

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MOUNTAIN HOME BOARD OF EDUCATION**

January 20, 2010

The following members of the Board were present for the meeting: Robert Nelson, Jason Schmeski, Doug VanDolah, Lisa House, Ben Strider, Neal Pendergrass and Steve Bergman. Administrators, media and other guests were also present. Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Nelson led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Strider made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pendergrass to approve the agenda as printed.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2010 meeting and the minutes of the January 5, 2011 meeting.

The motion was unanimously approved.

RECOGNITIONS – ARKANSAS SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

Dr. Myers stated that January had been declared by Governor Mike Beebe, as Arkansas School Board Appreciation Month. In keeping with the Governor's declaration, Mayor David Osmon proclaimed January 20, 2011 as the Mountain Home School Board Appreciation Day. Dr. Myers read the proclamation to the Board and stated that each Board member should also have at their designated place, cards from staff and other tokens of appreciation.

Dr. Myers went on to say that there had been some positive notes prepared by the students at Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary as well as a choir presentation, but due to the inclement weather conditions that has been rescheduled for the February meeting.

Mr. Nelson expressed the Board's appreciation for the notes and recognition.

REPORTS

Financial Reports– Ann Harned

Ms. Ann Harned, Business Manager, referred Board members to page IIA for the Statement of Changes in Fund Balance ending December 31, 2010. We ended the month with total fund balances of \$13,671,422.23.

Ms. Harned went over the page on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the month ended December 31, 2010. Current revenues and incoming

transfers are the Teacher Salary Fund \$1,155,469.61, Operating Fund \$1,990,442.77, Building Fund \$6,323.94, Federal Grants Fund \$171,914.60, and Food Service Fund \$159,255.88 for a total current revenues and incoming transfers of \$3,483,406.80. Expenditures and outgoing transfers in the current column are Teacher Salary Fund \$1,155,469.61, Operating Fund \$2,334,461.78, Building Fund \$606,907.39, Federal Grants Fund \$570,725.37 and Food Service Fund \$155,027.09 for a total current expenditures and outgoing transfers of \$4,822,591.24.

Ms. Harned went over the Statement of Changes in Activity Funds and the Summary of Bond Issue Activity.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

Dr. Myers explained to the Board that they had received an additional enrollment report reflecting the number of students not only for the 2010-2011 school year, but also last year's numbers as well for a comparison. It was noted the enrollment was up just a little over last year's total students.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Textbook Committee Selection – Dr. Leigh Anne Gigliotti

Dr. Gigliotti said in order for the District to be in compliance with the law each district must appoint an official textbook committee to make the recommendations of textbook selections for this year's adoption. This year the District will be adopting literacy. Dr. Gigliotti recommended committee members that are serving on this year's curriculum committee be appointed as the official textbook committee for the District. They are: Anita King, Martha Wedgeworth, Pat Caldwell, Allyson Dewey, Kim Swearingen, Tammie McDowell, Jennifer Drewry, Melissa Story, Nicole Dixon, Bill Thomas, Jennifer Crawford, Karen Maupin, Merlina McCullough, and Leigh Anne Gigliotti.

Motion to Approve Textbook Committee

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion to approve the textbook committee members as listed. The motion was seconded by Mr. VanDolah.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Policy and Handbook Revisions per On-Site Review by ADE – Dr. Leigh Anne Gigliotti

Dr. Gigliotti stated that on November 9, 2010, as required by the State Department of Education, a review committee visited the Mountain Home School District for the purpose of examining the District in the areas of compliance with the Rules of the State Department of Education. During this on-site review, four district policies, specifically 4.3, 4.45, 5.15 and 5.16, were cited for updates. In addition, policies 4.45.1 and 5.16.1 need to be added to cover requirements for graduation after 2013-14. Policies and student handbooks need to align with the State in order to comply with the Arkansas Department of Education rules for Standards and Accreditation.

Dr. Gigliotti recommended that the Board revise and adopt Mountain Home School Board Policies 4.3, 4.45, 4.45.1, 5.15, 5.16 and 5.16.1 in order to be compliant with the Arkansas Department of Education Standards and Assurance, to include adoption date on revised

policies. We would also recommend that the Board approve additions and or/revisions to student handbooks to align with the policies of the Mountain Home School District.

Motion to Update Policies and Handbooks to comply with ADE standards

The motion was made by Mr. Bergman and seconded by Mr. Schmeski to revise and adopt the following policies: 4.3, 4.45, 4.45.1, 5.15, 5.16 and 5.16.1 and to approve additions and/or revisions needed for student handbooks to align with the policies of the Mountain Home School District.

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gigliotti said the District would be sending update notices in the form of a letter to all parents informing them of the changes to our policies and student handbooks and request their signatures stating they had received that information as required by the State Department.

Student Make Up Days – Dr. Leigh Anne Gigliotti

Dr. Gigliotti addressed the Board concerning the days that were missed due to inclement weather on January 10 and 11, 2011. She stated that five (5) days had been incorporated into the school calendar for this year, including President's Day, February 21, Good Friday and the Monday after Easter, April 22 and 25, 2011 and two days at the end of the calendar, June 2 and 3, 2011.

Dr. Gigliotti stated that a vote had been taken by staff to come to an agreeable solution in making up the two missed days. An overwhelming majority of the staff voted to use February 21 and April 25 as student make up days.

Motion to Approve Student Make Up Days

The motion was made by Mr. Schmeski and seconded by Mr. Strider to use February 21 and April 25, 2011 to cover the student days missed on January 10 and 11, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Update and Board Discussion

Mr. Strider stated he had received a lot of good discussion on the phone system *Alert Now*. Comments made by staff and parents have been very positive since the system was used to inform students and faculty during the recent snow days.

A break was taken at 6:50 p.m.

Executive Session Results – 8:30 p.m.

Recommendation on Certified Staff

Dr. Myers recommended that the Board approve the recommendations for resignation and transfer on the certified staff sheet.

Motion on Certified Staff Sheet

Mr. Schmeski made the motion to approve the recommendations for resignation and transfer on the certified staff sheet. The motion was seconded by Ms. House

The motion was unanimously approved.

Extension of Superintendent Contract

Ms. Strider made the motion seconded by Mr. Pendergrass to extend the contract for Dr. Myers, Superintendent, for an additional year. Approval of this motion will extend Dr. Myers contract to the end of the 2012-13 school year.

Mr. Strider stated that Dr. Myers has met all of the Board's expectations and more. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Robert Nelson, President

Ben Strider, Secretary