



MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MVCS Board of Directors

Monday, April 24, 2023

Regular Meeting

5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Baker at 5:41 PM

Board Members Present: Kalista Wickham, Nathan Brantley, Martha Brabaek, Carolyn Lenderman, and Dan Baker

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

Guests: Joe Fanning (MVCS HS Teacher)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

“Moved by Nathan Brantley, supported by Carolyn Lenderman, 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 – the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 27, 2023, were incomplete and will be presented at the May board meeting for approval.

Financials – the March 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, Carolyn Lenderman, Dan Baker

Nays: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION:

Director Laura Jean Downs shared the following report:

Current enrollment FTE is at 249.1, which is 161 elementary, 68 middle school, and 104 high school. There is a higher number of full-time students enrolled than previously estimated.

An update regarding staff for next year was given at this time.

Both an art and a Spanish teacher have been hired. There are two qualified music teachers that are being considered and they will be participating in a mock teach on Wednesday, April 26. One of those individuals will be hired to fill that position.

The writing of the charter contract with D51 will begin soon. Some preliminary work has begun.

CMAS testing is almost complete and NWEA testing will begin next week.

Staff evaluations will be prepared next week with individual meetings to be scheduled before the end of the school year.

The Art & History Fair is scheduled for May 10th at 6:00 PM.

Graduation is scheduled for May 19th at 11:00 AM and Senior Acclaim is scheduled for April 27th at 6:30 PM.

The cost of astro turf for a portion of the backyard area is currently being researched.

FACILITY & FINANCE:

Business Manager, Julie Hoge, presented the following items:

The 2023-2024 preliminary budget was presented for discussion and approval.

“Moved by Nathan Brantley, and supported by Carolyn Lenderman that the 2023-2024 preliminary budget be approved as presented.”

The scheduled parking lot repair was discussed with the board. The parking lot will be repaired the beginning of July prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

District 51 has chosen Hinkle & Company, PC, as their new auditing firm. A bid was received by Mesa Valley Community School for auditing services going forward. In lieu of contracting with John Cutler & Associates, the board was asked to approve engaging with Hinkle to allow for continuity with the district.

“Moved by Martha Brabaek, and supported by Kalista Wickham, that MVCS move forward with engaging Hinkle & Company, PC, as the new school auditor.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kalista Wickham, Martha Brabaek, Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Dan Baker

Nays: None

POLICY & PROCEDURE:

Assistant Director Kami Costello brought the following items:

The Board Bylaws were presented for a 1st reading and discussion.

The following GOV policies were presented for a 1st reading:

Vision & Mission

Philosophy & Operating Principles

Transparency

OTHER MATTERS:

Future Meetings – The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2023, 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 Nathan Brantley, supported by Kalista Wickham, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 PM.”