

Special Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2024 5:30 PM

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

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

2. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum**

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

Action(s):

Tina Eastman called the meeting to order at 5:32pm. 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

2.a. Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

2.b. Mission and Welcome

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

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.

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.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

Action(s):

I move to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Virginia Drake and seconded by Patte Smith, Carried.

Voting Detail:

Mike Booth: Yea

Virginia Drake: Yea

Tina Eastman: Yea

Lynn Ertle: Yea

Patte Smith: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0

4. **Review and discuss feedback cards.**

Discussion: This meeting was to review the comment cards turned in from the beginning of the year back to school BBQ. V Drake read some of the comments having to do with the comments made

as to what the board could do to help in the coming year. The answers that the board has received to date are more pep rallies, Capturing Kids Heart's, and bringing back the "old" traditions.

L Ertle asked what was meant by old traditions. The discussion continued and there were some questions about what old traditions meant and what was let go.

The discussion continued about teacher of the year plaques. P Smith would like to include support staff. P Smith likes acknowledging support staff as they do lots of jobs that others won't.

J Torrez stated that maybe it is time to get a new plaque. K Garca stated that now it is not a plaque but a crystal award that gets passed around from teacher to teacher. T Eastman stated that something like that is good for retired teachers and staff to point out to their family members their achievements.

P Smith related that she just went to her reunion and acknowledges that recognition is important as we get older. V Drake also stated that they don't do class reunions any longer either.

J Torrez stated that a committee would be needed to organize and plan it. T Eastman agreed and stated that it would take full-time dedication to do it correctly. She pointed out that the young kids don't really participate but the older people enjoy seeing old friends.

J Torrez brought up discussion about a dedication for our Sr. Athletes displayed in the gym. He stated that it could be expanded to varsity as well. He stated that we have a good relationship with an advertising and marketing company, and we could start looking into pricing.

Ti Eastman stated that, historically, we had a lot of school spirit, but it was before they tore down the old school. K Garcia stated that there was interest in cheerleading at the end of the year last year and T Eastman stated that cheerleading would improve school spirit but is not treated as a sport.

Tina asked what the board could do to assist. She stated that things like Pep rallies can be done without the board and asked again what can we do as a board? V Drake mentioned bringing together groups to build support for the teachers.

V Drake pointed out that the drug awareness program is bringing the community together because, even in a rural area this can be a problem. J Torrez said that we are making strides to change the culture in Moffat and CKH was the beginning of building that culture without a complicated approach. The board is meeting together because we care and were asked

questions from the Back to School BBQ. J Torres stated that continuing the letter to the staff reiterating that the board supports the staff, both financially and in terms of time. He stated that the board would continue those things throughout the year. He suggested that the board continue looking at data and deciding what would be the next steps. He stated that it is not one and done.

V Drake stated that is why she felt that it was important to address the responses on the cards from the BBQ. T Eastman stated that they did not receive a lot of cards and if folks still have their cards, they can still fill them out and turn the in to the office. L Ertle stated that an email could also go out to encourage folks to continue to give feedback. J Torrez asked that something like that should come from the board secretary and not the admin. T Eastman stated that this would keep this idea moving forward; asking for more input as to what they want to do and traditions to bring back. P Smith stated that they provided dinner for the community during parent/teacher conferences. K Garcia stated that the school has done that in the past 2 years. V Drake stated that because they are remote, dinner here could help families come, as parents work in other places and don't always have time to feed the family and then go to conferences. K Garcia also stated that she feels like the comment on the response cards of "food" is referring to lunch on PD days. On PD days, there are limited places to go, but it could be ordered in.

