

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-6 BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROOM #503 – WEST WING – MONDAY, November 13, 2017, 7:00 P.M.**

Work Session: Monty spoke about the building process since the bond passed last week. They have chosen an Architect – Humphries\Pol and are finalizing the contract. The process will start with schematic design development and estimations. He then went through the contract. They would like to set up Design Advisory Groups (DAG) to get the publics' input.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education - Mancos School District RE-6 was called to order by Board President at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blake Mitchell	President	Present
Boe Hawkins	Vice President	Present
Pamela Coppinger	Secretary	Present
Tim Hunter	Treasurer	Present
Ed Whritner		Present
Also in attendance:	Brian Hanson	Superintendent
	Chrissie Miller	Business Manager
	Heath Showalter	Dean of Students/Athletic Director
	Cathy Epps	PK-5 Principal
	Adam Priestley	Secondary Principal
	Heather McKie	Assistant Business Manager
	Erica Holm	Administrative Assistant
Visitors in the audience:	Monty Guiles	
	Alan Mathews	
	Anna Mathews	
	Kaelan Everett	
	Tigo Cruz	
	Emily Rice	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Hawkins to approve the meeting agenda.

Mrs. Coppinger seconds.

AYE: Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Whritner. NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Hawkins to approve the minutes from the 10-16-17 Board Meeting.

Mrs. Coppinger seconds.

AYE: Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Whritner. NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS – RECOGNITION FROM DISTRICT OR BOARD

Thank you card from 6th Grade for Chaco Canyon Trip

Congrats to Football coaches for making it to second round of playoffs

Cross Country also had a great season, pretty successful fall season of sports

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS AND COMMITTEES

- A. Superintendent's Report – Verbal Report – Two packets about the grant. Best has two forms of funding that they provide; cash grants with a district match funding with grants, or certificates of participation. Larger ones are funded with certificates of participation. 10 out of 10 times Cash grant + District match, match is still through a bond and the District is expected to provide own Bond Council. Since we went through the certificates of participation part, we did not have Bond council, therefore our council doesn't sell the bonds. The Site Lease (the first packet) will be accompanied by a resolution for the state to sell our bonds. (the second packet) The property is put up as collateral as certificates of participation. 3 failsafe methods to ensure our property will not be foreclosed on: 1.) BEST – has a billion dollar insurance policy 2.) Any/all reserves in BEST fund 3.) State of CO general funds.

These will need an accompanying resolution, which did not get finished for tonight's meeting.

Brian is asking for a special meeting Thursday, 16th to pass these resolutions. 6 p.m.

Discussed the vacancy of Tim Hunter's seat – Statue reads that Tim will serve until vacancy is filled and only needs to attend regular meetings, not special ones.

Brian asked the Board to read through these packets by Thursday so they can address any questions that may arise.

Issue has come up: when writing BEST grant, two parts were submitted. One was overall project, which included our match, the other was the Budget sheet which left off grant for GOCO. Somehow BEST recorded only the bond match, not the matching from the GOCO grant. Bottom line is that the bond will be \$28,000 short because of this. One of three options: 1 - we write a check for this amount and give to state to be used during this project. 2 – When issued bonds at certain percentage interest rates, they will add a tenth or hundredth percent to make up that money. 3 – Anna was in meetings today to reach out to the State Board to get the GOCO added back to it. It will work out and be resolved. This wording will be in the resolution to pass on Thursday.

Don Higman interested in quick selling his property on the corner of Walnut and Grand. We should pursue it for parking.

Brian made the recommendation of having two meetings a month after December break – 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month with all of the upcoming work. 1st meeting more of a work session, can include action items, 2nd keep as our formal meeting. We need to look into bylaws about bi-monthly meetings.

Letter to editor from the school board, Erica wrote it up, thanking Bond Committee and community for their support in this vote. Just need to add all members names to signature.

Declaring vacancy – will accept letters of interest until Dec. 15 and fill @ Dec. 18 meeting – when we swear in Boe and Blake and complete election of officers, still waiting to certify the votes.

- B. PreK-5 Principal Report – Cathy thanked the board for 4 day week calendar, staff is not burned out or taking excessive days off like in the past. Pre-K is full, added a new student from Hawaii.

