

Regular School Board Meeting Administration Office 201 East Fifth Street Walsenburg, Colorado 81089

Date: May 26, 2015

Time: 5:30 PM

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

Administration Present and Central Office Staff Present: M. Moore, 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 Gomez
Director Marchant
Director Martinez
Director Meadows
Director Sudar
Director Tesitor
Director Vigil

Absent

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda of May 26, 2015, as presented/amended.

Motion Carried

5. WELCOME, FOCUS, and RECOGNITION

5.1. Board Teamwork:

Jaye Sudar reported that a workshop needs to be scheduled in June.

5.2. Staff/Student Recognition:

5.2.1. State Track Qualifiers

Garrett Quintana Discus 1st Place Shot Put 5th Place
Andrew Vigil Discus 4th Place Shot Put 8th Place
4x100 Meter Relay Team
Evan Gonzales
Jeremiah Vigil
Santos Reyna
Destry Crockett

Superintendent Moore presented certificates to the above students for their outstanding performance at the state track meet beginning with the relay team and then the students that placed in discus and shot put. He also recognized their great attitude and their academic achievements.

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5.2.2. Retirement Gift Presentation: Lynn Myers, Kathleen Douglas
Superintendent Moore reported that he would get the retirement gifts to Lynn Myers and Kathleen Douglas at a later date. Lynn was out of town and Kathleen had an awards banquet at Peakview School.

5.3. Citizens to Address the Board:
None at this time.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:
Administrative Reports were given at the April 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

7. ROUTINE ITEMS:
7.1. Approval of Board Minutes from May 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
It was moved and seconded to approve the May 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Motion Carried

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
8.1. Additional Hiring, Terminations, and Resignations
Approval of hiring a counselor/advisor at John Mall High School in an action item later in this meeting. Superintendent Moore gave a short history of the recommended candidate, Jamie Dulberg. She is from New York and is finishing an internship.

8.2. Review of Proposed Preliminary Budget
Superintendent Moore discussed the cuts and increases that the budget committee has made since the last board meeting. Cuts in purchased services and supplies. Final approval will be in June. Expenditures met revenue shown on page 6 of the preliminary budget.. There is \$46,000 in savings from the last meeting, but we will have to be very judicious in spending. He also discussed a potential \$100,000 cuts next year. Superintendent Moore was asked to check into ownership tax bond redemption with Debra Reynolds, treasurer. District is putting beyond the amount of money into bond, and, if we put some into the general fund, we can spend it. He also discussed that Plato is included in the budget, and that the district has also looked into Colorado Online for Spanish classes which is expensive.

8.3. Negotiation Agreement
Superintendent Moore reported that the HEA Agreement has been ratified and that Donna Raught will update the HEA Agreement and send it back to the district.

8.4. District One Contract Update
Superintendent Moore reported that, although we agreed to let District One begin on preparing the unused ground owned by the district, there are a few things that need to be considered. We cannot provide water usage in exchange for food; we have to purchase food and they have to purchase water. We have to get three total bids for any food purchased. USDA guidelines must be followed and all people working in the greenhouse must pass background checks. Water tap is too expensive, the district can just find a market price for water usage.

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Motion Second							
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Motion Second							
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Abstain							
Motion Second							
Yes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
No							
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8.5. 2015/2016 School Calendar

There were two calendars presented to the school board and it was reported that the teachers voted for Option 1; an option that would have a start date of August 18, 2015 and an end date of June 2, 2016 with a full week off for Thanksgiving Break and three days of benchmark days in which kindergarten through third grade would not be in regular school day to allow for individual DIBELS and TS Gold testing by appointment. Bethany Bak, Carolyn Brown, and Jody Pool, as representatives of the calendar committee offered their reasoning for the proposed benchmark days of no days for K-3rd grade: no substitute teachers would be needed for those days, the instruction is minimal because students are being pulled out of the classroom throughout the day, substitute teachers do not give the same quality of instruction, and there is a lack of substitute teachers during testing time. Bethany Bak also stressed the importance of the results of this testing in regards to the READ Act. They also reported that surrounding districts, such as La Veta, District 70 in Pueblo, and Custer County in Westcliffe, are currently scheduling these benchmark days and that they all said that it was very successful. The school board members expressed concern about teacher/student contact hours/days. Alternative schedules were discussed, but, ultimately it was determined to table the action item; have another calendar committee meeting; and approve the 2015/2016 school year calendar at the next regular board meeting on June 9, 2015.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

9.1. Approval of Preliminary Budget

It was moved and seconded to approve the preliminary budget, as presented.

Motion Carried

9.2. Approval of HEA Agreement

It was moved and seconded to approve the HEA Agreement as ratified by the teachers.

Motion Carried

9.3. Approval of 2015/2016 School Calendar

It was moved and seconded to **table** the approval of the 2015/2016 School Calendar.

Motion Carried

9.4. Approval of Early Graduation

It was moved and seconded to approve early graduation for a John Mall High School student.

Motion Carried

9.5. Approval of Staff Hiring: Counselor/Advisor at JMHS

Superintendent Moore Recommendation: Approve hiring Jamie Dulberg for the Counselor/Advisor Position at John Mall High School.

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10. INFORMATION ITEMS:

None at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Prepared by: Melinda Ruzarski Date Approved: June 9, 2015
Melinda Ruzarski

Jaye Sudar
Jaye Sudar
School Board President

(Handwritten initials)

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Audience, please sign-in..

Mal R. ...
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Krisa ...
Jody ...
Dorothy Brown
Kathryn Bak

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