

Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 19, 2024 5:30 PM

Moffat Consolidated School District #2 Boardroom, 501 Garfield Ave, Moffat, CO 81143

Mike Booth: Present

Virginia Drake: Present

Tina Eastman: Present

Lynn Ertle: Present

Patte Smith: Present

Patte Smith: Absent

6:41 Patte dropped off the call.

Patte attended virtually.

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Patte was present at 7:20pm in person.

1. <https://meet.google.com/ddq-stbh-jod>

2. Board Development

Discussion: The meeting is called to order by T Eastman at 5:39 pm.
Roll taken and all present.
Pledge of allegiance
Rules of discussion stated.
T Eastman asked if there was any public comment and there was none.

Speaker(s): Michael Booth

3. Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

3.a. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: All members stood and pledged.

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

3.b. Mission and Welcome

Moffat Consolidated School District #2 exists so that our students have a safe learning environment with unique learning opportunities that prepare them for their future.

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

Welcoming Notes: Welcome to the regular meeting of the Moffat Consolidated School District 2. The board's meeting time is dedicated to its strategic mission and top-priority focus areas. Your insights are welcomed as part of the Board's business meeting. "Public Participation" is an opportunity to present brief comments or pose questions to the board for consideration or follow-up. Each person is asked to limit comments to three minutes. The boundaries are designed to help keep the meeting focused and should in no way limit conversations beyond the board meeting.

4. Public Comment

Speaker(s): Tina

Discussion: No public comment was stated or addressed.

Eastman

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Action(s):

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Mike Booth and seconded by Patte Smith, Carried.

Voting Detail:

Mike Booth: Yea

Virginia Yea

Drake:

Tina Eastman: Yea

Lynn Ertle: Yea

Patte Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Discussion: JT stated that amendments needed to be made to the agenda in regards to the working of topics.

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

6. **Announcements**

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

6.a. Accomplishments/Recognition/Honors

Discussion: T Eastman stated that she wanted to recognize the staff at MCSD for the success of blanket night and the participation. She also commented on the Capturing Kids Hearts PD that the staff, including the new staff went through before school started.

J Torrez stated that he wanted to recognize K Garcia for pointing out the need for this program and to change the culture of our school.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Action(s):

Motion to approve consent agenda. This motion, made by Virginia Drake and seconded by Lynn Ertle, Carried.

Voting Detail:

Mike Booth: Yea

Virginia Yea

Drake:

Tina Eastman: Yea

Lynn Ertle: Yea

Patte Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda and pull out the typo's and table the retreat minutes. PS voted on this virtually. This motion, made by Virginia Drake and seconded by Lynn Ertle, Carried.

Voting Detail:

Mike Booth: Yea

Virginia Yea

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

Drake:

Tina Eastman: Yea

Lynn Ertle: Yea

Patte Smith: Absent

Voting Summary: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: The motion was made to approve the consent agenda to pull out the typo's and to table the retreat minutes.

7.a. Approval of Minutes

7.a.i. June 24, 2024 minutes

7.a.ii. July 11-12, 2024 retreat minutes

7.a.iii. July 31, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

7.b. New Hires, Resignations, Dismissals:

7.c. Approval of Check register

7.d. Approval of US Bank Card Statement

7.e. Capital Construction Architect Contracts

Discussion: J Torrez will report on this during the superintendent report.

Speaker(s): Joe Torrez

7.f. Directors Reports

7.g. Staff and Student Handbooks

Speaker(s): Joe Torrez

8. Superintendent Reports

Speaker(s): Joe Torrez

8.a. Superintendent's Board Report

Discussion: J Torrez reported that the PD of the board is registered for the conference and ready. M Booth and V Drake are spearheading the presentation at the CASB conference. T Eastman stated that they will meet with other boards and network as well as established budget and priorities. She stated that they are ahead of last year.

T Eastman stated that the school will be looking at an auction for land and to inventory excess items that are not being used and use the monetary funds for the construction project.

J Torrez stated that MCSD received the architectural plans for the building project and county commissioners approved the grant for the expansion. He also stated that the gym floor looks great for both the students and families. J Torrez reminded the board that Sept 6th is the SLV educator's conference in Alamosa. He stated that there will be opportunities for staff to select PD sessions that are important to that individual. He also stated that the keynote speaker will be discussing the use of AI and EBP

for education.
JT was appointed to represent the the school at BOCES. Work will not start until the winter. Property frameworks will be attached. The board will still have the executive session to put things in more layman's terms regarding property taxes. Will have more information in the future.

8.b. Monitoring Reports

Action(s) :

Motion to approve EL 12 and EL 5 monitoring reports. This motion, made by Virginia Drake and seconded by Lynn Ertle, Carried.

