



# MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MVCS Board of Directors

Monday, July 31, 2023

Regular Meeting

5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Brantley at 5:36 PM

Board Members Present: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, and Kalista Wickham

Board Members Absent: Martha Brabaek, Dan Baker (Interim)

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 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 recommended:

*Minutes* – the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 26, 2023, were approved as presented.

*Financials* – the draft of the June 2023 financial statements were approved as presented.

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

#### Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Kalista Wickham

Nays: None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION:**

Director Laurajean Downs shared the following report:

The classrooms are almost complete and will be ready prior to the first day of school.

New staff hiring has been completed with the exception of a Building & Maintenance Manager.

The entire staff will report back on Monday, July 31, with all staff training and specific staff groups to be held that week.

The school picnic will be held on Thursday, August 4, at Canyonview Park.

The charter contract with District 51 is still in process and is currently in review with the MVCS legal counsel and legal representatives from D51.

There has been a drop in enrollment as normal at this time of the year. It is anticipated that more students will exit and new students will enroll.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

At this time, the Board of Directors took the Oath of Office and signed the yearly agreement. The Oath of Office will be submitted to the county clerk by August 3 as required by state law.

**FACILITY & FINANCE:**

Business Manager, Julie Hoge, presented the following items:

The Esser III building project update was given. The HVAC units are on further delay from Trane. It is now anticipated that they will arrive around September 1.

Staff insurance will be \$699.92 at the base rate for 2023-2024 though Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. It was suggested that MVCS continue to pay 100% of this base rate for this school year.

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Kalista Wickham, that the insurance base rate of \$699.92 through Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield be paid at 100% by MVCS for the 2023-2024 school year.”

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Kalista Wickham

Nays: None

Cash in Lieu for employees that waive health insurance because they are covered under another plan will be \$158.70 for the upcoming year. This allows for full family coverage for dental and vision if the employee chooses to be covered. It is suggested that MVCS pay this amount to qualified employees for the 2023-2024 school year.

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Kalista Wickham, that MVCS pay the amount of \$158.70 to qualified employees in the form of Cash in Lieu for the 2023-2024 school year.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Kalista Wickham

Nays: None

POLICY & PROCEDURE:

Assistant Director Kami Costello brought the following items:

Articles of Incorporation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

“Moved by Kalista Wickham, supported by Carolyn Lenderman, that the Articles of Incorporation be approved as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Kalista Wickham

Nays: None

Grievances – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

“Moved by Kalista Wickham, supported by Carolyn Lenderman, that the Grievances Policy be approved as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Nathan Brantley, Carolyn Lenderman, Kalista Wickham

Nays: None

Attendance Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

OTHER MATTERS:

Future Meetings – The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Monday, August 28, 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 7:07 PM.”