**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

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

**ROOM 223 - HIGH SCHOOL - MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

Work Session: Ms. Armes discussed the Universal Feeding Program and the start of the year for the cafeteria. Ms. Hutcheson-Brown discussed policy updates.

**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 Vice President at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Figueroa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| Pamela Coppinger | President | Present via Zoom |
| Victor Figueroa | Vice President | Present |
| Katie Cahill-Volpe | Secretary | Present |
| Emily Hutcheson-Brown | Treasurer | Present |
| Tim Hunter | Director | Present |
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| Also in attendance: | Todd Cordrey | Superintendent |
|  | Chrissie Miller | Business Manager |
|  | Heather McKie | Assistant Business Manager |
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| Visitors in audience | Travis Greenlee |  |
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**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by Mr. Hunter to approve the meeting agenda with the corrections to action items F and H. Change Jessica Schneider from ESS paraprofessional to ESS teacher and Greg Ruybilad to half time HS PE/Heath Teacher.

Ms. Cahill-Volpe seconds.

AYE: Ms. Cahill-Volpe, Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Hunter and Ms. Hutcheson-Brown

NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Ms. Cahill-Volpe to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2023 regular meeting.

Ms. Hutcheson-Brown seconds.

AYE: Ms. Cahill-Volpe, Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Hunter and Ms. Hutcheson-Brown.

NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

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

**District Accountability Report** – Mr. Cordrey is in the process of organizing the accountability committee. This upcoming year the committee will be taking on more of advocacy role.

**Board Report**

1. LRC – The next meeting is scheduled for the 25th of August.
2. CASB – Mr. Figueroa will attend the delegate meeting in October. Delegates will be able to vote online this year. He reminded board members of the virtual meetings accessed through the CASB website Board. President’s Cafés, Rural Board Roundtables, Mt. Resort Cafes, New Board Member Cafes and Key People Cafes are available monthly.
3. BOCES – Most districts school board members were seeking a second term which will allow for BOCES to have continuity on their board. Ms. Cahill-Volpe reviewed the timeline for Montezuma-Cortez to become an independent administrative unit. BOCES has filled all their positions although many of those positions are virtual.

**Report from Administrators and Committees**

1. Superintendent’s Report – The new school year is off to a great start with the new administration and a strong staff. Minimal staffing in the food services, maintenance and transportation departments is a concern. Another concern is in regards to the Universal Preschool Program. The governor’s office and with the Colorado Department of Early Childhood is being sued by CASE and six school districts with some support from the Rural Alliance as to how poorly the program has been rolled out. It is not very supportive of students on an IEP or for school districts to know where they are at with their budgets. Mr. Cordrey is going to meeting with other superintendents to discuss Montezuma-Cortez becoming an independent administrative unit and how that could affect the other districts.
2. Finance Report – Mr. Greenlee is working on bids for the elementary roof repair. The current bid is around $62,000. This will come out of capital reserve. Ms. Miller has been working on the audit a little earlier this year. Mr. Majors will probably be able to present information on the audit in September.

**Discussion Items**

1. Safety & Security –Mr. Greenlee took classes this summer through the Safety Specialist Academy. He has already implemented things he learned from the course and plans to implement more soon. We received new admin radios through the School Safe grant and have purchased several more to fully equip the safety team. We are now able to bridge right into dispatch station in Cortez. Mr. Greenlee has updated the Crisis Response Plan but this will be an ongoing process due to new staff. He is in the process of building a new safety team to prepare for and handle any situation. This team will meet frequently to continue to assess where we are and where we are going and to grow as a team and in our knowledge. There are three main threats: physical, psychological (a lot of the physical threats begin here), and technological.
2. CASB Regional Meeting – The regional meeting will be in Bayfield on September 27th.
3. Board Candidate Forum – Ms. Cahill-Volpe is looking for a moderator for the forum. The League of Women Voters will help with the forum as well. The proposed date for the forum is October 9 from 6 p.m.to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.
4. Board Handbook – Ms. Coppinger would like to see the superintendent evaluation dates added to the handbook.
5. Healthy Kids Survey - The purpose of the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey is to better understand youth health and what factors support youth to make healthy choices.The survey, conducted every two years, is supported by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Colorado Department of Education, the Colorado Department of Human Services, the Colorado Department of Public Safety, and an advisory group of state and local stakeholders. Two years ago Mancos School District opted out of the survey. Some community members expressed disapproval for not administering the survey. This year we can opt in or out of the survey. There are two versions for middle school and high school to choose from it the district decides to administer the survey.
6. Policy – Ms. Hutcheson-Brown reports that the board is close to completing the policy review. She is working on putting together a system to regularly review policy.
7. Principal and School Leaders at Meetings - Board members discussed whether principals and school leaders should begin attending board meetings. Board members agreed to evaluate the need for principals and school leaders to be present at meetings per agenda.

