



MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

MVCS Board of Directors

Monday, September 26, 2022

Regular Meeting

5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Baker at 5:39 PM

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

Administration/Staff Present: Director Laurajean Downs and Assistant Director Kami Costello

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as presented.

“Moved by Nathan Brantley, 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 August 22, 2022, were approved as presented.

Financials – the August financial statements were approved as presented.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/RECOMMENDATION:

Director, Laurajeon Downs, presented the following report:

- An update was given regarding the current enrollment which stands at 313 and 255 FTE. This year's budget was based on 260 students.
- October count will be on Monday, October 3.
- The teaching staff had the opportunity to participate in a Love & Logic workshop. This program focuses on positive reinforcement and student behavior strategies. Board member and retired D51 SPED teacher Carolyn Lenderman volunteered to be a resource for teachers as well.
- Senior night was held on Monday, September 19, and was highly successful. A new approach was used this year and will continue to be used going forward.
- The Colorado League of Charter Schools will be visiting on Thursday, September 29.
- The new student attendance procedure is going very well.
- The financial audit is nearly done with an anticipated completion date of September 30.
- A renewal application was received from D51. The timeline was discussed with the board.
- A Resolution and Intent to Renew Contract was presented to the board for approval.

"Moved by Nathan Brantley, supported by Kalista Wickham, that the Resolution and Intent to Renew Contract be approved as presented".

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

FACILITY & FINANCE:

Board Treasurer, Nathan Brantley, presented the following report:

- Information was given regarding the FAMLI Leave Act insurance plan which will begin on January 1, 2023. This insurance plan would allow staff that are out for an extended period of time to receive a portion of their pay during an absence due to illness or other situations in which extended leave is necessary. Colorado allows charter schools to opt out of this program but does mandate that the charter reevaluate enrolling at least every 8 years. Charter schools can pay 100% of the premium on behalf of the employee, split the cost 50/50 with the employee, or fully opt out of the program. It is the recommendation of the administration that MVCS chooses to opt out at this time until the program has been established and is deemed successful. The board was asked to approve the choice to opt out as recommended.

"Moved by Carolyn Lenderman, supported by Martha Brabaek, that MVCS opts out of participating in the FAMLI Leave Act insurance program as recommended by the administration".

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

AT 6:41 PM, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IN REGARD TO C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(h): DISCUSSION OF AN INDIVIDUAL STUDENT WHERE PUBLIC DISCUSSION WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE STUDENT INVOLVED AND C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e): DETERMINING CONTRACT NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES.

AT 8:16 PM, THE BOARD ENTERED OPEN SESSION.

OTHER MATTERS:

Future Meetings - The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

“Moved by Nathan Brantley, supported by Carolyn Lenderman, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:19 PM”.