

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

**March 20, 2014**

The following members of the Board were present for the meeting: Robert Nelson, Steve Bergman, Jason Schmeski, Bill Wehmeyer, Lisa House, Neal Pendergrass and Ben Strider. Administrators, media and other guests were also present. Mr. Strider called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Jeff Kincade introduced Guy Berry students: Joseph Sell, 7<sup>th</sup> grade; Chris Rossman, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Crystal Mortvedt, 8<sup>th</sup> grade. These students lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Schmeski made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bergman

The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Bergman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pendergrass to approve the minutes of the January 16<sup>th</sup>, and February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 board meetings.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Youth Art Month-**

Beth Ivens introduced Senior Advanced Art student, Rachel Bridgeman. Miss Bridgeman handed out brochures to the Board. She then explained how March was Youth Art month and went over the different events the art classes have attended. Rachel spoke of her plans to attend college and continue with art classes. She introduced the other art students and their work. The student's work that was presented was given to the board members.

Mr. Ben Strider commented on how this is a highlight he looks forward to every year. He enjoys the student art and adding it to his growing collection. He expressed his gratitude to the students and their teachers.

**Mountain Home Education Foundation-**

Dr. Myers introduced Mrs. Mollie Morgan, director of Mountain Home Education Foundation and Dr. Robin Myers, Chancellor at ASU Mountain Home campus. Mrs. Morgan along with Dr. Myers spoke of the Promise Program and their plans for the future. Mollie said that the MHEF will be able to offer all MHHS Seniors concurrent credit courses in (4) new vocational programs offered at ASUMH. These new programs are welding, automotive systems, electronics and HVAC.

Dr. Robin Myers said that ASU will decrease their tuition by 50% and MHEF will sponsor the remaining amount for a 2 year pilot period.

There are several guidelines and requirements that students must meet in order to qualify for the scholarships. Mollie handed out files with the packet of information that seniors will need in order to apply. She went on to say that 40 seniors and 40 graduates will be a part of the 2 year pilot. All other scholarships that MHEF currently fund will still be available.

Dr. Robin Myers stated that without Dr. Lonnie Myers and Mollie Morgan this couldn't happen for these students.

Mr. Strider thanked Dr. Robin Myers and Mrs. Morgan for their hard work.

## **REPORTS**

### **Financial Reports– Ann Harned**

Ms. Ann Harned, Business Manager, referred Board members to page IIA for the Statement of Changes in Fund Balance for the month ending February 28, 2014. We ended the month with total fund balances of \$9,993,629.20.

Ms. Harned went over the page on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (IIA1) for the month ended February 28, 2014. The total current expenditures and outgoing transfers is \$4,192,286.99.

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

**Enrollment Report-** as printed (3937)

## **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

### **Recommendation to accept the Legislative Audit Report- Ann Harned**

Ms. Ann Harned gave the background and rationale behind the recommendation to approve the Legislative Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2013. She stated that this audit report is another good report that the district has received. She recommended that the board accept the audit report.

### **Motion to approve the Legislative Audit Report**

Mr. Nelson made the motion to approve the Legislative Audit Report for the year ended June 30 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pendergrass.

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Approval of Three Year Banking Contract – Ann Harned**

Ms. Harned addressed the Board concerning the review every 3 years of banking and investment holdings to ascertain the most attractive rates and services. Letters requesting banking proposals were sent to local banks requesting a bid response. Ms. Harned gave the Board the list of five bidders and made a recommendation that the Board approve doing business with Bank #4 for a 3-year term beginning April 1, 2014.

### **Motion to Accept Three Year Banking Contract**

Mr. Bergman made the motion seconded by Mr. Nelson to accept the recommendation of securing a new bank contract with Bidder #4 for a 3-year term beginning on April 1, 2014.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Recommendation to accept the easement agreement with Source Gas on the Pinkston Middle school property- Mike Walker**

Mike Walker explained the need for an agreement with Source Gas for the easement at Pinkston Middle school in the amount of \$1.00 per lineal foot which is approximately \$1,500.00. He answered questions from the board and recommended the board accept the agreement as presented.

### **Motion to accept the easement agreement with Source Gas on the Pinkston Middle School property**

Ms. House made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bergman to accept the easement agreement with Source Gas on the Pinkston Middle School property as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Richard Padgett Award Modifications – David Hirsch, CPPC Chairman**

Mr. Strider recognized David Hirsch, the chairman of the Classified Personnel Policy Committee (CPPC). Since this award is the classified equivalent of the Teacher of the Year award, the CPPC would like to propose a change to the selection process of the award recipient that more closely follows that of the Teacher of the Year award. Mr. Hirsch recommended that the Board approve the selection process approved by the CPPC which is specifically as follows:

1. Receive nominations from March 11, to April 10, 2014. Nominations can be made by classified and licensed personnel.
2. The top five, one from each department group, will be selected based on the highest number of nominations per person.
3. In the event of a tie during nominations, the CPPC committee will make a decision based on the recommendations and criteria for which the candidate was nominated.
4. Nominees along with their recommendations will be on the voting ballots.
5. Only Classified staff will vote for the recipient of The Richard Padgett Extra Mile Award. In the event of a tie for the final vote, the candidates will be interviewed and then the CPPC committee will decide the winner.
6. The winner will be presented to the School Board at the regular May meeting. He or she will receive a plaque and a gift of \$500.00

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE AND BOARD DISCUSSION**

Mr. Strider recognized the EAST program and how Jackie Meissner's students naturally use technology in place of textbooks. Dr. Myers added that EAST attended a banquet where they were up for an award for their hiking trail project.

Mr. Bergman wanted to recognize the Mountain Home High School drama students and their performance of AIDA. He said how impressed he is with their talents and how well the students performed.

Ms. House said CSI was awesome and how impressed she is with the community involvement in that event.

Mr. Nelson thanked KTLO and Baxter Bulletin for their continued support of our district and our students.

**Executive Session started- 6:49pm**

**Executive Session ended- 7:57pm**

**Recommendation on Certified Staff – Dr. Lonnie Myers**

Dr. Myers recommended that the Board approve the recommendations as listed on the certified staff sheet.

**Motion on Certified Staff**

Mr. Wehmeyer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pendergrass to accept the recommendation of Dr. Myers to approve the recommendations as listed on the certified staff sheet.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Recommendation on Stipends – Dr. Lonnie Myers**

Dr. Myers recommended that the Board approve the stipends as listed on the stipend sheet.

**Motion on Stipends**

Mr. Bergman made a motion, seconded by Ms. House to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of stipends as listed on the stipends sheet.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bergman made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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Date Approved

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Ben Strider, President

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Steve Bergman, Secretary