

Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday, October 21, 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
all present

1. Board Development

Speaker(s): Michael Booth

Discussion: T Eastman called the meeting to order at 5:31pm and asked for the board development progress with M Booth and V Drake.

M Booth presented information about the starting and development of a new school board for smaller, rural districts, including the onboarding process. Learning topics include the details of onboarding and initiating new board members. What need the most pressing need for new schools? He would like to add the resources that new boards can use. This information will be presented at the CASB conference for other school boards to use. 178 school districts (that is 31 large and 147 small). There are exercises that help with assessment of rural school boards. Want to have a local feel or get in touch with the local school board. He is still calling Matt Cook to touch base. M Booth passed out a handout that gave the synopsis of what they will present at the conference. Understanding why the boards exist is important and then their development is critical to success. Team dynamics are essential to better serve the community and the students.

1.a. Practice presentation of CASB Conference session

Speaker(s): Virginia Drake, Mike Booth

2. Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

2.a. Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

2.b. Mission and Welcome

Moffat Consolidated School District #2 exists so that our students have a safe learning

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

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. 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.

3. **Public Comment**

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

Discussion: There are public attendees that would like to speak during the meeting and have signed in on the appropriate paper to do so.

First to speak is Marie McCaooum - wanted to introduce herself as a reporter of the dispatch. She had been doing her job for over 4 years and wanted to come and cover the topics to be covered. She is a positive person and does not want to put anything negative out in the community.

Next is Lisa Cole - here to speak about the finance issues going on. Wanted to start with mentioning \$331,090 thousand dollars. She listed several sources that Moffat School has funds for that should have gone to the charter school. She listed several things, and she is requesting payment by Oct 23, 2024. She stated that she would appreciate better communication in the area of finance. She states that there are people to do school things and energy should go back to the children.

Next up is Eden Murphy - she is reading her statement. There was an underestimation of business responsibilities. CCS is not able to fulfill it's obligations, and would like to get it resolved. This begins the 15-day search for an administrator. Past due items were also brought up. Tina asked for a copy of the items that they are bringing to us.

Next up is Thomas Cleary - Last Wednesday CCS had their board meeting and have been speaking about financial concerns. He has not been able to give quarterly reports due to being behind in payments.

He states that folks are working hard, but deadlines are being missed. His next thing is revisions that he needs to give to his board.

\$474,000 in addition to the 15% that is still in the Moffat budget. He mentions wording in the contract that requires Moffat to pay on time. He acknowledged there was a learning curve for payroll including benefits. He is not interested in mediation and has a handout for the board that details the items that he has mentioned.

T Eastman thanked everyone for their comments and asked if there was anyone online that wanted to address the board. None identified.

4. Approval of Agenda

Speaker(s) : Tina Eastman

Action(s) :

I move to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Mike Booth 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

5. Announcements

Speaker(s) : Tina Eastman

5.a. Accomplishments/Recognition/Honors

Discussion: T Eastman stated that she is very appreciative of all the work that K Garcia does.

T Eastman stated that Cathryn Sylva is continuing in the educational process.

J Torrez wanted to add a way to "grow our own" rather than state oversight. Cat has done it and is making awesome progress.

5.b. Trunk or Treat

Discussion: T Eastman states that trunk or treat is Oct 31st from 3:30 - 4:30pm.

Coordinators L Ertle and V Drake. K Garcia has sent out flyers to the community already for their information.

Discussion regarding participation and limits regarding this activity.

T Eastman asked if there were any additional questions. None were presented. The town can start coming from 4:30 - 5:30pm.

6. Consent Agenda

Speaker(s) : Tina Eastman

Action(s) :

Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Mike Booth 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

Discussion: T Eastman does have corrections to the minutes from previous minutes. Motion to approve with amendments or changes that need to be made.

T Eastman went over the changes that need to be made to the minutes and read them to the board for approval.

