

BRUSH PUBLIC SCHOOL RE-2(J)
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008
HELD AT THE THOMSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wendy Danielson, Don Dillehay, Lori Dunker, Dale W. Hepner, Stan Linker, Margo Mesch, Vicky Quinlin, Bret Miles, Superintendent, and Corina Sepulveda, Secretary to the Board.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

VISITORS:

Virginia Foley, Jeni Gotto, Iva Kay Horner (Tribune), Vicky Milano, Amy Needens, Bob Milano, Julie Waters, LouAnn Rowland, Carol Moos, Barbara Marquardt, Dorothy Dick, Clydine Pabst, Theresa Guzman, Kim Dykes, Judy Baker, Krystal Hammer, Ronda White, Jamie Mares, Rose Reitz, Deanna Christensen, Ann Budde, Jill Gleason, Ellen Simmons, Anna Larsen, Cole Bostrom, Jenny Morgan, Sarah Goss, Ron Albo, Dave Uhrig, Doree Thilmony, Sharri Furman, Lawrence Schoelkopf, Nancy Schoelkopf, Jim Volk, Jerry Lyne, Maria Lyne, Greg Jarrell, Tracey Singley, Amy Ely, Johan van Nieuwenhuizen, Don Taylor, JoAnn Rocha, Mary Lundstrom, Dave Miner, Darline Miner, Brooke Guccione, Rhonda Hass, Todd Morgan, Joe Hirschfeld, Sheila Bostrom, Monica Garcia, Verna Mares, Chris L. Blake, Peggy Muniz, Wendy Fyfe, Ed Churchwell, Abby Rule, Adam Goss, Steven Mertens, Kris Reitz, Kim Kraich, Olivia Pecukonis, Steve Albert, Marc Tormohlen, Pamela Volk, Brenda Crosthwait, Lacey Hastings, Terry Larsen, Debbie A. Wacker, Kristen Catlett, Laura Garcia, Kendra Anderson, Nelly Binnendyk, Kandy Guzman, Rex August, Trish August, Brian Singley, Krista Trimbach, John Schaffer, Kim Weisser, Rob Sanders, Ben Dutton, and James Wilson.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Board President Dale Hepner called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. with seven members present.

Roll call: 7-0.

Mrs. Danielson	Aye
Mr. Dillehay	Aye
Mrs. Dunker	Aye
Mr. Linker	Aye
Mrs. Mesch	Aye
Mrs. Quinlin	Aye
Mr. Hepner	Aye

CONSENSUS AND REGULAR AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:

None

MOTION #1: APPROVE MODIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

Moved by Mr. Linker, seconded by Mrs. Danielson to approve the Modification and Adoption of the Agenda.

Motion was put to vote: Motion was passed 7-0.

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Mrs. Danielson	Aye
Mr. Dillehay	Aye
Mrs. Dunker	Aye
Mr. Linker	Aye
Mrs. Mesch	Aye
Mrs. Quinlin	Aye
Mr. Hepner	Aye

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

Board President Dale Hepner welcomed the guests to the Board of Education meeting. Then the Board of Education and Superintendent Bret Miles welcomed guests Dave Miner, Brush High School science teacher and Brush High School students who participated in the 2007-2008 53rd Annual Morgan-Washington Bi-County Science Fair. Mr. Miner shared comments regarding the students who participated in the science fair, on the 3rd and 4th of March 2008. Students are as follows: from the Junior Division, Brush Middle School student Ken Garcia received the gold in physics; from the Senior Division, Brush High School students Alejandro Carrillo received the bronze in animal science; Darla Rosenbrock received the gold and Stacey Lyne received the silver in chemistry; Cole Bostrom and Adam Goss received the gold and Joe Rosenbrock received the bronze in engineering; Matt Wheeler and Steven Mertens received the gold in mathematics and computer sciences; Austin Nichols received the bronze in physics; Laura Garcia and Olivia Pecukonis received the gold as a team; Kyra Brandt and Sarah Goss received the silver as a team. Mr. Miner shared the names of the students attending the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair in April and the students attending the International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta, Georgia in May. The students participating the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair are as follows: Brush High School students, Darla Rosenbrock, Cole Bostrom, Adam Goss, Matt Wheeler, Steven Mertens, Laura Garcia, Olivia Pecukonis, and Brush Middle School student, Ken Garcia. The students participating the International Science and Engineering Fair are as follows: Cole Bostrom, Adam Goss, Laura Garcia and Olivia Pecukonis. The Board of Education and Superintendent Miles congratulated students and presented them with a certificate of recognition for a job well done representing the Brush School District.