Voting Detail:

Mike Booth: Yea

Virginia Drake: Yea

Tina Eastman: Yea

Lynn Ertle: Yea

Patte Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9. Board Reports

9.a. BOCES

Discussion: V Drake stated that they are onboarding George and that she has volunteered with the construction committee. She stated that she gets updated info from George every Monday and she also gets bi-weekly info on the BEST project.

T Eastman asked if we are still sharing services with S Central and V Drake replied no.

No other questions or comments posed.

Speaker(s) : Virginia Drake

9.b. CASB

Discussion: T Eastman stated that the next CASBE meeting is in Sept. She also stated that the board is gearing up for the Boardmanship Academy. T Eastman nor M Booth will be there. K Garcia, V Drake, and L Erytle will be there.

T Eastman explained the agenda somewhat and what would be available for future training. L Erytle stated that there was a title 9 seminar at noon on Wednesday. L Erytle stated that she will be attending.

V Drake that she is involved with the finance project. T Eastman stated that if anyone else is interested i joining, they would be welcome.

Speaker(s) : Tina Eastman

9.c. Governing Council

Discussion: P Smith spoke virtually about the beginning of the year activities and wondering how they went. V Drake stated that they had received some response card that will be discussed at a later date.

Speaker(s) : Patte Smith

9.d. Legislative

Discussion: J Torres stated that legislators have

called a special session to discuss prop 150 and 108. He stated that the HB did not pass and that Nat cook is on top of everything. He feels that we need to keep an eye on these items as they affect fire districts and libraries. He stated that If they pass, it undoes what was passed last year.

T Eastman stated that the Deligate Assembly is in Oct. and she is planning to attend. She also stated that next year it will be moved to Sept. and that there was discussion regarding a need to add to the board retreat agenda for next year.

T Eastman stated that the board does not have to pay for the conference as she is on the CASBE board. She also stated that we will have a book of resolutions to look over and vote on.

9.e. Treasurer's Report

Speaker(s) : Virginia Drake

Discussion: V Drake states that we paid for the retreat. It was \$154. She also states that \$184 was paid to the IRS for a health insurance research fee.

Rebecca explained that this is related to Obamacare. She stated that annual heath care is submitted to the IRS for research and the fee is approx \$2/employee. She stated that the IRS form is completed annually for every employee that is on the school district books. She added that it is a fee and not a tax but could be considered as such and the board is made aware of those benefits for each employee so that for transparency everyone is on the same page regarding insurance.

10. Board Policy Work

Speaker(s) : Virginia Drake

10.a. First reading GP-2-Governing Style

Discussion: M Booth stated that GP 2 is our governing style and has to do with electronic means for for board meetings per calendar year. He stated that the board can approve additional attendances if it is needed but otherwise if a board member uses more than four virtual attendances, the board can then declare that member's seat vacant.

No other discussions were introduced.

Speaker(s) : Michael Booth

11. Administrative Policy Work

11.a. First Reading of JICA-Student Dress Code (Graduation), IKFB-Graduation Exercises, ACA-Name Changes

Discussion: T Eastman introduced the first reading of JICA, IKFB, and ACA.

JICA:

M Booth researched approximately 10 different schools and MCSD looks very consistent with other districts. He stated that there are some things that could be changed but MCSD is pretty much

aligned with most of Colorado school districts.

IKFB:

J Torrez stated that for graduation exercises students need to comply with the dress code. he stated that the discussion is that dress code for graduation is part of dress code attire and this is attached with JICA. J Torrez read the sample paragraph from CASB. He stated that this board is allowed to modify that as desired for our district. The hat boards are sometimes decorated - leaving that allowance in place would leave the tradition. J Torrez read the phrase from IKFB and stated that the board could take time to get it right based on our tradition. J Torrez discussed specifically tribal, religious, and cultural things need to be defined so that there is no gray area. J Torrez also stated that he felt that the board needed to discuss what other "decorations" that can be allowed on the graduation stole. J Torrez stated that no messaging can be inflammatory, denegrating, or offensive and that students must request in writing in advance and have their request(s) for decoration or additions approved by school administration. He also stated that the challenge for the board is coming adopting clear definitions of the afore mentioned items. J Torrez wants to have clear guidelines as well as the requesting process for the specific expression desired.

JT stated that we have a dress code but that graduation adornment is new to what is already in place. V Drake asked was this a specific paragraph or was this the whole document that needed to be discussed. J Torrez responded that graduation is in need of discussion as it is our policy and not the state of Colorado's.

ACA:

T Eastman directed the discussion to ACA. L Erytle stated that she has all kinds of questions but does not know where to begin.