6.a. Approval of Minutes

Action(s):

To approve the minutes from Sept 9th, Sept 16, and Aug 19 with corrections. This motion, made by Tina Eastman 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

6.a.i. BOE Regular Meeting Minutes August 12, 2024

6.a.i.a. August 19, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes

6.a.ii. BOE Special Meeting Minutes September 9, 2024

6.a.ii.a. Sept 9, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

6.a.iii. BOE Regular Meeting Minutes September 16, 2024

6.a.iii.a. Sept 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

6.b. New Hires, Resignations, Dismissals:

6.b.i. New Hires

6.b.i.a. New Hires

6.c. Approval of Check register

6.c.i. Check Register

6.c.ii. Quarterly Financials

6.d. Approval of US Bank Card Statement

6.d.i. US Bank Credit Card statement

6.e. Directors Reports

6.e.i. October Director Reports

7. Superintendent Reports

7.a. Superintendent's Board Report

Discussion: A couple of things were mentioned; the Attainment network towards careers and that they are getting a van and getting it painted and ready. They will be traveling to various districts, including Moffat, where students will be able to do CNA classes and get certified within the semester. We think that this is a great pathway to start in the medical field and employability. Health needs are critical in the valley. Have a meeting this week to look at how our schedules can accommodate this.

We want to publically commend staff and parents for focusing on the importance of getting kids to school. It is a priority post-covid to get kids to school. There are 92 students in attendance overall. This year, we have 70% of the staff that have an MA degree or better, and we are moving in the right direction. We will be starting after school homework and classwork completion sessions headed by Dylan Schouweiler. Hopefully, this will start in the next 3-4 weeks. We have been funded for a 5th year because we reached our goals so well in early literacy. We are pushing the common sense approach and will be pushing local legislatures to take a look at why we have gotten the grants. This is just more of a reward for doing so well.

Hispanic heritage month is this month and we are infusing this in the curriculum and including staff on the local level.

We had good attendance at PT conferences. Rise together is this Wednesday night. We have a variety of folks coming to this event. This is mainly focusing on what can be done to help prevent negative choices with drugs. This will be a starting point for more things to come in the future.

The charter school is dealing with an outbreak of Pertussis. We commend Thomas and his staff using public health and informing the community about what they can do for prevention, care, and answer all the questions that flood in from parents and the community alike.

Ay additional questions? None entertained.

7.a.i. Superintendent's Board Report

7.b. Monitoring Reports

7.b.i. EL-4

Action(s) :

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Lynn Ertle 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

Discussion: If the board would like to do this together, then let T Eastman know.

7.b.i.a. EL-4 **FINANCIAL PLANNING/BUDGETING**

7.b.ii. EL-5

Action(s) :

Motion to approve. 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: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Discussion: Motion for discussion.

7.b.ii.a. **EL-5: Financial Condition and activities**

8. **Board Reports**

8.a. BOCES

Discussion: BOCES is standing in there. V Drake states that George Welsh communicates at all levels at BOCEES.

Workplace transition programs. Construction discussion concerning all the participation of

Speaker(s) : Virginia Drake

the districts and would like to expand to all other districts.
Next week, interviews are happening for the construction project in Monte Vista with different general contractors.

No additional questions.

8.b. CASB

Discussion: T Eastman stated that she had a great start at the conference.
The conference was great with a great keynote speaker.
The afternoon speaker was Anne Brown, CEO for the - spearheaded mental health in schools. There are free classes for school districts. CASB has the medallion and it is active. There are some costs involved with some classes, but there are a lot that are also free. It is a good way for the school and the parents to work together for the kids' mental health. Alex Boyle stated that this topic hits home because of Tina's family (cousin). She feels that this is a major area of need for the community. The meeting is Dec 4th.

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

No other questions or topics were entertained.

8.c. Governing Council

Discussion: No questions or topics were entertained.

Speaker(s): Patte Smith

8.d. Legislative

Discussion: There is support for school funding for students that will follow the student no matter where they go - it does not matter whether it is private, public, or homeschooled. Early voting has begun.
We discussed at the CASB conference what will be needed as a district that can be passed on to our legislators.
J Torrez stated that there are legislative bodies that do not support those proposed amendments. He requested that we read the info packets regarding Amendment 80. When there are 3 large education associations that are not in favor of it, then it is most likely not good for public education.
T Eastman stated that CASB took a stand against it.