The Board then continued with Recognition of Guests from the music department. The Board and Superintendent Miles introduced Darline Miner, Brush High School band and vocal teacher. Mrs. Miner shared brief comments regarding the student who participated in the Colorado State University Honor Band and the students who will perform at the Colorado All State Band, March 26-29, 2008. The Brush High School students are as follows: Adam Goss represented the district at the Colorado State University Honor Band in February and will perform at the Colorado All State Band in March; Jenny Morgan will also perform at the Colorado All State Band; and Sarah Goss will be an alternate. The Board of Education and Superintendent Miles congratulated the students and presented them with a certificate of recognition.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Parent and community member Joe Hirschfeld addressed the Board of Education regarding kindergarten. Mr. Hirschfeld expressed his concern with the process of advertising for kindergarten teaching positions and the effect on classroom sizes if no additional teachers are employed. He asked the Board of Education to consider classroom sizes and hire a sufficient number of teachers. Superintendent Bret Miles responded to Mr. Hirschfeld's comment. The teaching positions will be posted on the school website by spring break. Building administrators will be attending education fairs at the end of the month.

Parent and community member Julie Waters addressed the Board of Education on the continuing progress. Ms. Waters spoke on the additional hours she has spent attending community and committee meetings to share her opinions and insights with the Board and stakeholders. She referenced to the Board stressing to stakeholders to attend committee meetings, specifically the building and district accountability meeting to

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become more involved. She believes the community is most concerned with the trust level of teachers and the administration. She feels the Board will need to build a level of trust, keep open communication between stakeholders and teachers to move forward.

Brush Education Association (BEA) President Tracy Singley addressed the Board of Education on the trust agreement. Mrs. Singley read a memo from Board President Dale Hepner. Then read a letter from BEA to the Board of Education. The BEA is excited to start drafting a trust agreement for the Board's consideration.

Parent and community member Pam Volk addressed the Board of Education on the trust agreement. Ms. Volk spoke about a BEA meeting she attended recently to learn about trust agreements. She also announced that a Colorado Education Association representative will be in Brush on Wednesday, March 19 to answer questions at the Carroll Building and invited everyone in attendance to attend.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Bret Miles presented the Moment of Focus on educational statistics. Then he spoke to the Boards on their direction to request building administrators to meet with their staff to bring forward the questions: how staff would like to be engaged on student achievement? What committee they would like developed to benefit and meet their goals? How would they like to be involved? Superintendent Miles introduced each administrator to report on their staffs responses. Each administrator reviewed the process taken in staff meetings regarding the questions brought forward from the Board. They each shared feedback most responded by staff, which was the request for a trust agreement before moving forward and involving all stakeholders in being engage on the topic of improving student achievement.

Superintendent Miles continued his report with highlights from the District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting on engaging the community including Colorado Plains Moodle. He reviewed the notes from the committee's discussion. The committee would be used as a set structure to instill community involvement.

In order to involve the community on core issues regarding student achievement it was suggested that the WIKI site could be used as a tool of communication between the stakeholders and the Board. The stakeholders could email their concerns to the Board of Education and the response would be posted on the WIKI site.

Superintendent Miles updated the Board on the current status of the 2007-2008 Board of Education Goals. He reviewed each goal individually. He talked about the measurement, challenges and progress of each goal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

MOTION #2: APPROVE CONSENSUS AGENDA ITEMS.

Moved by Mr. Linker, seconded by Mrs. Quinlin to approve the Consensus Agenda items as follows.

