

GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN FORUM 5:00 PM

MAY 19, 2010

In attendance were Board members Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren, and Jim Webster. Other District staff in attendance was Superintendent Margaret Hopkin, Business Administrator Robert Farnsworth, Financial Advisor Richard Clark, and Secretary Becky McCormick. Also in attendance were Jen Sadoff, Joe Kingsley, Melinda Snow, Beth Joseph, Peggy Harty, Derrick Cook, Flo Saggboy, Margaret Moreau, Rob Welch, Alex Buxton, John Fogg, and Tom Lacy.

Jen Sadoff addressed the Board as a Delegation. She applauded the Board on their decision concerning the High School's Safe School Violation.

Joe Kingsley representing the Financial Advisory Committee reported that financial internal controls looked good, just needed a little fine tuning.

The Open Forum ended at 5:47 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

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At 6:00 pm the meeting was called to order and Robert Farnsworth led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION

Clarke Abbey received a Blue Ribbon Award for obtaining several large grants for the special ed program. The Girls Softball team and coaches were recognized for obtaining the title of 2010, 2A State Softball Champs.

STAFF REPORTS

Business Administrator Robert Farnsworth gave the budget report.

District Construction Director Rob Welch reported that the new vocational center is approximately 82% complete. Helen M. Knight Elementary is a little behind schedule.

High School Principals Steve Hren and Lance LeVar will write a draft policy for Open Lunch Campus for the High School. Steve Hren reported on end of the year activities. Lance LeVar said that Track had 2 state champs.

Middle School Principal Melinda Snow reported that Middle School students went to Canyonlands and Arches for a field trip. She said Ryan Morrill is doing a powerful job with the band students. The band played at Middle School graduation. The Foundation voted to add a couple more art classes for the Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year. The Foundation also gave the Quiz Bowl students \$500 for the Washington DC trip.

Principals Sherrie Buckingham and Brandy Shumway were excused from the Board meeting. They are busy with the big move.

GEA representative Peggy Harty and GCEA representative Flo Saggboy both commented about being grateful that this year had come to a close.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

Out of State Travel Request – Superintendent Hopkin referred the Board to pages 5 & 6 in their Board packet. The Board was in favor of the Quiz Bowl students traveling the Washington DC for national competition. The one concern raised was the transportation to Grand Junction. The Board will move this to Action Items.

Refunding the Bond – Alex Buxton with Zion’s Bank explained that we could refinance the Bond for the last 10 years of the bond (2019-2028). With current rates the district would save tax payers forty five to fifty thousand dollars a year. The benefit goes directly to tax payers. The District would lower debt service levy. Robert Farnsworth reported that he had checked with other school districts that had refunded their bonds with the response that this would be a positive move. Robert also talked to Chapman and Cutler and we are not required to do an RFP. This item was moved to Action Items.

Board Goals 2010-2011 - Board received copies of Goals. Moved to Action Items.

Brief Updates on Work Session Tasks/Committees

- San Juan School Boundary Changes – Superintendent Hopkin has been in touch with San Juan Superintendent Doug Wright. A meeting is scheduled with the San Juan Board for June 22 in San Juan.
- Property Sales – We did not receive any RFP’s for appraisals on properties deemed surplus. Bryon Walston and Robert Farnsworth will work with Rachael Moody asking local realtors for assistance on property values.
- The RRQ Committee met on May 11th to look at options. Joe Kingsley met with the planning director in St. George and with information he received, Joe said we should not go with the concept of leasing school properties.
- District Restoration Plan – Create prioritized list for restoration if leeway goes through.
- Community Financial Advisory Committee – Joe Kingsley is working with Robert Farnsworth. Joe is very pleased with the progress, cooperation, and transparency that Robert has provided. Joe will put something together for the press.
- Voted Leeway Topics / Voter Information Pamphlet – Margaret Hopkin and Jim Webster will be working on the pamphlet. They have put a self imposed deadline of June 1st to have it done. Page is getting an information sheet out to the community.
- Tax Levy Phase-In Plan – The pamphlet will include the information about the Phase-In Plan.

Quail Run Charter School Bid – The Board was referred to pages 7 & 8 of their packets. The Charter School wants the used furniture from Red Rock Elementary and Helen M. Knight Intermediate. This was moved to Action Items.

DELEGATIONS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

Bryon Walston made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with corrections. Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren and Jim Webster.

ACTION ITEMS

Out of State Travel Request: Jim Webster made a motion to allow Quiz Bowl students to travel to Washington DC based on meeting liability concerns getting to Grand Junction Colorado. Bryon Walston seconded the motion. Discussion: Bryon Walston said it was a wonderful opportunity for the students. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

Reconfirmation of Board MOU Commitment - Race to the Top: Jim Webster made a motion to reconfirm Board MOU Commitment. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

Refunding the Bond: Bryon Walston made a motion to accept Zion Bank’s proposal to Refund the Bond according to legal stipulations. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

Board Goals: Deb Hren made a motion to accept the Board Goals for 2010-2011. Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

Bid from Quail Run Charter School: Bryon Walston made a motion to accept the bid from Quail Run Charter School to purchase old school furniture. Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

Kaaron Jorgen said she would accept a motion on authorizing our attorney to submit a Demand Letter to Haynie and Company. Bryon Walston made the motion. Jim Webster 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 accept the ratification and negotiations with GEA for 2010-2011 school year. Kaaron Jorgen seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

ADVANCE PLANNING

Date/Topic	Time	Place
May 25 – Page Rally	5:30 pm	Rotary Park
June 1 - Work Session/Exec Session	3::00 pm/4:00 pm	DO
June 2 – Builders Alliance	Noon	Denney’s

COMMUNICATIONS

Deb Hren said that a few community members expressed their gratitude on the Board's decision on the recent Safe School Violation. Jim Webster and Bryon Walston had the same comments from community members.

Kaaron Jorgen said that Ron Olsen would be moving back home to Moab next week. He will be here in person for the next board meeting not via telephone.

Bryon Walston made a motion at 8:14 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel items. Deb Hren seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Executive Session was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

REGULAR SESSION

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Deb Hren made a motion to approved early retirement for Employee A with post retirement insurance benefits for thirty months. Jim Webster seconded the motion. In favor of the motion were Kaaron Jorgen, Bryon Walston, Deb Hren and Jim Webster. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.