



MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MVCS Board of Directors

Thursday, February 22, 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, Carolyn Lenderman, Kalista Wickham, Audrey Somerville, and Martha Brabaek

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

“Moved by Audrey Somerville, supported by Kalista Wickham, 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 January 22, 2024

Financials – January 2024

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Martha Brabaek, that the consent action items be approved as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION:

Director Laurajeon Downs shared the following report:

Second semester parent-teacher conferences have been completed and were well attended.

The newly established Student Council is going well and currently planning student activities for this spring.

Assistant Director Kami Costello has formed a committee who is working on the scope and sequence for secondary English.

Six students in grades 5/6 will be participating in the districts OWL (Outdoor Wilderness Learning) program in March.

CDE (Colorado Department of Education) has requested the following items for review in correlation to the recent charter renewal: charter contract, waivers, rubric for the Director evaluation, rubric for teacher evaluations. These items have been sent to CDE as requested.

The state is currently auditing the student count for years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

Director Laurajeon Downs has participated in several parent meetings. These meetings have gone well and issues have been resolved quickly.

A finalized schedule for grades 6 – 12, for the 2023-2024 school year, has been released.

The state Board of Education is currently in review and discussion of the school finance act. This act addresses public funding and would discontinue the distribution of funds directly to parents by schools in Colorado. MVCS has already addressed and completed the transition in regard to the regulations of the finance act and has included all of these changes within the new charter contract. The final vote regarding the finance act is currently scheduled for March 13 or 14, 2024.

FACILITY & FINANCE

Business Manager Julie Hoge gave the following report:

Irrigation updates have been completed by WD Yards. An estimate for backyard sod will be given by Mesa Turf in March.

The administration is currently waiting on an estimate from FCI for permanent classroom walls in the gym. Lada Cube was also asked to present information regarding semi-permanent wall structures. Once the estimate is received from FCI, the administration will review the possibility of wall construction and will determine if further discussion is needed with Lada Cube. The administration will report back to the board in March with the estimates.

POLICY & PROCEDURE

Assistant Director Kami Costello presented the following items for a 1st reading:

1. STU.100.0
2. STU.150.0
3. STU.200.0
4. STU.250.0
5. STU.250.4 (to rescind)

The board read through these items and suggested that the administration obtain further input regarding the student dress code prior to presenting policy STU.250.0 for further review at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Board President Nathan Brantley called a recess at 6:53 PM.

THE BOARD MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:59 UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) PERSONNEL MATTERS.

THE BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:12 PM.

No vote was needed in regard to executive session.

OTHER MATTERS:

The Board voted to release the consolidated responses from their staff survey – without individual comments made by staff – to the MVCS admin team, and will produce a general summary and analysis of employee feedback to provide to the admin team at a later date.

“Moved by Kalista Wickham, supported by Audrey Sommerville, that the Board survey of MVCS staff be provided to school administration, with individual comments redacted for anonymity.”

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Board President Items: No additional items were discussed.

Future Meetings – The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

“Moved by Martha Brabaek, supported by Carolyn Lenderman, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 PM.”

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

Minutes reviewed by Nathan Brantley, Board President, on February 23, 2024, and Martha Brabaek, Board Secretary, on February 24, 2024.