

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
 MOFFAT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE: 1 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 JULY 26, 2007

The Moffat County School District Re: 1 Board of Education met in the Board Room of the Yampa Building at 6:30 PM for its regular meeting.

Board members present were: Dr. Jo Ann Baxter, Mrs. Andrea Camp, Mr. Rod Durham, Mrs. Sandie Johns, and Mrs. Karen Stillion. Mrs. Trish Snyder and Mr. Steve Hafey were absent. Administrators present were Assistant Superintendent Joel Sheridan and Director of Finance Mark Rydberg.

The meeting was called to order by Board of Education President Jo Ann Baxter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**MOTION 53:07** - Moved by Rod Durham, seconded by Andrea Camp, "That we adopt the agenda with the addition of Action 5, Special Board Meeting and Action Item 1, Brown's Park." Ayes, all. MOTION CARRIED.

Audience member Andy Chotvacs asked to be recognized during the Capital Construction Plans report.

**MOTION 54:07** - Moved by Sandie Johns seconded by Karen Stillion, "That the consent items consisting of the Minutes of the June 7th and June 28th, 2007 meeting, the Financial Report as of June 30, 2007, the General Fund Quarterly Report, Check Registers for July, 2007 and the Personnel Report for July, 2007 be approved as presented."

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Revelle	Bonnie	MCHS	English Teacher	Retirement	6/30/07	
Beacham	Rebecca	CMS	Replace Bill Ronis as Science teacher	New	8/14/07	31,315.00
Ortiz	Julia	MCHS	Replace James Neton as Social Studies/ Spanish teacher	New	8/14/07	36,883.00
Bowles	Jennifer	MCHS	Replace Rosie Wimmer as Foreign Language teacher	New	8/14/07	36,968.00
Sweet	Heather	MCHS	Replace Aaron Kessler as Science teacher	New	8/14/07	36,883.00
Hafey	Dorolyn	MCHS	Sp Ed teacher	Resignation	6/29/07	
Rustand	Julie	MCHS	Choir teacher	Resignation	7/4/07	
Wright	Wayne	Admin	Network Administrator	Resignation	7/23/07	
Antonson	LuAnne	CIS	Supplemental Contract	Resignation	8/1/07	
Antonson	LuAnne	CIS	PERA 110 Rule. Supplemental Employment Contract	New	8/1/07	
Gregg	Bruce	CIS	Replace Don Davidson as Principal	New	8/1/07	68,324.00
Birdsall	Joanne	CMS	Replace Dwight Siverson as Computer teacher	Change of assignment	8/16/07	

Ayes, all. MOTION CARRIED.

Assistant Superintendent Joel Sheridan gave the board a report on the Federal Grants. He explained that the Title I Grant in the amount of \$263,755.00 is used for early literacy intervention and pays the salaries of the Title I teachers. It also pays for summer school and staff development opportunities. Title II Staff Development moneys in the amount of \$108,622.00 pay for staff development, part of Joel's salary, and teacher leader salaries. Title II Technology money must be used for the advancement of technology. Title III money is for ELL programs, Title IV Safe School/Drug Free is used to pay a portion of the resource officer's salary and Title V Innovative Programs is used to pay for the math summer lab. Joel told the board that the grant money does not represent the total amount spent on any of these programs. He also told the board that grant funding has decreased

by at least 20% during the last five years.

Board of Education President Jo Ann Baxter recognized JB Chapman and Dave DeRose, Co-Chairmen of the Bond Campaign Committee. They reported that the name of the committee is "*Citizens for Moffat County Schools*" and the slogan is "*Our Kids, Our Schools-The Right Investment Now.*"

Mike Daley and Michelle Fisher from Neenan Company reviewed the upgrade plans for East Elementary School, Ridgeview Elementary School, Sunset Elementary School and Craig Intermediate School. Each school will have a secured entry and heating and ventilation upgrades in addition to site specific upgrades.

Mike and Michelle reviewed, in some detail, the most recent plans for a new middle school based on the collaborative design sessions held June 6th and 7th. Andrew Garside, from Neenan Company Preconstruction Department spoke to the board about the cost of the project and the fact that with the current plans, it is significantly over budget. An auditorium was not part of the original middle school concept. One thing that came out of the collaborative meetings was the desire of community members to save the current auditorium. Heavy construction activity in the area is driving up the cost of construction. Materials in this area are quite expensive. Oil and mining industries draw a lot of the labor pool in association with contractors. Administration is faced with making adjustments to the project to get closer to the \$28,000,000.00 target.

Assistant Superintendent Sheridan explained that keeping the preschool at the administration building would save a significant amount of money. By superimposing the plan for the new middle school over the current auditorium, gymnasium and shop and not moving the baseball field, a savings of between two and three million dollars would be realized. The detail of the original plan would remain intact with this plan. Administration would have to formulate a plan to house the students for one school year, during the construction. A possible solution would be to have this year's 4th graders stay in their current elementary schools for 5th grade. 6th and 7th graders would attend school at the current CIS building. 8th graders would either go to the high school (to a designated area of approximately eight classrooms) or attend classes in modularity to be placed at CIS for one year.

