

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

November 18, 2010

The following members of the Board were present for the meeting: Robert Nelson, 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 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Nelson led in the pledge to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Strider made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pendergrass.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, October 28th and the November 3rd Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bergman.

The motion was unanimously approved.

RECOGNITIONS – Carolyn Whisenant, Regional Teacher of the Year

Dr. Gigliotti recognized our District Teacher of the Year, Ms. Carolyn Whisenant, who was recently named as Regional Teacher of the Year and attended the Gala at Governor Beebe's mansion in Little Rock. Others in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson, Dr. and Mrs. Lonnie Myers, Dr. Gigliotti and her husband Mr. Paul Gigliotti as well as Ms. Vanessa Thomas.

Ms. Whisenant addressed the Board and expressed her appreciation to serve as a teacher in the Mountain Home School District. Pictures were shown to the Board taken at the Gala that was held on November 13, 2010.

POSITIVE NOTES

Mr. Nelson extended appreciation to State Representative Karen Hopper who spoke at the Pre-Ap American History classes on November 4th during a Veteran's Ceremony entitled "Freedom is NOT Free." The ceremony was attended by several area veterans. Other speakers included Mountain Home Junior High Pre-AP students and Dr. Lonnie Myers.

Mr. Strider congratulated Sophomore Hannah Todd who was selected to the All-Region Orchestra. Hannah also qualified to tryout for the Arkansas All-State Orchestra in February.

Mr. Bergman extended thanks to Rack Room Shoes who presented the Mountain Home Junior High School with a \$764.34 sponsorship card as part of their "Shoes That Fit" program to be used on shoes, backpacks and other school related items for students.

Mr. VanDolah noted that Nelson Wilks Herron Elementary and Hackler Intermediate students continue to do a fabulous job in collecting box tops in their "Box Tops for Education" contest. Over 20,000 box tops have been collected so far between the two schools. Money received for redeeming the box tops will be used for the purchase of playground equipment and student incentive awards.

Mr. Pendergrass thanked the Mountain Home Police Department, Coach Newsom and Officer Helmert who worked together to teach students about the role of the police in suspected drug stops. Using the drug dog, the officers demonstrated to the students how a drug dog assists the police during suspected drug investigations.

Ms. House stated that Fayetteville High School recently visited the MHHS Career Academies. The visiting team included five teachers and one administrator. The team was provided the history of our process and integrated projects as well as the opportunity to sit in on the Late Start common planning time. Thanks to the continued dedication of faculty and staff, Mountain Home continues to be one of the top 10 Career Academies in the nation.

Financial Reports– Ann Harned

Ms. Ann Harned, Business Manager, referred Board members to page IIA for the Statement of Changes in Fund Balance ending October 31, 2010. We ended the month with total fund balances of \$13,568,689.28 as reflected at the bottom of the page and in the Distribution of Funds box to the right of the spreadsheet. Ms. Harned stated that we had received ½ of the funding for the year for alternative learning which has alleviated the negative balance in that fund 2275.

Ms. Harned went over the page on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the month ended October 31, 2010. Current revenues and incoming transfers are the Teacher Salary Fund \$1,141,312.83, Operating Fund \$3,449,041.38, Building Fund \$21,742.77, Debt Service Fund \$195.00, Federal Grants Fund \$424,481.11 and Food Service Fund \$50,364.26 for a total current revenues and incoming transfers of \$5,087,237.35. Expenditures and outgoing transfers in the current column are Teacher Salary Fund \$1,414,212.83 Operating Fund \$2,300,572.61, Building Fund \$916,118.24, Debt Service Fund \$195.00, Federal Grants Fund \$236,319.06 and Food Service Fund \$165,423.72 for a total current expenditures and outgoing transfers of \$4,759,941.46.

Ms. Harned explained that the amount in Debt Service Fund reflects the annual administrative fee that is paid to the bank that handles our bond service. It costs the District that amount per year. Normally that fund shows a zero balance. Funds are transferred in and out of the fund for periodic activity.

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

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

Purchase of Used Buses for Transportation Fleet – Mike Walker

Mr. Walker said he would like to seek the permission of the board to buy two refurbished school buses. He found two used 77 passenger Thomas CAT C-7 diesel buses. Both of these buses are 2008 Blue Bird buses with automatic transmissions. They are 230 hp with air brakes. Each has a 100 gallon fuel tank, cruise control, a tilt/telescopic steering column, 11R22.5 tires, AM/FM radio, tinted windows and underbody storage compartments six to eight feet per side. These buses are \$71,900 each which includes delivery to Mountain Home.

