

Regular School Board Meeting Gardner School 25421 Highway 69 Gardner, Colorado 81040

Date: May 12, 2015

Time: 6:30 PM

	Director Gomez	Director Marchant	Director Martinez	Director Meadows	Director Sudar	Director Tesitor	Director Vigil
Present		X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent	X						
Motion Second							
Yes		X	X	X	X	X	X
No							
Abstain							

Administration Present and Central Office Staff Present: M. Moore, G. Purnell, T. Renn, T. McCain, M. Ruzanski

Audience: See Attached Sheet

*** All documents referenced in these minutes are available in hard copy at the district office.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Board President Sudar at 5:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. BOARD OF DIRECTOR ROLL CALL:

Roll Call of the Board Members was taken:

Present

Director Marchant
Director Martinez
Director Meadows
Director Sudar
Director Tesitor
Director Vigil

Absent

Director Gomez

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda of May 12, 2015, as amended.

5. WELCOME, FOCUS, and RECOGNITION

5.1. Board Teamwork:

Director Sudar had nothing to report at this time.

5.2. Staff/Student Recognition:

5.2.1. Retirement Gift Presentation: Theresa McCain and Gary Bradberry Superintendent Moore recognized Gary Bradberry's 22 years of service to Huerfano School District RE-1 and presented him with an engraved clock. He gave the floor to Gary who thanked his wife, the District, and the Board for all of their support through the years. Gardner Staff presented him with a gift card to Red Lobster.

Superintendent Moore recognized Theresa McCain's 25 years of service to Huerfano School District RE-1 and presented her with an engraved clock. He expressed his appreciation and then asked Theresa to speak. She gave a brief history of her career at the District and thanked her fellow educators past and present; stating that she was only as good as the people she worked with.

5.3. Citizens to Address the Board:

None at this time.

Motion Carried

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6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

6.1. Principals/Athletic Director Report

Principal Renn gave highlights from his report and discussed:

- SRT Visit
 - Peakview Staff was organized and well received
 - 100% Staff attendance
 - Interviews, observations, and recommendations
 - Professionalism of review team
 - State Board Meeting on August 14, 2015

Theresa McCain gave highlights from her report and discussed:

- Charles Mandemaker's afterschool program
- Liz Schneider and Pamela Levie's hard work with Artist Day
- Upcoming field trips
- Overnight field trip to Museum of Natural History and Denver Zoo
- La Veta Museum-Students were very well behaved
- Upcoming events-graduations from Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 8th Grade

Principal Purnell gave highlights from his report and discussed:

- Chalk Talk-opt out percentages
- Changes to state testing and ACTs
- Emergency drill
- Senior trip to Eliches
- Sports updates:
 - Baseball season ended with a loss to South Park 13/11
 - State track qualifiers: 6 students will be competing

6.2. Superintendent Report

Principal Renn asked to speak once again. He admitted that there is a need for data collection, but stressed the importance of a reduction in state testing. He encouraged everyone to voice their concerns as well.

Superintendent Moore thanked Cindy Campbell and Brian Rosiano for attending the meeting. He agreed with Principal Renn's concerns with the amount of state testing; stating that there is no difference in the amount of testing at the elementary grades, yet the high school decreased the amount of testing significantly.

6.3. Technology Report

Mark Turner discussed iPad collection, erasing the data, cleaning them and setting them up for next year; explaining that the students will receive the same iPad for three years.

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6.4. Transportation Report

Gary Vigil reported that there will be one really busy day next Thursday as a result of field trip schedules along with bus routes. He is covering routes/field trips due to a shortage in drivers. He also discussed a new route to Silver Spurs for the remainder of the school year because of a family with several children having no means of transportation. Lorna Eddleman and George Purnell live in the area and volunteered to transport them, but, because of liabilities, Gary volunteered to transport them so they would not be absent for an extended period of time.

6.5. Business Manager

Diane Matherne reported that she had sent an email to the financial reports for March and April which also included the quarterly report. She also reported that the District received a substantial check from the county; as a result, the accounts payable will be higher next month. Superintendent Moore assured the Board that paying the bills will not affect the budget.

7. ROUTINE ITEMS:

7.1. Approval of Board Minutes from April 28, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the April 28, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Motion Carried

7.2. Consideration/Financial Records

7.2.1. Accounts Payable

It was moved and seconded to approve the accounts payable.

Motion Carried

7.2.2. Revenue/Expenditure

It was moved and seconded to approve the revenue/expenditure reports.

Motion Carried

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

8.1. 2015/2016 School Calendar

Superintendent Moore pointed out that the action item to approve the 2015/2016 school calendar has been moved to the May 26, 2015 Regular Board Meeting so that he and the teachers have a chance to review the two choices and vote on which one they would like to see implemented. He also encouraged board members to email any questions or suggestions to Bethany Bak within 48 hours. Director Marchant then addressed her concerns with three testing days in which kindergarten student through third grade students would not have instructional time; especially in regards to the contact hours that are required by Colorado Department of Education. Bethany Bak said that she would check into the requirements and let the Board know how many contact hours there would be in the proposed calendars and how many are required by the state. She, as the spokesperson for the HEA Committee, gave the following reasons for the decision: the days coordinate with DIBELS Testing which requires the hiring/expense of substitute teachers. Principal Renn said that having those students in class on testing days makes their job harder. He also said that there is no clear answer because if you look at it from one perspective it is helpful, but it does take away from instructional time.