Audience member Andy Chotvacs brought the idea of constructing the new middle school building in a dome-type structure to the board's attention. He said he realized that he was presenting the idea late in the game but wanted to bring another option to the table. Board President Jo Ann Baxter responded, "I wish you had been able to share it with us six months ago...It would be virtually impossible for us to do that and be ready for a bond election." She thanked him for his interest.

After some discussion, the board, by consensus, directed administration to continue to work on the new proposal for an amount between \$28,000,000.00 and \$31,000,000.00.

The board took a short break.

Community member Deb Powell approached the Board of Education at the February 27, 2007 meeting with a request to add a new elective, The Bible in History and Literature, at Moffat County High School. The Board of Education reviewed the recommendation from Moffat County High School Principal Jane Krogman Harmon and Social Studies Department Chairperson Jeff Simon. They recommend that when the social studies curriculum goes through its formal review process per district policy, the curriculum for a "comparative religions" course should be reviewed. This social studies curriculum is scheduled for review for the 2009-2010 school year. The Board of Education concurred.

Assistant Superintendent Joel Sheridan reported that the Summer School Program was, once again, very successful. A total of 150 students were enrolled and 187 students participated in the Summer Book Club. Dr. Sheridan mentioned that the enrollment numbers were down from previous years, possibly due to conflicts with Drivers Education and a basketball camp.

At the June 28, 2007 board meeting, MCHS football coach Kip Hafey asked the board for permission to use fundraiser moneys to hire an additional coach. The fundraiser policy and regulation which were most recently revised September 28, 2006 prohibit this practice. Administration recommended that this request not be handled as a single request and if the board so chose, the policy and regulation be revised. After discussion, the board chose to follow the recommendation of the administration and to not make changes to the policy/regulation at this time and, therefore to not allow hiring additional coaches with fundraiser moneys.

In July, 2007 the district was approached to support the County and Brown's Park community with an effort to resurrect the Brown's Park School building into a useful community center. Director of Facilities Mike Taylor recommended that we give the Moffat County Commissioners \$15,000.00 (the dollar amount it will cost the district to remove the old structure) and transfer ownership of the building to them.

**MOTION 55:07** - Moved by Rod Durham, seconded by Andrea Camp, "That, with guidance from school district attorney, Tom Thornberry, we give the county \$15,000.00 and transfer ownership of the Brown's Park school building to the Moffat County Commissioners." Ayes, all. MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION 56:07** - Moved by Sandie Johns, seconded by Karen Stillion, "That the board approve the following Call for Nominations:

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MOFFAT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1  
MOFFAT COUNTY, COLORADO

The Board of Education of Moffat County School District RE-1 in the County of Moffat, State of Colorado, calls for nomination of candidates for school directors to be placed on the ballot for the regular biennial school election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

At this election (4) directors will be elected representing Director Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 to serve a four-year term of office. To be qualified, a candidate must have been a registered elector of the school district for at least twelve consecutive months before the election and a resident of the director district which will be represented. A person is ineligible to run for school director if he or she has been convicted of committing a sexual offense against a child.

In accordance with law, a person who desires to be a candidate for school director shall file a written notice of intention to be a candidate and a nomination petition. The candidate will collect signatures from at least 50 eligible electors throughout the school district.

Nomination petitions will be available beginning August 8, 2007, at the Office of the Superintendent, 775 Yampa Ave., Craig, Colorado 81625. Office hours are 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Completed petitions should be submitted to Vicki Duncan, the School District's designated election official, no later than 4:00 PM on August 31, 2007.  
Ayes, all. MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION 57:07** - Moved by Sandie Johns, seconded by Andrea Camp, "That we approve the contract to hire Diversified Consulting Solutions, Inc. as the owner's

representative for pre-bond services for the amount of \$20,000.00.” Ayes, all. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION 58:07** - Moved by Andrea Camp, seconded by Karen Stillion, “That the Board of Education authorize Dr. Christine Villard to act as its representative to conduct all business related to the planning, implementation, operation and evaluation of these grant programs, to submit all required reports and generally conduct business related to the administration of the funds received from these grants. The Board agrees that the general assurance forms for: Title I-Elementary and Secondary Education; Title II-High Quality Teachers and Technology; Title III-Limited English Proficient; Title IV-Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities; Title V-Innovative Education Program Strategies; Individuals with Disabilities Act; SWAP; Medicaid, and 504 will be on file in the district office.” Ayes, all. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION 59:07** - Moved by Rod Durham, seconded by Karen Stillion, "That we accept the first reading Policy 6715, Graduation Requirements.” Ayes, all. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION 60:07** - Moved by Andrea Camp, seconded by Sandie Johns, "That we have a special board meeting on Thursday, August 9th at 6:30 PM.” Ayes, all. MOTION CARRIED.

Board of Education President Jo Ann Baxter shared highlights from her recent trip to Oxford University for a roundtable discussion on educational leadership.

**MOTION 61:07** - Moved by Rod Durham, seconded by Sandie Johns, “That there being no further business, we adjourn this meeting.” Ayes, all. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rod Durham, Secretary