

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE GREEN
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT #103

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Cottage Classroom

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by PRESIDENT SYRING AT 7:04 P.M.
Board Members present: RICK SYRING, WENDY ARENDS, GARREN ELMER.
Secretary/superintendent TYSON VOGELER present.

Guests present: Tom Tervo (entered about 7:07 p.m.)
- 2.) Superintendent TYSON VOGELER stated that a correction had been made to the agenda in the list of directors for the oath of office, and that the fiscal numbers had been inserted which were unavailable when the draft agenda was sent to directors.

A Motion to Adopt and Approve the Agenda as presented was made by GARREN ELMER with a second by WENDY ARENDS. Motion passed 3-0.
- 3.) The Board then reviewed the MINUTES of the November 23, 2015 Special Board Meeting.

A Motion to Approve the Minutes as presented was made by GARREN ELMER with a second by WENDY ARENDS. Motion passed 3-0.
- 4.) The Board then reviewed the MINUTES of the December 3, 2015 Special Board Meeting.

A Motion to Approve the Minutes as presented was made by GARREN ELMER with a second by WENDY ARENDS. Motion passed 3-0.
- 5.) Superintendent's Report:

School News:

The annual Thanksgiving Banquet was on November 24, and staff carried that event off without any problems. Attendance was good, and the school actually had a small profit which will be considered next year in the planning.

Green Mountain's Christmas Program is Thursday, December 17 at seven.

Mr. Vogeler reported that once again Green Mountain School has been recognized as a School of Distinction by the Center for Educational Excellence. He noted that this year's recognition was because of improvements in middle school English/Language Arts and Mathematics scores. At the upcoming Christmas Program, ESD Superintendent Tim Merlino will present the award and banner to the school.

Staffing:

Nolan Wheeler has returned to work, and is in the process of getting the campus winterized. Staff appreciate having him back.

Mr. Vogeler said that he is recommending the board approve the hire of Jenny Waliezer as a part-time bus driver. That is an item on the consent agenda. She has been a substitute bus driver and classified staff, and hiring her on a regular basis to drive an afternoon bus route would free Mr. Wheeler to focus on maintenance. Mr. Wheeler will then be available as a substitute bus driver, but will not drive a bus on a daily basis.

Fiscal Report:

Mr. Vogeler directed the board's attention to the November fiscal report he distributed, prepared by business manager Kent Simpson. He noted that as of November 30, the school was 25% through the fiscal year, and that the district had expended 24.8% of their general budget. Mr. Vogeler then reviewed the financial reports for the capital projects fund, the debt service fund, and the transportation fund.

Enrollment:

Mr. Vogeler reported the current enrollment at 159 students. The district has 40 non-resident students attending Green Mountain School, and 20 resident students attending school in other districts, for a net gain of 20 students. He stated he anticipates a resident family with two students to leave the district in January, and that there is a family who will likely enroll a second-grade student after the first of the year. Mr. Elmer asked if this was a resident student, and Mr. Vogeler replied that it is not, but that our primary classes are quite small and that any non-resident student is accepted with the understanding that if the size of a grade cohort increases they may be denied the following year.

Instruction:

The district received a small grant from OSPI to assist with TPEP training. Mr. Vogeler worked with the ESD to revise the professional development approval for the year, and teachers will receive an additional 6 hours of training in January and February. An approved trainer will be providing the teachers in-depth training on the Marzano Instructional Framework.

Facilities:

Mr. Vogeler reported that all the items noted in the recent fire inspection have been corrected, and that the fire marshal had been contacted with that information, closing the annual inspection. Two of the issues were fire extinguishers that needed to be added to the

new portable, and combustible materials (paper) on classroom walls. Because our school lacks fire sprinklers, teachers may not have more than 50% wall coverage with paper or flammable material, and the walls within 5 feet of exit doors must be free of combustibles.

Risk Assessment Survey:

Educational Service District risk management was at the school last week to complete the risk assessment survey which Mr. Vogeler previously discussed with the board. Scott LaBar reviewed the survey items with Mr. Vogeler, and will forward a letter stating that the survey was complete.

Mr. Vogeler stated that after the last meeting when the transgender student policy moved through first reading, he did additional research on the legal requirements for the policy as the board had requested. He referenced an email from Calandra Sechrist at OSPI, included in the board packet. That email clarified that there is no legal requirement to have a board policy on transgendered students, but that discrimination is prohibited under the state's anti-discrimination statute, which is already included in the district's anti-discrimination policy. Mr. Vogeler said that he had removed policy 3211 from the agenda and was not recommending the board move it toward adoption at this time.

Maintenance and Operations Levy:

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6.) Public Comments:

Tom Tervo asked for clarification that the transgendered student policy was not being adopted. Mr. Syring confirmed it was not. Mr. Tervo asked if it was an issue at Green Mountain School, and both Mr. Syring and Mr. Vogeler replied it is not. Mr. Syring noted that WSSDA drafts policies, and some of them are legal requirements while others are optional. Mr. Vogeler clarified that the policy in question was part of a risk management recommendation, and that in order to discuss the policy, it needed to be placed on the agenda. He is recommending to the board that it not be adopted at this time, as he thinks it is already adequately covered under the district's non-discrimination policy.

7.) Action Items

A. Second Reading of Policies:

2029 Animals as Part of the Instructional Program
2030 Service Animals in Schools
3240 Anaphylaxis Prevention and Response
5010 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action

Mr. Syring commented that in his review of the policies, he was uncomfortable about some language in policy 5010 which referenced affirmative action ratios and corrective measures. While he understood the need in a much larger district, he did not think this language was necessary in our small district. Mr. Vogeler recommended that the board therefore move policy 5010 to a third reading and he would bring back a revised draft of the policy for board consideration.

A Motion to approve the first reading of policies 2029, 2030, and 3240 to second reading and adoption, and policy 5010 to a third reading was made by GARREN ELMER with a second by WENDY ARENDS. Motion passed 3-0.

9.) Consent Agenda

A. Main Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Approve recommended hire of Jenny Waleizer, part-time bus driver
- b. Approve payroll warrants 21774-21779 totaling \$5,025.20
- c. Approve electronically paid payroll taxes of \$7,060.77
- d. Approve payroll direct deposit \$43,907.68
- e. Approve benefit warrants 21780-21794 totaling 34,569.91
- f. Approve accounts payable warrants 21757-21773 totaling \$17,530.44

A Motion was made by GARREN ELMER with a second by WENDY ARENDS to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

9.) **Comments:** None were presented.

10.) Adjournment:

Motion-

A Motion to adjourn was made by GARREN ELMER with a second by WENDY ARENDS to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Rick Syring adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Tyson J. Vogeler

Rick Syring

Secretary/Superintendent

President, Board of Directors