Family Math Night – Dec 15

PPI training by Brandi Durr – Dec 16

Ski club 30+ kids signed up

- C. Secondary Principal Report – Reviewed Fall data, ASVAB scores went up 5 points overall. Students can meet graduation requirement for assessment piece with this test and 22 of 29 have already met this. MAPS for MS and HS continuing trend of MS a little low but above average scores by 10th grade. Grades 9 and 10 take PSAT test, juniors required to take SAT and the Con-academy can help sophomores prepare for real test. Adam is excited the State has chosen a test that will be beneficial to our students in the long run.

NWA and Mastery Connect 30% of our 70% standards testing goal has been met
6 teachers doing CASS through BOCES, training – overall good and busy month

- D. Dean of Students/Athletic Director Report – SWIs reports, behavior referrals broken down. Declining over previous years.

Wrapped up fall sports, great job to football team. Great crowd turnout. MS wrestling done end of this week. MS G BB nearly finished.

- E. Accountability Committee Report – No update

- F. BOCES Report (verbal) – No update\Meeting – Boe and Brian need to set up a time to meet with Adria to discuss the mediator.

State ruled our application incomplete, which takes away our ability to appeal anything. We asked for Attorney General to weigh in, they told CDE to make a decision, CDE postponed for 60 days. Can we realistically afford to go away from BOCES? Boe asked about a Durango Cooperative meeting – 27th is next meeting.

- G. Business Managers Report and Financial Statements – Chrissie discussed October count and transportation audit, and in the packet is an approval letter. The report cycle is now two years instead of three. Errors: concurrent enrollment, one student recorded as full time but should've been half time. CDE requires High School students to take 12 credit hours at college level to be considered full time, if less than 12, student must enroll part-time at High School, minimum of 90 seat-time hours. Our student was enrolled in 9 college level credit and not enough hours at the High School. We must pay back half of our funding for that student because of that error – \$4,200. We also had miscoding issues between our PowerSchool program and Janet's software program for free and reduced lunch, causing some errors and we will have to pay back some money there as well. Household income levels were too high for them to qualify for free and reduced lunch. To fix this in the future, Janet will input all information into both systems. Transportation audit 2014-2015 we under-reported by nearly \$45,000, when we shared Wed with Dolores and didn't report fuel costs. We should have gotten back nearly \$8,000. 2015-2016's audit didn't report fuel costs of about \$18,000, with us getting back \$3,000. We only owe \$856 after all of these errors offset each other.

These audits will now be a yearly cycle and we have a better idea of what we need to do moving forward.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Approve Bills

MOTION by Mr. Hunter to approve the bills as presented.

Mr. Hawkins seconds.

AYE: Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Whritner. NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSENT MOTION

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION by Mr. Hawkins to consent to Action Items: A-E

Mrs. Coppinger seconds.

AYE: Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Whritner. NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. **Act on Recommendation** to approve the resignation of Kathleen Whitlock

Approved by consent

- B. **Act on Recommendation** to hire Alicen Rapier for the position of Elementary Paraprofessional

Approved by consent

- C. **Act on Recommendation** to approve additions to the 2017-2018 Substitute List

Approved by consent

- D. **Act on Recommendation** to hire Fidel Avalos for the position of Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach

Approved by consent

- E. **Act on Recommendation** to hire Richard Martinez for the position of Assistant Middle School Wrestling Coach

Approved by consent

- F. **Act on Resolution** to approve Capital Reserve expenditures

MOTION by Mr. Hunter to approve Capital Reserve expenditures

Mr. Hawkins seconds.

AYE: Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Whritner. NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

- G. **Act on Recommendation** to approve the Architectural Firm of Humphries\Poli contingent upon final approval of contract

MOTION by Mr. Hunter to approve the Architectural Firm of Humphries\Poli contingent upon final approval of contract by our attorneys and BEST.

Mr. Hawkins seconds.

AYE: Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Whritner. NO: None. Motion carried 5-0

- H. **Act on Resolution** to declare a Board Vacancy

MOTION by Mr. Hawkins to act on resolution to declare a vacancy

Mrs. Coppinger seconds

AYE: Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Whritner. NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

UPCOMING/OLD BUSINESS

CASB Conference – CASB Conference in Colorado Springs Nov 29 – Dec 1, hotel reservations at Cheyanne Mountain Resort (2 miles away).

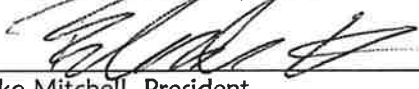
This would be a good opportunity for Ed to learn and for the board to all come together. Reservations need to be moved to Wed. night to benefit from Thursday's agenda.

CONCLUSION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned by consensus at 8:00 p.m.



Blake Mitchell, President



Pam Coppinger, Secretary

