

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

June 1, 2011

The following members of the Board were present for the meeting which was held at the Guy Berry Learning Center: Jason Schmeski, Ben Strider, Steve Bergman, Neal Pendergrass and Lisa House. Administrators and other guests were also present. Mr. Schmeski, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Schmeski asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Bergman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Strider to approve the agenda.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Board Action Items:

Revision of Driveways and Parking Lots at Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary Site – Baldwin and Shell, Trey Carter

Mr. Trey Carter from Baldwin & Shell Construction addressed the Board regarding revisions to the parking and exiting at the current Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary site. During the first two to three weeks of school traffic became a primary concern. Even though over three hundred students were re-located to the Hackler Intermediate site, the car loading had changed from two areas to one. When the building opens again after remodeling, they will still only have one drop off location.

Baldwin and Shell, the architect, Mike Walker and Dr. Myers have been working over the past several months to try to come up with a viable solution to the traffic problem before opening school next year. Mr. Carter showed the Board a map (which is made a part of these official minutes) and explained how they could provide an ease to the traffic problem by creating an additional exit on College. They would also provide for two extra lanes of drop off and two exit lanes.

Motion to Approve the Revision of Driveways and Parking Lots at Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary

After some discussion, Mr. Bergman made the motion, seconded by Ms. House to proceed with the revisions to driveways and parking lots as proposed.

The motion carried unanimously.

Bid to Repair to Gutters at Pinkston Middle School – Mike Walker

Mr. Walker stated that during the snow storms of early 2011 the gutters around Pinkston Middle School were severely damaged. Replacement of the gutters is now necessary to keep the water flowing to the down spouts. The District insurance company asked for a bid and issued a check in the amount of \$103,971.00 for the repair of the gutters. Myers Roofing has agreed to complete the job for that amount and is a TAPS member. Mr. Walker

recommended that the Board approve the bid from Myers Roofing for the repair of the gutters at Pinkston Middle School for the amount of the insurance settlement check.

Motion to Approve Bid for Repair to Gutters at Pinkston Middle School

The motion was made by Mr. Strider and seconded by Mr. Pendergrass to approve the bid of Myers Roofing company for the repair of the damaged gutters around Pinkston Middle School.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Bid to Resurface High School Track – Mike Walker

Mr. Walker stated the high school track was originally built in 1999 and receives constant use from school events as well as the general public. Money has been budgeted for this project to allow for preventative action before the District would need to completely replace the track. Specs were submitted for bid and the District received four bids for completing the project. Mr. Walker recommended that the Board approve the lowest bid in the amount of \$60,130.00.

Motion to Approve Bid to Resurface the High School Track

The motion was made by Mr. Pendergrass and seconded by Mr. Bergman to approve the low bid to resurface the high school track in the total amount of \$60,130.00.

After some discussion the motion was approved unanimously

Request to Approve the Pursuit of AdvancED Accreditation – Dr. Myers

Dr. Myers stated that AdvancED is a parent organization for the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. They provide a national protocol for school systems committed to systemic, systematic and sustainable continuous improvement. In the past each of our schools have been accredited individually. This form of accreditation would be district wide. This would give all stakeholders a chance to voice their opinions about the school district. This should be a means by which we can move forward as a district and should cost less than accrediting six separate schools.

Dr. Myers went on to say that we had hosted a readiness visit on May 20th; we received a phone call this morning from Dr. Emma Bass stating that out of 70 readiness visits that AdvancED had placed with school districts, Mountain Home was at the top.

Dr. Myers recommended that the Board approve the pursuit of AdvancED accreditation to take place in the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion to Approve Pursuit of AdvancED Accreditation for the District

The motion was made by Mr. Bergman and seconded by Mr. Strider to approve the pursuit of AdvancED Accreditation.

The motion was approved unanimously

Lease Agreement with Community Connections for Youth and Families – Dr. Myers

Dr. Myers stated that he had met with Ms. Green and our attorney had reviewed the Building Rental Agreement with Community Connections for Youth and Families. Ms. Green has already signed on behalf of CCYF and he recommended that the Board authorize accept the lease agreement which would run from June 1, 2011 through July 1, 2012.

Motion to Approve the Lease Agreement with Community Connection for Youth and Families

Mr. Strider made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bergman that the District accept the lease agreement with Community Connection for Youth and Families in the total amount of \$30,000.00.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. for the purpose of touring the Guy Berry Learning Center facility.

Jason Schmeski, Vice President

Ben Strider, Secretary