- 7.1 Minutes for the regular Board of Education meeting Tuesday, March 4, 2008;
- 7.2 Bills in the amount of \$228,143.70 (General Fund: \$213,588.92, Pre-school: \$465.44, Capital Reserve Fund: \$11987.22, Special Revenue Fund: \$2,102.12, Building Fund \$0.00, and Food Service: \$0,000.00);

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- 7.3 Resignation of Deborah Griggs, Paraprofessional at Brush Middle School effective March 6, 2008;
- 7.4 Transfer of Rich Gutierrez from a volunteer to a paid assistant baseball coach at Brush High School for the 2007-2008 season;
- 7.5 Employment of Dawn Cowden as a long term substitute as a special education paraprofessional at Brush Middle School for the 2007-2008 school year;
- 7.6 Employment of Kim Kraich as an assistant track coach at Brush Middle School for the 2007-2008 season;

Motion was put to vote: Motion was passed 7-0.

Mrs. Danielson	Aye
Mr. Dillehay	Aye
Mrs. Dunker	Aye
Mr. Linker	Aye
Mrs. Mesch	Aye
Mrs. Quinlin	Aye
Mr. Hepner	Aye

MOTION #3: APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT FOR VIRGINIA FOLEY AS THE BUSINESS OFFICER FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR.

Moved by Mrs. Quinlin, seconded by Mrs. Danielson to approve a supplemental contract for Virginia Foley as the business officer for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion was put to vote: Motion was passed 7-0.

Mrs. Danielson	Aye
Mr. Dillehay	Aye
Mrs. Dunker	Aye
Mr. Linker	Aye
Mrs. Mesch	Aye
Mrs. Quinlin	Aye
Mr. Hepner	Aye

MOTION #4: APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF BARRY QUINLIN FROM MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR TO FACILITIES DIRECTOR FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR.

Moved by Mrs. Danielson, seconded by Mr. Linker to approve the transfer of Barry Quinlin from maintenance supervisor to facilities director for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion was put to vote: Motion was passed 6-0-1.

Mrs. Danielson	Aye
Mr. Dillehay	Aye
Mrs. Dunker	Aye
Mr. Linker	Aye
Mrs. Mesch	Aye
Mrs. Quinlin	Abstain
Mr. Hepner	Aye

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BOARD DISCUSSION:

Board President Dale Hepner opened for board comments.

Superintendent Miles spoke in response to audience comments from March 4, 2008 Board of Education on the trust agreements. He reviewed the steps the Board has taken to leading to the drafting of a trust agreement with the assistance of the Meet'n Confer Team.

Board President Dale Hepner reported on the first Meet'n Confer meeting. Both Board and Brush Education Association members chose the sub-committee team members. The Meet'n Confer will set up additional team meetings to review the structure.

The Board discussed the feedback from building principals and District Accountability Advisory Committee's responses to student achievement. They reviewed the next steps of action of the Board of Education's charges to the Committee for the upcoming school year.

The Board's recommendation is to use the WIKI site as a communication tool with the community to address issues. The stakeholders could communicate their concerns to the Board of Education one on one, by emailing individual Board members or the Board as a whole. Then responses would be posted on the WIKI site.

The Board discussed the direction they could take to be more supportive in improving student achievement. They referred to the involvement of stakeholders in building and district accountability committees, addressing accountability charges, more student and teacher intervention and recruitment of more volunteers.

MOTION #5: APPROVE TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Linker, seconded by Mrs. Quinlin to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. with seven members present.

Motion was put to vote: Motion was passed 7-0.

Mrs. Danielson	Aye
Mr. Dillehay	Aye
Mrs. Dunker	Aye
Mr. Linker	Aye
Mrs. Mesch	Aye
Mrs. Quinlin	Aye
Mr. Hepner	Aye

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at the Thomson Primary School.

Minutes approved _____ .

Dale W. Hepner Jr., President
Board of Education
Brush, Colorado

Vicky Quinlin, Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Education
Brush, Colorado