



# MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

*MVCS Board of Directors*

Monday, January 22, 2024

Regular Meeting

5:30 PM



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*ATTENDANCE:*

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The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Brantley at 5:33 PM

Board Members Present: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Kalista Wickham, Audrey Somerville, and Martha Brabaek

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

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*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:*

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The agenda was approved with a change to include the presentation and vote to approve the 2024-2025 calendar.

“Moved by Audrey Somerville, supported by Carolyn Lenderman, that the agenda be approved as presented.”

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*COMMUNICATIONS:*

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No comments were given.

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*APPROVAL OF CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:*

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The following Consent Action Items were approved with changes:

*Minutes* – Regular Meeting Minutes December 4 (change pg 2) and Special Meeting Minutes December 11, January 4 (changes pg 2), and January 9 (change pg 1).

*Financials* – December 2023 financials (requested by BOD that the December financial figures be converted to the January mid-year budget adjustment figures going forward).

“Moved by Audrey Somerville, supported by Martha Brabaek, that the consent action items be approved as presented with the requested changes.”

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

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*DIRECTOR’S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION:*

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Director Laurajeon Downs shared the following report:

An update was given regarding the charter school contract that is still in process with district 51.

A review was provided of upcoming calendar items and special events.

An update was presented regarding second semester staff absences and hired substitutes.

A new fall orientation program for parents was shared with the board.

The staff participated in Suicide Prevention Training on Wednesday, January 17.

MVCS is experiencing parking/pick-up issues. These issues will be addressed with Appleton Clinic, who currently shares the lot, to ensure student/parent safety and ease of traffic flow.

The Director evaluation process and rubric were discussed.

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*ADMINISTRATIVE:*

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Board President Nathan Brantley brought communication from D51 regarding the charter contract renewal forward for brief discussion.

Assistant Director Kami Costello presented the following:

The 2024-2025 school calendar was given to the board for discussion and approval. The board requested date changes prior to the vote.

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Kalista Wickham, that the 2024-2025 calendar be approved with changes.”

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

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*FACILITY & FINANCE*

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Business Manager Julie Hoge gave the following report:

Irrigation issues have been detected by WD Yards in regard to the construction of the apartment complex to the north of the building as well as previous issues that have not been addressed. District 51 Maintenance Director Eddie Mort has been apprised of these issues and will contact the construction company to confirm that the remaining problems will be taken care of by the spring. Previous issues will be addressed directly by MVCS so that the irrigation system is fully functional.

In order to provide better lighting for the classrooms in the gym, WhiteStar has been contacted to lower the current lighting and replace fixtures that don't provide the necessary lighting. This will take place prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year after the start of the new fiscal year.

The board was asked to approve the administration obtaining bids for permanent/semi-permanent walls in the gym. The current classrooms have rolling walls that do not block sound well and move quite easily.

"Moved by Audrey Somerville, supported by Martha Brabaek, to approve the administration to obtain gym work bids for permanent/semi-permanent walls."

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

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*EXECUTIVE SESSION:*

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The Board took a recess at this time.

THE BOARD MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:13 UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) PERSONNEL MATTERS.

THE BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:59 PM. NO VOTE WAS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

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*OTHER MATTERS:*

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Board President Items: No additional items were discussed.

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

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*ADJOURNMENT:*

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“Moved by Martha Brabaek, supported by Audrey Somerville, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 PM.”

Minutes submitted by J Hoge, Recording Secretary  
Minutes reviewed by M Brabaek, BOD Secretary 2/21/24