

Regular School Board Meeting Administration Office 201 East Fifth Street Walsenburg, Colorado 81089

Date: April 14, 2015

Time: 5:30 PM

	Director Gomez	Director Marchant	Director Martinez	Director Meadows	Director Sudar	Director Tesitor	Director Vigil
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent							
Motion Second							
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No							
Abstain							

Administration Present and Central Office Staff Present: M. Moore, G. Purnell, T. Renn, T. McCain, M. Ruzanski

Audience: See Attached Sheet

*** All documents referenced in these minutes are available in hard copy at the district office.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Board President Sudar at 5:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. BOARD OF DIRECTOR ROLL CALL:

Roll Call of the Board Members was taken:

Present

Director Gomez
Director Marchant
Director Martinez
Director Meadows
Director Sudar
Director Tesitor
Director Vigil

Absent

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting Agenda of March 10, 2015, as amended.

Motion Carried

5. WELCOME, FOCUS, and RECOGNITION

5.1. Board Teamwork:

Jaye Sudar had nothing new to report at this time.

5.2. Staff/Student Recognition:

5.2.1. Introduction of new business manager, Diane Matherne

Superintendent Moore introduced Diane Matherne; the new business manager. He discussed her extensive background in school finance in Louisiana, and what an asset she is to the district office.

5.2.2. Students in Mark Thompson's Renewable Energy Program (Presentation)

Mark Thompson showed two short video presentations. One video presentation that showed the STEM facilities, which allowed viewers to see all of the tools, some new and some used, and the different work stations the students are using during their classes. The second video presentation had self introductions by Mark Thompson's students, in which they demonstrated their aerodynamic wind powered projects.

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5.3. Citizens to Address the Board:

None at this time.

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

6.1. Principals/Athletic Director Report

Principal Purnell discussed:

- Date Change- ACT tests moved from April 23 to April 28th
- Thanked all of the emergency personnel for their work with the 'Drive Smart' program.
- Thanked Sherry Gomez for her work with Junior Medic Program and Volunteer Program for both Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center and Veterans Nursing Home.

Principal Renn discussed:

- CMAS Testing-4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th Grade
- SLT Meetings
- PAWS
- PBIS
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Athletic Update-Wrestling season was a success with some wrestlers qualifying for state-Track Team is placing well
- Destination Imagination- 1st Place team qualified for state, and 3rd & 4th place teams did excellent, but fell short of qualifying for state.

Theresa McCain discussed:

- Track Updates: Track team is placing well at their meets
- STEM Program-completed 8 sessions so far (pom-pom launching was well received)
- Future work with the extension office
- Overnight field trip to Denver-Nature & Science Museum and Denver Zoo
- Family Night on April 30,2015

Josh Vialpando discussed:

- Track Update-placing well with several students ranking in state standings and many more placing well.
- Baseball Team- 2-8 season so far, but might qualify for district tournament because of Custer County not having a team this year.
- Girls Golf Team-4 girls from Walsenburg and 2 girls from LaVeta

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6.2. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Moore discussed:

- Rocky Mountain PBS interview for a special on rural school districts that will air in September 2015.
- Preliminary Budget Meeting during which thousands of dollars were cut: primarily from supply accounts.
- Potential half time administrator at Gardner School-2015/2016 school year
- Negative Factor update- bill is in process to decrease it by \$25,000,000, but it needs to come down even more.

6.3. Technology Report

Mark Turner discussed the switch from Gaggles to Google in regards to email with their goal being to have the entire school district moved from one to the other by the end of the 2014/2015 school year. He also reported that the technology committee is looking into webpages developed on Wordpress or Google websites and hosted by the school district. This would eliminate the cost of our present webpage host.

6.4. Transportation Report

Gary Vigil reported that the transportation department is entering into a busy season with field trips, athletic trips; in addition to their normal routes. He also reported that Ernest Nino was only going to be working one more day, so was going to be covering several trips because most of the sub bus drivers do not have CDLs.

6.5. Business Manager

Diane Matherne discussed

- Corrections in coding
- Request for grant money
- Title-I and 21st Century Grants caught up
- Her goal is to send grant requests on a monthly basis

Board was thankful for the clarity and format of the new report and the inclusion of check registry.

7. ROUTINE ITEMS:

7.1. Approval of Board Minutes from March 10, 2015 Special Board Meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the March 10, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

7.2. Consideration/Financial Records

7.2.1. Accounts Payable

It was moved and seconded to approve the accounts payable.