**Strategic Plan - PBL Objective Report**

Objective 3A and 3B will be reviewed in September.

**Board Action to Accept the Objective Report**

No objective reports to accept at this meeting.

**Opportunity for Consent Motion**

**Motion** by Mr. Hunter to consent to Action Items: A-M, O, Q and R.

Ms. Hutcheson-Brown seconds.

AYE: Ms. Cahill-Volpe, Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Hunter and Ms. Hutcheson-Brown.

NO: None. Motion carried 5-0

**Action Items**

1. Approve Bills

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire Amber Hunter, ELC Paraprofessional

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire Sarah Cochrane, ELC Paraprofessional

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire Rebecca Sherrod, ELC 1:1 Paraprofessional

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire Linda Unsworth, Elementary Counselor

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire Jessica Schneider, ESS Teacher

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire Jessica McIntyre, Elementary Math Interventionist

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire Greg Ruybilad, half-time High School PE/HeathTeacher

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire Effie Manahan, Secondary Counselor

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire Louis Horton, K-12 ELL/GT/DAC

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire Mike Higgs, K-12 Social Worker

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to hire 2023 Fall Middle School Coaches

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to accept the resignation of Alanda Martin, Secondary School Counselor

*Approved by consent.*

1. Approve administration of Healthy Kids Colorado Survey

**Motion** by Mr. Hunter to approve the administration of the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey with opt-out option.

Ms. Coppinger seconds.

Discussion – Ms. Cahill-Volpe suggests the modified versions for Middle and High School

AYE: Ms. Cahill-Volpe, Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Hunter and Ms. Hutcheson-Brown.

NO: None. Motion carried 5-0

*Approved by consent.*

1. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement 2023 Coordinated Election

*Approved by consent.*

1. Act on recommendation to remove opt out provision for 9th grade Botvin curriculum

**Motion** by Mr. Hunter to remove the opt out provision for 9th grade Botvin curriulum

Ms. Cahill-Volpe seconds.

Discussion – Ms. Hutcheson-Brown is not in agreement with removing the opt out from the survey

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

NO: Ms. Cahill-Volpe, Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Hunter and Ms. Hutcheson-Brown. Motion denied 4-1

Motion by Emily Hutcheson-Brown to accept the 9th grade Botvin curriculum with the opt out provision.

Ms. Cahill-Volpe seconds.

AYE: Ms. Cahill-Volpe, Ms. Coppinger, Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Hunter and Ms. Hutcheson-Brown.

NO: None. Motion carried 5-0.

1. 1st Reading, discussion and vote
   * 1. **DB –** Annual Budget
     2. **DBD** - Determination of Budget Priorities
     3. **DEB** - Loan Programs (Funds from State Tax Sources)
     4. **FBC\*-R** – Prioritization of Facility Improvements — Regulation
     5. **DG -** Banking Services (And Deposit of Funds)
     6. **EBBA-R** - Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission (Handling Body Fluids

and Substances) – Regulation

* + 1. **EBBB** – Accident Reports
    2. **EBCE** - School Closings and Cancellations
    3. **EDC** - Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials or Equipment
    4. **EEA** - Student Transportation
    5. **EEAE** - Bus Safety Program
    6. **EEAFB\*-R** - Use of School Vehicles by Community Groups — Regulation
    7. **EEAG** - Student Transportation in Private Vehicles
    8. **FBC\***-R – Prioritization of Facility Improvements – Regulation
    9. **FDA** - Bond Campaigns
    10. **GBEBA** - Staff Dress Code
    11. **GBGE** - Staff Maternity/Paternity/Parental Leave
    12. **GBGF** - Federally-Mandated Family and Medical Leave
    13. **IC/ICA** - School Year/School Calendar/Instruction Time
    14. **IHAM-R** - Health and Family Life/Sex Education (Exemption Procedure) — Regulation

*Approved by consent.*

1. 2nd Reading, discussion and vote
   * 1. **CBB** - Recruitment of Superintendent
     2. **CC** - Administrative Organization
     3. **CF** - School Building Administration
     4. **CH** - Policy Implementation

*Approved by consent.*

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

**Future Agenda Items** – Board self-review, superintendent mid-year review, emergency response plan update on website.

**Adjournment**

The Board adjourned by consensus at 8:02 p.m.

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Pamela Coppinger, President

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Katie Cahill-Volpe, Secretary