



MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MVCS Board of Directors

Monday, March 27, 2023

Regular Meeting

5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Nathan Brantley at 5:38 PM

Board Members Present: Kalista Wickham, Nathan Brantley, Martha Brabaek (remote), and Carolyn Lenderman (remote)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

No comments were given.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:

The following Consent Action Items were approved as recommended:

Minutes – the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 23, 2023, were approved as presented.

Financials – the February 2023 financial statements were approved as presented.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kalista Wickham, Nathan Brantley, Martha Brabaek, and Carolyn Lenderman

Nays: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION:

Director Laurajean Downs gave a brief report regarding next year's staffing changes and current enrollment.

Congratulations to our two Daniel's Scholarship winners, Bradan Blanck and Gracen Pettit.

The following dates were given for MVCS special events:

Senior Acclaim – April 27 at 6:30 PM at MVCS

Elementary Art & History Fair – May 10 at 6:00 PM at MVCS

Graduation – May 19 at 11:00 AM at Colorado Mesa University

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The 2023-2024 calendar was presented for approval.

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Kalista Wickham, that the 2023-2024 calendar be approved as presented.”

A review of the Colorado League of Charter Schools spring conference was initiated at this time. The following topics were given as potential focus areas for the 2023-2024 school year.

Nathan Brantley presented: Strategic Planning, Facility Master Plan, Board to Community Communications, Board Member Structure

Laurajean Downs presented: Social Emotional Learning and available programs for grades K-12.

Julie Hoge presented: Start-up Grant Options for schools requiring mandatory changes, Health Insurance options and concerns.

FACILITY & FINANCE:

Business Manager, Julie Hoge, presented the following items:

The need for an additional construction project based on student numbers for the 2023-2024 school year. The board was asked to approve the removal of two walls so that the students can fit into those classrooms safely with consideration to space and health regulations. Should spacing become an issue due to a health concern, these spaces would not be in compliance for the number of students in these classes.

“Moved by Kalista Wickham, and supported by Carolyn Lenderman that the administration move forward with initiating construction needs consisting of removing two walls to allow for appropriate classroom sizes for the 2023-2024 school year with consideration of potential health spacing mandates, not to exceed \$15,000 to be performed by FCI construction, with the understanding that District 51 must approve this project either under the Esser III grant or paid by MVCS out of the general fund.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, and Kalista Wickham

Nays: None

POLICY & PROCEDURE:

Assistant Director Kami Costello presented GOV.450 (Board of Directors Policy) for discussion.

The following items were discussed with focus on these topics:

Required number of Board Members, Board Committees, Board Officers

OTHER MATTERS:

Future Meetings – The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Monday, April 24, at 5:30 PM. The board will be advised should there be a need for a special meeting prior to the next scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Kalista Wickham, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:59 PM.”