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8.2. Grant Expiration Update

Superintendent Moore discussed the following grants that will expire or have expired this year:

RTTT/STEM Grant which will not affect personnel, just supplies.

21st Century—Principal Purnell said that he will reapply, but, because of improvements in ACT scores, growth, and the number of applications from other schools, the grant director told him that we probably will not receive it.

IOG Grant— Superintendent Moore said that after speaking with Terri Patrick, he is 99% sure that it will be renewed. This grant covers Moses Barela’s contract.

8.3. Negotiation Process/Update

Director Sudar and Superintendent Moore reported that the negotiations were complete in four hours because it consisted of a incredible group of people with sincere interest in each other and the district. Donna Rought cleaned up the language and will submit the agreement to the HEA board.

8.4. Garden at John Mall High School (Brian Rosino and Ross Hallihan)

Ross Hallihan couldn’t be there so Brian Rosino spoke. Brian presented a lease with conditions and use of the land. Ross Hallihan’s grant is for \$800 and will get things started. The property that is proposed for the garden/green house is located between John Mall High School and the bus garage. They hope to use a section of an existing fence to save on costs. This project will have ties to cooking and canning classes with Washington Underground, and Sangre De Cristo Youth Center. Superintendent Moore said that he supports this project, but wonder about opportunities for this fall. Brian said the green house would extend into winter. STEM education opportunities are also a benefit. Water costs would be repaid with food (three times) the amount of water expense, and District One farmers will also sell food to the district at a reduced cost. Water supply will potentially come from the cafeteria. Mickey D’Ambrosia asked about inkind from city and they said that they have been turned down in the past. Director Martinez asked why they need a 5 year lease. Brian said it is a long term investment and he also said he wanted to make sure their positions are secure. In response to a concern about food production not covering three times the cost of water, Brian said that his calculation (1/4 acre use \$30 of water per month), he is confident that the food supply will be sufficient. They would like to start in a week; Ross’s grant has to be spent by the end of the month. Although this is not an action item, the Board came to a consensus to allow the work to begin.

8.5. Proposed Budget-Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Superintendent Moore reported that the budget committee met with Carolyn Lueck. The proposed budget will not be adopted tonight, but he still wants to look for ways to save money. He also reported that the budget is zero balanced in which the expenditures meet revenues. The preliminary budget needs to be approved at the May 26, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. He discussed the difficult process cutting \$500,000 from the budget and recognized the budget committee and district office for the hard work. He proposed additions of an administrator at Gardner School and a dean of students at Peakview School. Director Martinez asked about a \$34,000 purchased service charge, and Superintendent Moore said that Diane Matherne

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would send her an email to clarify. Director Sudar discussed upcoming budget meetings. Superintendent Moore also reported that there might be three personnel cuts, all of which have already received an expiration of contract notice.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

9.1. Approval of Appointment of Election Clerk (Melinda Ruzanski)

It was moved and seconded to approve the appointment of Melinda Ruzanski as the election clerk for the 2015 school board election.

Motion Carried

9.2. Acceptance of Staff Resignation (Janna Tranter)

It was moved and seconded to accept Janna Tranter's resignation letter.

Motion Carried

9.3. Approval of Former Board Member Handing Diploma to Grandson

It was moved and seconded to approve former board member, Sandi Dotter, handing diploma to grandson.

Motion Carried

9.4. Acceptance of Staff Resignation (Arnold Somera)

It was moved and seconded to accept, with regrets and well wishes, Arnold Somera's resignation letter.

Motion Carried

9.5. Acceptance of Staff Resignation (Maureen Somera)

It was moved and seconded to accept, with regrets, Maureen Somera's resignation letter.

Motion Carried

9.6. Approval of Addition to the Volunteer List

It was moved and seconded to approve the addition of Rebecca Friesen to the volunteer list, contingent

Motion Carried

10. INFORMATION ITEMS:

10.1. Retirement Party: May 14, 2015 at Walsenburg Golf Course

This has become an end of year/retirement party due to the fact that only one retiree will be able to attend. It is a pot luck and will begin at 5:30 pm on May 14, 2015.

10.2. Graduation/Continuation at Gardner School, Peakview School, and John Mall High School

John Mall High School Graduation: 10:00 am—May 23, 2015
Gardner School 8th Grade Graduation: 1:00 pm—May 27, 2015
Peakview School 8th Grade Promotion: 6:00 pm—May 27, 2015

10.3. Sports Complex Update

Superintendent Moore reported that he is waiting to hear back from Josh Vialpando, so update will be given at the May 26, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. He also reported that no grant money is available at this time.

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11. ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM, following executive session.

Prepared by: Melinda Ruzanski Date Approved: May 26, 2015
Melinda Ruzanski

Jaye Sudar
Jaye Sudar
School Board President

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Audience, please sign-in..

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Cheresa McCain

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Barry O'Neil

Serrano Vigil

Gen. Samuel

Mark Turner

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Bethany H. Bell

Jim Ken

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