V Drake stated that kids want to be addressed by their nic-names. M Booth stated that when he was in school, everyone had a nic-name and that very few children were known by their given names. J Torrez stated that this falls into the gender identity arena. He stated that he wanted the board to have a look so that we can comply with HB 1029. He stated that this is more of a gender identity issue and not a name issue. He also stated that in no way would we be giving this information to 3rd parties. J Torrez stated that name changes need to be official and needs to involve parents. He also stated that staff will comply and be respectful of students and that this does not need to be a solicited item in the classroom and he feels that it will come

organically from the students. He also feels that this needs to be addressed reasonably soon. T Eastman asked for clarification on when this needs to be put into process. J Torrez responded that it does not necessarily need to be formal but can and should be organic.

V Drake then asked for clarification about the student's official record not involving the parents and courts. J Torrez pointed out that emancipated youth or students that are 18 yrs of age may be able to do this without parental approval. L Erytle clarified with J Torrez that a student can request a name change but it needs to be done in an official manner.

V Drake stated that we can go down the road of a name changes but she feels it is really none of our business. J Torrez states that with this HB it is essentially common sense being legislated.

12. Old Business

Discussion: None discussed

Speaker(s): Virginia Drake

13. New Business

13.a. Moffat/ Mountain Valley collaboration discussion

Discussion: Moffat - Mtn Valley collaboration discussion was introduced. J Torrez states that MCSD #2 reached out to the Mtn Valley administration but was not able to connect. He also stated that some of the Mtn.Valley dates could not be confirmed.

J Torrez stated that we will continue to reach out again to find common ground and possibilities to meet again. He stated that we want to collaborate also with the Crestone CharterSschool to build a stronger district.

V Drake stated that this was stated to Mtn Valley but when it came to trying to have a meeting, MCDS seemed to be all the work. J Torres stated that Mtn Valley needs to come up with a date and J Torrez stated that we will reach out again to try and make that happen.

14. Executive Session

Action(s):

Move to go to executive session. This motion, made by Mike Booth and seconded by Virginia Drake, Carried.

Voting Detail:

Mike Booth: Yea

Virginia Drake: Yea

Tina Eastman: Yea

Lynn Ertle: Yea

Patte Smith: Absent

Voting Summary: Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion: A short break was taken before executive session.

14.a.

14.b. C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (b)- Legal- discuss legal issues regarding potential claim by former employee

Discussion:

14.c. C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f) (I) - Personnel- Discuss administrative issue regarding Superintendent's contract

15. **Board Self Evaluation**

Action(s):

motion made to amend admin the superintendent's contract and the discretionary leave. This motion, made by Patte Smith and seconded by Mike Booth, Carried.

Voting Detail:

Mike Booth: Yea

Virginia Drake: Yea

Tina Eastman: Yea

Lynn Ertle: Yea

Patte Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Discussion: Resuming the BOE open session at 8:31pm

Executive session was convened on 8/19/2024 at 7:31 to discuss legal issues regarding a potential claim by a formal employee.

Also personnel attending M Booth, V Drake, L Erytle, P Smith, J Torrez, DO and RC

During the session the board discussed and received legal advice on both issues. Nothing was discussed outside of these items. The board did not adopt any regulation or rule and adjourned at 8:27 and returned to the general session.

RC or J Torrez did not influence or debate the board's deliberation.

The board evaluation papers were passed out and members were asked to fill the out and give them to T Eastman.

16. **Next Meeting**

Discussion: The next regular board meeting is Sept 16th.

17. **Good of the Order**

Discussion: The board decide to schedule a work session to discuss the feedback from the employee BBQ or add it to the next general session. V Drake stated that she felt like a lot of the topics were already being addressed.

P Smith stated that she felt like just adding an hour to the next meeting would be a good idea.

V Drake stated that everyone should already have most of the information so it should not take more than 30 min at the next meeting. T Eastman suggested a virtual meeting could be on the Monday before the next meeting at 5:30pm. J Torrez suggested that they invite K Garcia to provide insight and update. Agreed on 9/16/2024.

V Drake inquired about a drug awareness event. J Torrez suggested that with the new counselors it could be set up thru them. J Torrez stated that he would connect the counselors with V Drake. J Torrez stated that he has done things like this before. T Eastman asked about the board's role and J Torrez responded that the board's awareness and support was desired but there was no official function for the board.

T Eastman agreed that board presence and support was indeed beneficial. L Erytle mentioned the DARE program.

T Eastman mentioned that at the CASB meeting there was a group that came to school to discuss marijuana use. J Torrez stated that he felt that there was a lot of interest with the community 1st responders. V Drake stated that she felt that the board and administration should be proactive and not reactionary. It was also mentioned that it was in the board policy not to be reactionary.

T Eastman wanted to commend the board for their work and dedication to the work at hand.

18. **Adjournment**

Discussion: Meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm by T Eastman.

Board Secretary