



MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MVCS Board of Directors

Monday, March 25, 2024

Regular Meeting

5:30 PM



ATTENDANCE:

The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Brantley at 5:34 PM

Board Members Present (Quorum): Nathan Brantley, Kalista Wickham, Audrey Somerville, and Martha Brabaek. Absent: Carolyn Lenderman

Administration Present: Director Laurajeane Downs, Assistant Director Kami Costello, Business Manager Julie Hoge

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

“Moved by Kalista Wickham, 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 presented:

Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes February 22, 2024

Financials – Financial Statements February 2024

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Kalista Wickham, Audrey Somerville, Martha Brabaek

Nays: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION:

Director Laurajean Downs shared the following report:

An email was sent to District 51 regarding the legal charges incurred due to the lengthy process for the renewal of the charter contract this year.

An update was given on the anticipated enrollment numbers for the 2024-2025 school year.

Teacher observations are in process with anticipated completion prior to the onset of CMAS testing.

Director Downs interviewed with a local news station today in regard to House Bill 1363 which significantly impacts charter schools in Colorado.

Director Downs has accepted the following resignations: Kathleen Furukawa (June 1, 2024) Speech Language Pathologist, Joe LaVenture (May 2024) Building Custodial/Maintenance, Sarah Gardner (May 2024) High School Academic Advisor, Abby Ketchum (April 12, 2024) MVEP 3rd Grade Teacher.

At this time the administrative team presented individual reports in response to what was learned at the Colorado League of Charter Schools spring conference. Topics included evaluations and school performance, current issues in schools, AI in education, school culture, school dress codes, authorizer relationships, school board regulations, employee retention, and information regarding Generation Z.

FACILITY & FINANCE

Business Manager Julie Hoge gave the following report:

Estimates are currently in process to either sod or hydroseed the backyard area. The first estimate from Mesa Turf came in at \$17K. An estimate from WD Yards is still in process and one more estimate will be requested from a local vendor.

Estimates for permanent/semi-permanent classrooms are still in process. The first estimate from FCI came in at \$261K. An estimate from LadaCube is still in process.

POLICY & PROCEDURE

Assistant Director Kami Costello presented the following items for a 2nd reading and approval/vote:

1. STU.100.0

“Moved by Kalista Wickham, supported by Martha Brabaek, that STU.100.0 be approved as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Kalista Wickham, Audrey Somerville, Martha Brabaek

Nays: None

2. STU.150.0

“Moved by Audrey Somerville, supported by Kalista Wickham, that STU.150.0 be approved as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Kalista Wickham, Audrey Somerville, Martha Brabaek

Nays: None

3. STU.200.0

“Moved by Audrey Somerville, supported by Martha Brabaek, that STU.200.0 be approved as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Kalista Wickham, Audrey Somerville, Martha Brabaek

Nays: None

4. STU.250.0

“Moved by Martha Brabaek, supported by Audrey Somerville, that STU.250.0 be approved as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Kalista Wickham, Audrey Somerville, Martha Brabaek

Nays: None

5. STU.250.4 (to rescind)

“Moved by Kalista Wickham, supported by Audrey Somerville, that STU.250.4 be rescinded as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Kalista Wickham, Audrey Somerville, Martha Brabaek

Nays: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board moved into executive session at 7:38 PM under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) Personnel Matters.

"Moved by Audrey Somerville, supported by Martha Brabaek that the Board move into Executive Session under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) Personnel Matters for the purpose of discussing the MVCS Director review and contract."

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Audrey Somerville, Kalista Wickham, Martha Brabaek

Nays: None

The Board left executive session at 9:09 PM.

Board President Nathan Brantley will prepare and sign the finalized 2023-2024 Board Evaluation of Director Laurajeon Downs in accordance with discussion held in Executive Session. This Evaluation will be submitted to all appropriate parties as required by policy and law, and reviewed with the Director at a later date.

"Moved by Audrey Somerville, supported by Kalista Wickham, that the annual Director Evaluation be prepared and submitted as discussed."

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Audrey Somerville, Kalista Wickham, Martha Brabaek

Nays: None

A recording of this session will be kept on file for 90 days.

OTHER MATTERS:

No additional items were discussed.

The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

"Moved by Audrey Somerville, supported by Kalista Wickham that the meeting be adjourned at 9:11 PM."

Minutes submitted by J Hoge, Recording Secretary and N Brantley, Board President

Minutes reviewed by Nathan Brantley, Board President, on March 28, and Martha Brabaek, Board Secretary, on March 28.