

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

**September 18, 2014**

The following members of the Board were present for the meeting: Arnold Knox, Jason Schmeski, Lisa House, Ben Strider, Bill Wehmeyer, Neal Pendergrass and Barbara Horton. Administrators, media and other guests were also present. Mr. Strider called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Strider introduced Nelson Wilks Herron Principal, Leah Cotter and Counselor, Debbie Sabo. The student Ambassador's introduced themselves and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The following students were present at the meeting: Bradan Lewis, Jackson Gore, Norah Dyer, Elizabeth Noyola, Talan Palmer, Marley Bolick, Caleb Perdue, Pierce Blackmon, Colton Dunn, Brady Arki, Laykin Moore, Lundyn Gerlach, Kayee Smith-Honey and Eston Ford.

**ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT**

Dr. Myers asked for nominations for President of the Mountain Home School Board for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Schmeski nominated Mr. Ben Strider to serve as president. There were no other nominations. Ms. House seconded the nomination. Mr. Strider was elected President by a unanimous vote.

**ELECTION OF 2014-2015 OFFICERS**

Mr. Strider asked for nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Pendergrass nominated Ms. Lisa House as Vice President. There were no other nominations for the position. Mr. Wehmeyer seconded the nomination. Ms. House was elected Vice-President by unanimous vote.

Mr. Strider asked for nominations for Board Secretary. Ms. House nominated Mr. Jason Schmeski for the position of Board Secretary. Mr. Wehmeyer seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Mr. Schmeski was elected Board Secretary by unanimous vote.

**BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED TO COMMITTEES**

Mr. Strider, as President, appointed the Board members to serve as representatives on the various committees of the Mountain Home School District for the 2014-2015 school year.

- Mr. Schmeski – PPC – (Certified Personnel Policy Committee)
- Mr. Knox – T.A.C. – (Teacher Advisory Committee)
- Mr. Wehmeyer – P.I.E. – (Partners In Education)
- Ms. House – Technology Committee
- Ms. Horton – Curriculum Committee
- Mr. Pendergrass – CPPC – (Classified Personnel Policy Committee)

Mr. Strider – Finance Committee

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion, seconded by Mr. Knox to approve the agenda and the minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> meetings.

The motion was unanimously approved.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Schmeski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pendergrass to approve the agenda and the minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> meetings.

The motion was unanimously approved.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Gigliotti introduced new employee Paul Swearingen to the district. Mr. Swearingen is the new music teacher at Pinkston Middle School.

## **REPORTS**

### **Financial Reports– Ann Harned**

Ms. Harned went over the page on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the month ended August 31, 2014 with total fund balances of \$8,243,288.47 and total current expenditures and outgoing transfers of \$3,008,022.22.

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

### **Enrollment- 3985**

## **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

### **Related Party Transactions – Ann Harned**

Arkansas Act 1599 requires each school district to make known to the public any potential transactions with related parties. The state imposes tighter restrictions on administrators and board members than it does on employees of the district. Some of our employees, administrators and board members qualify as related parties. Ms. Harned recommended that the Board approve a resolution to do business with vendors that have related interest to board members.

### **Related party disclosure for Strider Consulting - Ms. Harned**

Ms. Harned recommended the Board approve a resolution to do business with Strider Consulting. Related board member, Mr. Ben Strider, stepped out of the room during the vote.

#### **Motion to do business with Strider Consulting**

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski, to approve a resolution to do business with Strider Consulting.

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Related party disclosure for 62 East Auto – Ms. Harned**

Ms. Harned recommended the Board approve a resolution to do business with 62 East Auto. Related board member, Mr. Jason Schmeski, stepped out of the room during the vote.

#### **Motion to do business with 62 East Auto**

Mr. Wehmeyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pendergrass to approve a resolution to do business with 62 East Auto.

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Other related party disclosures – Ms. Harned**

Ms. Harned asked the board to correct a typo to the list of vendors she provided. Ms. Harned stated that the full board action could be taken on the remaining vendor list. She recommended that the Board approve the remaining vendors on the corrected list having related party interest to employees of the district.

#### **Motion to do business with other vendors as listed**

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski to approve a resolution to do business with the corrected vendors listed as a related party to all other employees of the District.

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Recommendation to approve the Act 1120 5% increase report – Ms. Harned**

Ms. Harned stated that board action is required for the Act 1120 5% increase report. She recommended that the Board approve the Act 1120 5% increase report.

### **Motion to approve the Act 1120 5% increase report**

Mr. Schmeski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pendergrass to approve the Act 1120 5% increase report.

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Recommendation to adopt the budget for the 2014-2015 school year- Ann Harned**

Ms. Harned addressed the board and asked if there were any questions about the budget, it was determined that no changes to the budget were made since the board had their budget work session. She recommended the adoption of the 2014-2015 budget for all funds excluding activity funds.

### **Motion to accept the budget for 2014-2015 school year**

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion, seconded Mr. Schmeski to adopt the budget for 2014-2015 school year.

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Recommendation to grant easement to the City of Mountain Home- Mike Walker**

Mr. Walker spoke of the city's plan to connect Hall Street to Bucher Drive to ease the traffic in the afternoons. He answered questions from the board. Mr. Walker recommends the board grant the easement of less than 100 feet at Hall Street and Bucher Drive.

### **Motion to grant easement to the City of Mountain Home**

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion, seconded by Mr. Knox, to grant the easement at Hall Street and Bucher Drive.

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Recommendation to approve revisions to Policy 3.42- Becca Camp**

Ms. Camp, PPC chairperson, spoke to the board about the revisions being recommended to Policy 3.42 and the reasoning behind the changes. She recommended that the board approve the revisions made by PPC to policy 3.42. Ms. Camp answered questions from the board. The discussion that followed was mostly regarding the wording of how frequent the TAC and Finance committees shall meet. Several motions were made.

### **Motions relating to Policy 3.42**

Mr. Wehmeyer made the motion to not accept the recommended changes to policy 3.42, seconded by Mr. Schmeski.

Motion passed with 1 opposed.

Mr. Schmeski made a motion to send policy 3.42 back to the PPC with revisions. Mr. Schmeski rescinded the motion.

Mr. Pendergrass made the motion to change 3.42, seconded by Mr. Schmeski.

Motion failed.

Ms. Horton made a motion, seconded by Ms. House, to revise policy 3.42 so that the TAC and Finance Committees would meet monthly.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schmeski made the motion to remove item 7 from Policy 3.42, seconded by Mr. Wehmeyer.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Superintendent's Update – Dr. Lonnie Myers**

Dr. Myers. Welcomed the new board members. He reminded everyone of the naming of the high school band hall to Robert N. Nelson Band Hall. He also mentioned the Rachel's Challenge events that the district held and how it was the school board that was first introduced to Rachel's Challenge at a conference a year ago.

**A break was taken at 7:58 p.m.**

**Executive Session Results – 8:37 p.m.**

### **Recommendation on Classified Staff – Dr. Lonnie Myers**

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

### **Motion on Classified Staff**

Mr. Wehmeyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmeski, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the recommendations as listed on classified staff sheet.

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Recommendation on Stipends- Dr. Lonnie Myers**

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

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion, seconded by Ms. House, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the recommendations as listed on the stipend sheet.

The motion was unanimously approved.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Wehmeyer made the motion to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Ben Strider, President

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Jason Schmeski, Secretary