8.e. Treasurer's Report

Discussion: The discussion was about not being able to approve their budget as presented.
There was also discussion about trunk or treat and the kiosk.
There was discussion about the start of the school year and a parent orientation before.
There was a conversation about the finances between Moffat and Crestone Charter and the progress being made regarding payments.

Speaker(s): Virginia Drake

T Eastman asked if it would help to have a virtual backup in case of an emergency. P Smith agreed so that we could make sure that we had a representative there.

No real new expenditures for the budget.

8.e.i. Board Budget

Discussion: V Drake stated that \$340.82 for the Back to School BBQ, \$6,420 to Colorado Association of Executives, BOE supplies were \$170.38, and BOE dues of \$700 to CASB.

V Drake stated that the total of \$7,632.20 was paid to date for expenditures.

The question was presented that V Drake's name shows up with the financials and it looks like that money is being paid to her. She wants it known that she did not receive that money. J Torrez stated that they all went to the CASB conference, but it showed J Torrez and V Drake were not paid to attend the conference. Upon further research, J Torrez was paid but V Drake was not. J Torrez stated that V Drake was paid for.

It was stated that there is \$51,493.80 available in the budget at the present time.

No other questions were presented.

8.e.ii. Board Budget detail

9. Board Policy Work

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

9.a. GP-7 Board Committee Principles

Discussion: T Eastman stated that these are our principles and we are monitoring them. We are also making sure that we are following them. She stated that she felt a few things needed to be changed. We have no committees at this time to review the needed changes.

J Torrez stated that these are just guidelines for the purpose of forming a committee.

9.b. GP-8 Board Committee Structure

Discussion: This was discussed by the DAC committee that was last revised in 2023.

J Torrez states that the school does have a committee, and it will meet for discussions. We do not have a board liaison, and we don't feel that one is needed at this time.

V Drake stated that she was on the committee, and they shared the rules and responsibilities and there were representatives of different groups.

No other questions were proposed.

10. Administrative Policy Work

10.a. Policy JLCD Administering of Medication to Students

11. Old Business

Discussion: The subject was brought up, and we need to look at rescheduling the co-op dinner with the governing council. Right now it is scheduled for Nov 6th at 5:30pm at the restaurant with T Eastman tentatively. It could be a potluck.

J Torrez stated that we can send this as a proposal to the council. T Eastman is sending the proposal now. Pot luck is now scheduled for Nov 6th at Grammy's place.

V Drake posed a question; do we have any resolution about what happened with the white eagle?

J Torrez's opinion is that it has been expressed, along with the question of what the county is going to do with the property. He stated that we have had no response to date for several reasons, and he will follow up on this.

The CASB agenda is out for the summer. Bryce is supposed to email T Eastman. She stated that there will be a new app for attending the conference.

11.a. BOE-GC dinner

12. New Business

12.a. Moffat/Mountain Valley common Ground discussion

Discussion: The meeting was held and there was discussion regarding their perspectives and ideas as well as Moffat's. It was decided that a co-op dinner might be a good place to start. It was decided that they would try to do something between the holidays and the CASB conference. The Friday night of the CASB conference they would like to have a joint dinner and visit. Some of the next steps would be to poll the boards about topics and leave them open-ended to see if there would be any interest or burning interest. It was discussed at length to look to see if there are grant funds available for the districts and put a study together to point out things that need to be considered.

V Drake stated that at University of Denver there was a similar study to combine BOCES. She stated that there are a lot of moving parts, and they are willing to explore all avenues to accomplish this.

If at any time the board wants reservations at the CASB conference, they need to be made

immediately or there will not be room for everyone.

No other questions or comments were presented.

13. Board Self Evaluation

Discussion: M Booth stated that they are giving a self evaluation which is the metric path.

The next board meeting will be on November 18th at 5:30 pm.

14. Next Meeting

15. Good of the Order

Discussion: It was stated that better communication and urgency regarding certain subjects needs to be considered.

T Eastman reminded us that there needs to be 2 way communication for all involved. If communication is by text, that constitutes a meeting.

Next board meeting will discuss sunshine laws.

16. Adjournment

Discussion: The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Board Secretary