The question was asked about the response of "Lunch and Learns", which referred to something that was done at Center School District. There were also small PDs during lunch - mini PD things. Another comment that V Drake read was to "Narrow down the CE's that are available to maintain my professional licenses." J Torrez stated that they really could not narrow the required CE's as they are set and required by the state. J Torrez stated that CE requirements for PD opportunities are 90 hours between renewals. The question was asked if CKH sent any? K Garcia said yes it is online. She also states that it is the staff's job to keep track of their certificates. K Garcia is also trying to encourage folks to enter the information into RANDA. V Drake asked if the staff was asked what they want to learn - how can the board help with that? J Torrez stated that the educator's conference in Alamosa had a variety of options to learn from but that it was mostly general informaion. He stated that maybe they could look

into conferences with a specific venue for specialized teaching, like Art or Science. J Torrez stated that there have been Math, Science, and LA conferences in the past. K Garcia stated that there have not been a lot of requests from the secondary staff, but the elementary staff does request quite often.

V Drake brought up discussion regarding building community relationships - talking teachers up in the community. She stated that she thinks that the board is working on transparency and honesty. J Torrez stated that he thinks that it would be good to take inventory of community events. He mentioned parent/teacher conferences and back to school night. He also stated that we want parents to be aware and us too about the dangers in the world, like drugs. He clarified that it was not taking a defensive stance but trying to understand what more can be done.

K Garcia stated that Dylan S has a volunteer form for parents. She pointed out that he had put together a digital pamphlet of resources for families with the links. She stated that he is also working on a fun science night, math night, and literacy night. She mentioned that she feels the whole approach is to be more proactive and engaging for more people to come in and get involved in the school. She said that if we would make a 50% increase, then that is great and that we are trying to mitigate issues like absenteeism. M Derrick brought up the idea of a craft fair or bazaar to help involve families. T Eastman stated that a women's group did that years ago so that things could be sold and then the littles could "buy" things for their parents. J Torrez wants to recognize those that already do participate as he understands that getting help from parents and the giving of their time would be a bigger commitment.

P Smith mentioned that before there was a PTA. K Garcia stated that Dylan S was working on a "parent group". We are trying to make it just a group and not an organization so that there are not a lot of hoops like dues to jump through.

P Smith stated that they had one for 2 years, but then it fell apart.

T Eastman stated that at the last CASB conference there was discussion about this topic. She stated that she would try to find her information to pass on to Dylan S.

V Drake stated that we also used to have a booster club but is not sure if it is still active. T Eastman stated that it is still there with all the bylaws, but there hasn't been a lot of interest recently. She stated that the booster club in the past helped with various

clubs and helped at the gates with sporting events. P Smith stated that Moffat became the community center. P Smith stated that they need to figure out what the "draw" would be to get parents into the school. P Smith wants to create an environment to get things done as well as getting parents in the door. T Eastman brought up an idea and stated that we used to have "Bucky the Bronc." She continued that they would set this up during BB games and people would donate to try shooting for baskets and the half-time of basketball games. P Smith stated that Saguache does that at every game. V Drake asked if there is a group that can help figure these kinds of things out. J Torrez talked about having young kids playing on the floor for 10 minutes and then having another "mini" game and the parents would come and watch their children compete. He stated that he could also apply to cheerleading. He stated that it would mean the cost of a t-shirt and shorts, but it could be a huge draw for the community. P Smith also stated that she feels that a school board member should be at every game - not necessarily the whole board but at least one member.

V Drake stated that she has no more cards and that many things are already being addressed. V Drake thanked K Garcia and J Torrez and stated that she cares about the kids and the staff. She mentioned that there was a noticeable dry spell, and it was good to see spirit coming back to school. L Ertle stated that if we could send out an email stating that the board is working on the feedback they have received and are willing to entertain more ideas from those that have not turned in their cards.

T Eastman asked if there was any further discussion and there was not.

5. Good of the Order

Discussion: T Eastman reminded everyone that next week is the regular board meeting. She stated that the agenda will be in review and Thursday will be published and ready for Monday.

6. Adjournment

Discussion: T Eastman adjourned the meeting at 6:18 pm.