



MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MVCS Board of Directors

Monday, August 28, 2023

Regular Meeting

5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Brantley at 5:34 PM

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

Board Members Absent: Dan Baker (Interim)

Visitors: Potential Board members Audrey Somerville and Laura Cheney

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the subtraction of the budget update.

“Moved by Martha Brabaek, 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 July 31, 2023, were approved as presented.

The Special Meeting Minutes on August 17, 2023, were approved with changes.

Financials – the July 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, Martha Brabaek

Nays: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION:

Director Laurajeane Downs shared the following report:

Training of all staff and new staff teams was reviewed.

An explanation regarding this year's change in program and how it has affected the school was given to the board.

A report on the Building Maintenance & Grounds interviews was shared.

Truancy and attendance challenges was presented.

Anticipated budget adjustments due to changes in the enrollment were discussed with the board.

The board was informed regarding the recent roof leak and repair to the gym area.

MVCS is still in process of finalizing a contract with District 51.

POLICY & PROCEDURE:

The following policies were brought forward for review at this time:

Attendance Policy (EDU150.3) – 2nd Reading

“Moved by Kalista Wickham, supported by Carolyn Lenderman, that the Attendance Policy (EDU150.3) be approved as presented.”

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Attendance Policy (EDU175.0) – 1st Reading

Potential board members Audrey Somerville and Laura Cheney were excused at this time. Both candidates confirmed that they would like to move forward for consideration for board positions.

THE BOARD MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:57 PM UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) PERSONNEL MATTERS WITH THE ADDITION OF DIRECTOR LAURAJEAN DOWNS AND BUSINESS MANAGER JULIE HOGE.

THE BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:31 PM FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE.

The board was asked to approve a change in employee paid health insurance premiums which currently are \$0 for the base insurance plan. Employees will now be asked to pay up to \$50.00 for base insurance for the 2023-2024 school year.

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Kalista Wickham, that MVCS employees who opted to enroll in the base health insurance plan will be asked to pay up to \$50.00 for their base health insurance premium.”

The board was asked to approve the removal of Cash in Lieu for the 2023-2024 school year due to budget constraints.

“Moved by Martha Brabaek, supported by Carolyn Lenderman, that the Cash in Lieu program be discontinued for the 2023-2024 school year.”

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THE BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 PM FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE.

The board was asked to approve a reduction of contract amount for Director Laurajean Downs due to budget constraints for the 2023-2024 school year.

“Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Kalista Wickham, that a reduction of contract amount for Director Laurajean Downs be approved as presented.”

OTHER MATTERS:

Future Meetings – The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Monday, September 25, 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 Kalista Wickham, supported by Martha Brabaek, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:51 PM.”