



MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MVCS Board of Directors

Monday, December 4, 2023

Regular Meeting

5:30 PM

ATTENDANCE:

The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Brantley at 5:39 PM

Board Members Present: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Kalista Wickham, and Audrey Somerville
Martha Brabaek was present virtually, but was excused due to her location.

Administration/Staff Present: Director Laurajeane Downs, Assistant Director Kami Costello

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was presented and approved.

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Kalista Wickham, 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 October 23, 2023

Financials – October 2023

“Moved by Kalista Wickham, supported by Audrey Somerville, that the consent items be approved as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Kalista Wickham, Audrey Somerville

Nays: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION:

Director Laurajean Downs shared the following report:

MVCS completed the process to begin a Student Council. Students nominated themselves or other students, campaigned, gave optional speeches and voted. Students were required to register to vote in order to participate. Two students from each grade level were elected, with alternates chosen to replace a council member who can't complete the duties. Students were sworn in and had their first meeting on Nov. 29.

During the November all-staff meeting, staff members participated in an activity to define and discuss what values the MVCS community holds. From that activity, a list was compiled of the most common values, as well a list of values that staff members would like to see added to the school culture. It was suggested to the Student Council that they participate in the same activity at one of their upcoming meetings.

Director Downs listed meetings that she participated in during November, which included parent meetings, teacher observations, OT interviews, a safety team meeting, and a Learning Cohort Accelerator to learn the value of team teaching.

Director Downs took and passed the Praxis exam for Physical Education Content.

End of semester goal reviews start tomorrow, which is approximately 28 meetings.

MVEP Holiday Art and Music shows are scheduled for Monday, December 11, and Friday, December 15.

MVCS staff is participating in an in-house Angel Tree project.

CDE has contacted MVCS administration about completing the charter contract and associated waivers.

POLICY & PROCEDURE:

Assistant Director Kami Costello presented the following:

An explanation was given regarding policies that are currently in place that no longer apply due to the mandated change of the school model. A recommendation was given to revoke policies 200.6, 250.4, 100.4, and 450.1.

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Audrey Somerville, that policy BDG 200.6, STU 250.4, EDU 100.4, and EDU 450.1 be revoked as recommended.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Audrey Somerville, Kalista Wickham

Nays: None

It was also presented that many policies still need to be reworked in order to function within the new model. Rewriting those policies will take a considerable amount of time, so a recommendation for a board resolution of “Suspension of Inapplicable Policies” was presented.

“Moved by Audrey Somerville, supported by Carolyn Lenderman, that a “Suspension of Inapplicable Policies” be approved as recommended.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Audrey Somerville, Kalista Wickham

Nays: None

A timeline and summary of Policy Book updates for the 23.24 school year was presented. This was presented as information only and no vote was needed.

FACILITY & FINANCE

Board President Nathan Brantley presented the yearly audit review report in the absence of Business Manager Julie Hoge. The report summarized the audit and highlighted some specific areas. The board was instructed to read the report further for approval at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

THE BOARD MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:53 PM UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) PERSONNEL MATTERS.

THE BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 PM. NO VOTE WAS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

OTHER MATTERS:

Board President Nathan Brantley asked that the following items be noted:

The board discussed the need to pursue a greater relationship and sense of connection from the board to the school staff and from the board to the parents. It was agreed to devote time in the future to crafting intentional practices and strategies in pursuit of that goal.

Future Meetings – The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

“Moved by Kalista Wickham, supported by Audrey Somerville, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 PM.”

Minutes were submitted by Director Laurajean Downs.