**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**OF THE MANCOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-6 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**ROOM 223 - HIGH SCHOOL - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

Work Session - Alice Miller updated the board on the various tools the district is using to communicate with students, parents, staff and the community.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education - Mancos School District RE-6 was called to order by the Board President at 5:59 p.m. Ms. Hutcheson-Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| Emily Hutcheson-Brown | President | Present |
| Tim Hunter | Vice President | Present |
| Craig Benally | Secretary | Present |
| Rachel McWhirter | Treasurer | Present |
| Victor Figueroa | Director | Present |
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| Also in attendance: | Todd Cordrey | Superintendent |
|  | Heather McKie | Assistant Business Manager |
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| Visitors in audience | Kaelan Everett | Tori McKinley |
|  | Thomes Riddle | Randi Lewis |
|  | Hailee Higgins | [Tiffany Aspromonte](mailto:taspromonte@mancosre6.edu) |
|  | Travis Greenlee |  |

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by Mr. Hunter to approve the meeting agenda.

Ms. McWhirter.

AYE: Mr. Benally, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Hutcheson-Brown and Ms. McWhirter

NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Ms. McWhirter to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024 special meeting.

Mr.Figueroa seconds

AYE: Mr. Benally, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Hutcheson-Brown and Ms. McWhirter

AYE: NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Benally to approve the minutes of January 22, 2024 regular meeting.

Ms. McWhirter seconds.

AYE: Mr. Benally, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Hutcheson-Brown and Ms. McWhirter

AYE: NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Participation** – No one signed up for public participation.

**District Accountability Report** - The DAC feels the staff deals with the 2A

objective really well and agrees with the rating of approaching standard. The committee feels it is important to continue implementing social emotional practices. The committee suggested that the board might hold a linkage meeting with out-of-district parents to find out what our district is providing that has led them to enroll their children in our schools.

**Mancos Student Trustees** - Randi Lewis, Tori McKinley and Hailee Higgins are student liaisons with the town board. They have been attending Mancos town board meetings representing the school and updating the town with the events and information on the district. The students all agreed that they would like to have a student voice at school board meetings.

**Board Report**

1. LRC – Mr. Figueroa discussed three pending legislation items.

* HB24-1003 Opiate Antagonists and Detection Products in Schools
* HB24-1039 Non-Legal Name Changes
* SB24-049 Concerning the Content of Material Available in Libraries

1. CASB – Mr. Figeroa is attending the Winter Legislative Conference this week. He reminded board members of other conferences in the future and resources that CASB offers.
2. BOCES – BOCES met on February 14th and went through the audit and worked on the new executive director evaluation tool. Mrs. McWhirter provided a schedule of professional development services provided by BOCES. There is not going to be a meeting in March.

**Report from Administrators and Committees**

1. Superintendent’s Report – There is an NWEA (MAPS) training in the boardroom on March 8th from 11-12. The board is hosting a breakfast cafe for board members and staff on April 12th in the cafeteria. An elementary school in the Montrose District is implementing PBL and staff from Mancos will visit the school to observe and provide input .The boys and girls basketball teams won their district tournaments. We will be hosting the regional tournaments this weekend. Mancos is hosting the monthly superintendent meeting on Wednesday.
2. Finance Report - Ms. Miller is excused from the meeting. She will update the board via email.

**Discussion Items –**

1. Early Graduation Process – Ms. Aspromonte reviewed the process a student must adhere to in order to graduate early.This year we had five students choose this option.
2. Curriculum Review - The process is divided into three phases spread across several years.
   * Phase 1: Consideration - committee work (Years 1-2)
   * Phase 2: Implementation of curriculum - teacher focused (Year 3)
   * Phase 3: Monitoring - This is the evaluating phase of existing curricula (Years 4-7)
3. Board Linkage - Mr. Hunter met with the Chamber of Commerce and Mancos Valley Resources to discuss board activities. Other linkage presentations are planned.
4. Safety and Security - The district is asking for volunteers to join the School Resource Officer (SRO) Committee.The committee’s primary goal is to ensure that the implementation of an SRO in our schools is well informed, inclusive and beneficial for all students, staff and the broader community. After the board reviewed the information shared by Mr. Greenlee and Mr. Cordrey regarding the SRO, they agreed to continue with the process and committee.
5. Staff Retention Update - This topic was not discussed.
6. Principals and Department Directors at Board Meetings - The board would like to hear from principals and department heads at Board meetings as related to topics on the strategic plan.

**Strategic Plan - PBL Report**

The Board of Education is following a governance process that evaluates the Mancos School District at every meeting through the strategic plan. This process ensures school district growth and focus on educational outcomes. Objective 2A - Mancos School District uses techniques and routines that support the needs of all students using trauma-informed practices and social-emotional learning. The Board discussed that ongoing considerations and discussions are needed for this Objective.

**Board Action to Accept the Objective Report**

Objective 4C: Mancos School District secondary students have the opportunity to identify and pursue individual interests and talents. Students can demonstrate mastery of grade-level content through these academic pursuits.

**Motion** by Mr. Hunter to accept Objective 4C as approaching standard.

Mr. Figueroa seconds**.**

**Discussion** - There is a need to address the overlap of objective 4C and 1A when reviewing the strategic plan in June.

AYE: Mr. Benally, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Hutcheson-Brown and Ms. McWhirter

NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Opportunity for Consent Motion**

**Motion** by Mr. Hunter to consent to Action Items: A through F

Ms. McWhirter seconds.

AYE: Mr. Benally, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Hutcheson-Brown and Ms. McWhirter

NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Action Items**

1. Approve Bills

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to accept the resignation of Kristin Largent, Secondary Paraprofessional

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to accept the resignation of Amber Hunter, ELC Paraprofessional

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire Taylor Hunt, Elementary Paraprofessional

*Approved by consent*.

1. Act on recommendation to hire Kresalia Watson, Elementary Paraprofessional

*Approved by consent*.

1. Act on recommendation to hire Brandon Rank, ELC Paraprofessional
2. Adopt capital reserve resolution to purchase Western 8.0 Ultramount Snowplow Pro Plus for the maintenance department

**Motion** by Mr. Hunter to adopt capital reserve resolution to purchase Western 8.0 Ultramount Snowplow Pro Plus for the maintenance department.

Ms. McWhirter seconds.

AYE: Mr. Benally, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Hutcheson-Brown and Ms. McWhirter

NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Participation** (for items that are not on the agenda, comments kept to under 3 minutes) “meeting in public rather with the public”

**Future Agenda Items** –

NWEA - March 8

Work session - March 11

Regular board meeting - March 25

Staff board cafe April 12th

Meet Deputy Minor (potential SRO)

Policy JJE fundraising practice

A**djournment**

The Board adjourned by consensus at 8:14 p.m.

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Emily Hutcheson-Brown, President

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Craig Benally, Secretary