Motion to Purchase Used Buses

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion seconded by Mr. Strider to buy two refurbished buses for the total cost of \$143,800.00.

After some discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Related Party Disclosures – Ms. Ann Harned

Ms. Harned had a list of several related party disclosures that were included with the board book. Of those business disclosures five were related to board members.

Related Party Disclosure for First Security Bank – Ms. Harned

Ms. Harned asked for the approval from the Board to do business with First Security Bank. The related board member is Mr. Robert Nelson. Mr. Nelson was asked to leave the meeting for the vote.

Motion to Do Business with First Security Bank

The motion was made by Ms. House and seconded by Mr. Bergman to do business with First Security Bank.

The motion carried unanimously.

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, was asked to leave the meeting.

Motion to Do Business with Strider Consulting

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

The motion was unanimously approved.

Related Party Disclosure for White River Petroleum – Ms. Harned

Ms. Harned recommended the Board approve a resolution to do business with White River Petroleum. The related Board member, Mr. Neal Pendergrass, was asked to leave the meeting.

Motion to Do Business with White River Petroleum

Ms. House made a motion, seconded by Mr. Strider, to approve a resolution to do business with White River Petroleum.

The motion carried unanimously.

Related Party Disclosure for General Water Conditioning – Ms. Harned

Ms. Harned asked for the approval from the Board to do business with General Water Conditioning. The related board member is Ms. Lisa House. Ms. House was asked to leave the meeting for the vote.

Motion to Do Business with General Water Conditioning

The motion was made by Mr. Strider and seconded by Mr. Bergman to do business with General Water Conditioning.

The motion carried unanimously.

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, was not in attendance.

Motion to Do Business with 62 East Auto and Other Vendors as Listed

Mr. Pendergrass made a motion, seconded by Mr. VanDolah to approve a resolution to do business with 62 East Auto as well as each other vendor listed as a related party to all other employees of the District.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Purchase of Audio Visual Technology Package – Dorothy Cook

Ms. Cook addressed the Board concerning the purchase of an Audio/Visual package for the high school library complex. The package will include LCD projectors for each of the computer labs, large screen display for the conference room, projector for the reading room – allowing playback of CD's, DVD's and VCR tapes, audio system throughout the library with a central control system and cabling/wiring throughout the library to allow for optimum connectivity for all media components in the library. Ms. Cook recommended the Board approve the purchase of this package to the lowest bidder in the amount of \$19, 976.90 including tax to be paid for out of stimulus funds. Ms. Cook noted that the vendor has been used by the District before and has done a good job in the past.

Motion to Purchase Audio Visual Technology Package

Ms. House made a motion to purchase the Audio/Visual package for the bid price of \$19,976.90 including tax to be paid for out of stimulus funds. Mr. Strider seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Update and Board Discussion– Dr. Lonnie Myers

Dr. Myers reported on the recent ADE (Arkansas Department of Education) on site review that took place on November 9, 2010. In the exit conference, attended by all building principals, Dr. Gigliotti and himself, the audit team went over the 168 items they were required to review. The District was fully accredited. One team member stated that we were the top of the line in Arkansas schools. Dr. Myers stated he was very proud of the administrators, teachers and staff of the Mountain Home School District who work hard everyday for a quality education for our students.

Mr. Strider stated he had the privilege of attending the 14th Annual National Career Academy Coalition Conference with several high school personnel November 7-9th in Austin, Texas. Faculty from the high school, including Brigitte Shipman, Kathy Gonten, Kathy Wham, George Sitkowski and Alecia Czanstkowski, presented and did an excellent job.

A break was taken at 6:47 p.m.

Executive Session Results – 7:53 p.m.

Recommendation on Personnel – Dr. Lonnie Myers

Dr. Myers recommended that the Board approve the recommendations of personnel as submitted on the personnel report.

Motion on Personnel

Mr. Strider made a motion, seconded by Mr. VanDolah, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the personnel recommendations as submitted.

The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Strider made the motion seconded by Mr. Bergman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Nelson, President

Ben Strider, Secretary