River. No injuries, and students arrived home safe that evening. District could be fined by the Emery County Fire Marshall for starting the brush fires.

Doug Cannon reported that he and Superintendent Hopkin were working on next year's budget.

Rob Welch, District Construction Manager reported that the vocational center construction got off to a slow start because power and gas lines had to be moved before construction started. Vocational is 1 1/2 to 2 % complete. The elementary construction moving along great. Bruce Barnes and Bryan Parker from MHTN Architects stopped by the elementary site and were impressed with the progress. The elementary site is approximately 8% complete.

Taryn Kay reported that the annual Special Ed Parent Surveys have been sent out. Schools are in the middle of computer based testing. There is a School Safety meeting at the City Building on May 21. Taryn will give a presentation next board meeting on School Safety.

High School Principal, Steve Hren said they were in the middle of core testing. They were working on student schedules for next year. Middle School Principal, Melinda Snow reported that core testing was going good until a student in 5th hour pulled the plug to the computers. Student Council and Honor Society hosted Teacher Appreciation Week. Rail Road assembly well received. Transition meeting at the High School and Helen M. Knight are happening. High School Student Action Team is working with Middle School students. Schedules for next year are complete. ESL teacher, Beatrice Murgess gave her resignation and is going to teach French in Africa. Helen M. Knight Principal, Robert Farnsworth said core testing had a major bump when the server went down. Red Rock Elementary Principal, Sherrie Buckingham was excused due to family obligations.

GEA Representative, Joanne Savoie encouraged a board member to join in GEA executive session once a month.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

Dog Park: Steve Hren was concerned that the area presented for the Dog Park was too close to the High School, new vocational building and Youth Garden. Chris Michaud with the Youth Garden thought the area behind the bus barn would be a more appropriate place. Randy Zimmerman with Moab City was open for looking at other sites for the dog park. Kara Dohrenwend presented a letter of concern as to the proposed site for the Dog Park.

Willow Creek Road: Janie Tuft presented the Board with maps showing the area the Housing Authority is requesting an easement from the District on Willow Creek Road. Kaaron Jorgen said we needed how many square feet the easement request was. The Board will do a site visit on June 9th.

Native American Club Travel Request: Marcia Tendick requested to take Middle School and High School students to Navajo and Hopi Reservations in June. They requested to use District Suburbans. The suburbans are not road worthy for the trip. If they use District cars, do not travel at night and have male and female chaperons the Board will move this agenda item to Action Items.

Staff Request for Waiver of Policy 4149B Absences & Leave-Public Service: GEA Representative handed out an information sheet on the request for extension of days of absence for Ryan Anderson for UEA obligations. Ryan had used his personal days for the leave and was requesting to have his personal leave days returned. The District had been following Policy 4149B, and GEA had been following 4148B. Superintendent Hopkin said we need to clarify policy. Kaaron Jorgen moved this to an Action Item.

Staff Request for Purchase of 3 years Toward Retirement: This was removed from Information and Reports.

Report - May 14 State Meeting on Stimulus Funds: State Superintendent Patty Harrington called a State-wide meeting for all Superintendents. Margaret Hopkin presented each Board member a summary packet on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Provisions.

Summer Site Visits: June 9th at 12:00 Board will visit the District property adjacent to Willow Tree Road. On July 16th the Board will visit the new vocational construction site at 10:00 am and will visit the Helen M. Knight construction site at 1:00 pm.

GCSD Title I Parent Involvement Policy: Superintendent Hopkin presented policy 2250 – Participation By The Public – Parental Involvement Draft 2 For posting. This policy was moved to Action Items.

Interlocal Agreement Clarification: Margaret Hopkins referred the Board to page 18 in the Board packet 4.4 Interlocal Agreement. Discussion followed as to whether the District should waive fee for interlocal fundraisers held in District facilities. District would like to know what the percentage of MARC programs are for kids.

Delegations: None

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

Action Items: Bryon Walston suggested we table the Dog Park Request to explore other site options. The Willow Creek Road Easement Request was also tabled. The Board will conduct a site visit to the property on June 9, 2009. Bryon Walston made a motion to allow the Native American Club to travel out of state meeting Risk Management criteria. Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed. Deb Hren made a motion to accept the Holiday Calendar for 2009-2010 for twelve month employees. Bryon Walston seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed. Jim Webster made a motion to post the GCSD Title I Parent Involvement Policy (Participation By The Public-Parental Involvement Draft 2 for Posting). Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed. Jim Webster made a motion to restore 2 ½ days personal leave to Ryan Anderson. This was in reference to policy 4148B. Bryon Walston seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, and Jim Webster. Deb Hren abstained. The motion passed.

Communications: Bryon Walston reported that the new construction at the High School Baseball field is not cleaned up and construction not completed. Bryon and Frank Melo will site visit and make appropriate contacts.

Advance Planning:

June 6, 2009	Site Visit property adjacent to Willow Creek Road – noon.
July 15, 2009	Board Meeting 6:00 pm
July 16, 2009	Site Visit 10:00 am new VoTec, 1:00 pm Helen M. Knight

At 8:50 pm Bryan Walston made a motion to go into Executive Session. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were: Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

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