



MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MVCS Board of Directors

Monday, October 23, 2023

Regular Meeting

5:30 PM

ATTENDANCE:

The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Brantley at 5:50 PM (delayed due to need for quorum).

Board Members Present: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, and Martha Brabaek

Board Members Absent: Audrey Somerville, Kalista Wickham

Administration/Staff Present: Director Laurajeon Downs, Assistant Director Kami Costello, Business Manager Julie Hoge

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was presented and approved.

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Martha Brabaek, that the agenda be approved as presented.”

COMMUNICATIONS:

No comments were given.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:

The following Consent Action Items were approved as recommended:

Minutes – Regular meeting minutes September 25, 2023

Financials – September 2023

“Moved by Martha Brabaek, supported Carolyn Lenderman, that the consent items be approved as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Martha Brabaek

Nays: None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION:

Director Laurajean Downs shared the following report:

This year’s student count has been completed with an FTE of 227.36. Student count was confirmed by Assistant Director, Kami Costello. Previous year counts are currently in audit at the state level.

MVCS is in the process of looking for a new occupational therapist due to the resignation of the current OT as of October 31.

The charter renewal with district 51 is still in process.

All staff contract adjustments for the 2023-2024 school year have been completed.

There have been some challenges regarding the attendance policy for grades 6 -12. The policy has been adjusted to make it easier for the students and families to follow.

Truancy letters have been mailed to parents of students who are not compliant in attendance.

At this time, the Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) was presented. This report identifies weak areas and allows for goals to be written that focus on improving areas of concern. The board received a copy of the current scores which were reviewed and discussed. A presentation of the information from the Colorado Department of Education website was also shared.

FACILITY & FINANCE:

Business Manager Julie Hoge presented the following:

The quarter 1 budget revision was given to the board for review and approval.

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Martha Brabaek, that the Q1 budget revision be approved as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Martha Brabaek

Nays: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

THE BOARD MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:13 PM UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) PERSONNEL MATTERS. THE BOARD INVITED THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL TO ATTEND THE EXECUTIVE SESSION: BUSINESS MANAGER JULIE HOGE.

THE BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:53 PM. NO VOTE WAS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

OTHER MATTERS:

Board President Nathan Brantley addressed the following items at this time:

Discussed the possibility of contacting the district 51 board regarding the timeline of the charter renewal.

Encouraged board members to continue to be mindful of possible candidates to increase the MVCS board of directors.

Future Meetings – The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, at 5:30 PM. The board will be contacted if there is a need for a special meeting prior to the next scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Martha Brabaek, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 PM.”