7.2.2. Revenue/Expenditure

It was moved and seconded to approve the revenue/expenditure reports.

Motion Carried

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8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

8.1. Food Service Update: Community Eligibility Provisions

Lorna Eddleman reported that she, serving as food service director, held a meeting with Jaye Sudar (School Board President), Diane Matherne (Business Manager), Julie Griffith (CDE Representative) to discuss the Community Eligibility Provisions Program, a program in which all students at Huerfano School District RE-1 would receive free lunches beginning the first day of the 2015/2016 school year and continuing for four years. Huerfano School District RE-1 meets all of the requirements to qualify for this program; for example, school districts need to have a minimum of 40% of students on free lunch program; our district has 62% of students on the free lunch program. Parents would still be required to fill out applications every year. This program will cost the district no money; not even matching funds. Lorna also provided a spreadsheet that shows the reimbursement increase for lunch fees; showing around a \$3000 increase per month.

8.2. Principal Reflection of Evaluations

Principal Purnell discussed strengths: The great attitude and atmosphere at Gardner School. He also discussed how well they operate with just having a principal one day a week. In regards to John Mall High School, he commented on what an awesome culture there is, and how tolerant and accepting the staff and students are this year. He also said that JMHS students are bringing pride back to the school, and that the student have a positive attitude toward ACT testing. He talked about distance learning potentially being used in concurrent enrollment classes next year, and efforts to clean up graduation requirements. He discussed his one weakness as being communication with staff, students, parents and community.

Principal Renn discussed his strengths: improved climate and culture at Peakview School with a talented staff, talented students, and very involved parents. RTI systems, positive attitudes, inviting environment., and the implementation of PBIS/PAWS. Other strength discussed is the identification of SPED; with 10% of students being on IEPs compared to the typical 3% in districts in Colorado. He talked about restructuring services, creating new programs, and core replacement efforts to meet their needs. He also identified his weakness as communication.

8.3. Superintendent Contract—Moved to 9.6. Executive Session during approval of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

8.4. State Review Panel Process Handbook/Stakeholder

Superintendent Moore reported to the board that the state review panel will consist of two women and will take place on April 29th (acquire data and conduct interviews) and April 30th (compiling data). Options discussed were (1) Reorganization, which, with new administration in place, we are already moving in that direction, and (2) Innovation, which is a really long process that requires extensive work. He discussed a change in the date from May 14, 2015 to August 13, 2015 for the state review meeting in Denver. The school calendar may have to be altered to accommodate for this mandatory meeting.

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9. ACTION ITEMS:

9.1. Approval of Overnight Field Trip for 5th/6th Grade Students at Gardner School
It was moved and seconded to approve the overnight field trip for 5th/6th grade student at Gardner School.

Motion Carried

9.2. Acceptance of Staff Retirement Letter (Gary Bradberry)
It was moved and seconded to accept Gary Bradberry's retirement letter.

Motion Carried

9.3. Acceptance of Staff Resignation Letter (Patricia Martinez)
It was moved and seconded to accept Patricia Martinez's resignation letter.

Motion Carried

9.4. Approval of Extra Duty Assignment Mark Thompson John Mall High School Assistant Track Coach
It was moved and seconded to approve of the addition of Mark Thompson as John Mall High School Assistant Track Coach.

Motion Carried

9.5. Approval of Addition to the Volunteer List (Susan Cotcher)
It was moved and seconded to approve the addition of Susan Cotcher to the volunteer list.

Motion Carried

9.6. Executive Session: C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4) (f): Discussion of Personnel Matter: Superintendent's Contract (if necessary)
It was moved and seconded to enter into Executive Session: C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (4) (f): Discussion of Personnel Matter: Superintendent's Contract at 6:59 pm.

Motion Carried

10. INFORMATION ITEMS:

10.1. Golf Team Update-Given during athletic director report.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM, following executive session.

Prepared by: Melinda Ruzanski Date Approved: April 28, 2015
Melinda Ruzanski

Jaye Sudar
Jaye Sudar
School Board President

Handwritten initials/signature

**Huerfano School District Re-1
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Audience, please sign-in..

Mark R.
Debbie Perris
Doy Harper
Lana Edleman
MARK TURNER
Liz Schneider
Theresa McCain
Tom Ken
Jody Medina
George Turnell
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