

Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday, November 18, 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 of Education and Governing Council dinner

2. Board Development 6:15 pm

Speaker(s): Michael Booth

Discussion: M Booth took pages from a board development guideline for 2025 as it relates to GP-3, communications, and community relationships. He would like the board to pick 3-5 things that they feel need to be addressed.

2.a. Virtual Meeting Address

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

3. Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

Discussion: The meeting was called to order at 6:23 pm.

3.a. Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

Discussion: All participated

3.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. 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.
Discussion: No one present wants to address the board.

No one on line wanted to address the board.

4. Public Comment

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

5. Approval of Agenda

Speaker(s): Tina

Action(s) :

Eastman

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

6. Announcements**Speaker(s) :** Tina Eastman**6.a. Accomplishments/Recognition/Honors**

Discussion: J Torrez wanted to recognize the preschool for the Colorado Shines program. Lisa Lucero, the preschool teacher, received her licensure and accreditation. We received level 6 and there may not be anything beyond that. We had to have site visits, document reviews, and several other things, and we met the highest standards. Along with those requirements, parents also weigh in on what is provided for the students as well as prep for Kindergarten, and we did great!

6.a.i. Moffat School District Pre-school Colodrado shines rating

Discussion: J Torrez wanted to recognize the preschool for the Colorado Shines program. Lisa Lucero, the preschool teacher, received her licensure and accreditation. We received level 6 and there may not be anything beyond that. We had to have site visits, document reviews, and several other things, and we met the highest standards. Along with those requirements, parents also weigh in on what is provided for the students as well as prep for Kindergarten, and we did great!

7. 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 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: T Eastman wanted to pull the minutes and table them before the next meeting due to technical issues.

The motion was agreed to and carried.

7.a. Approval of Minutes October 18, 2024 regular meeting, November 8, 2024 special virtual meeting.

Discussion: Tabled until issues are sorted out.

7.b. New Hires, Resignations, Dismissals:

7.c. Approval of Check register

7.d. Approval of US Bank Card Statement

7.e. Directors Reports

8. Superintendent Reports

8.a. Superintendent's Board Report

Discussion: The discussion was brought up regarding the school choice amendment. J Torrez does not feel that is good for schools, esp rural schools. He states that it hints of a voucher system.

There will be a CASB member at the capital. He has not asked to be there but will be rep the SLV superintendents.

The discussion about opportunities to be represented and collaborate with other districts in colorado was presented.

8.a.i. Superintendent's Board Report

8.b. Monitoring Reports

8.b.i. EL-3 Treatment of Staff

Action(s):

moved to approve. 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

Discussion: T Eastman wanted to thank J Torrez

for the definite line of proof in the monitoring report and the listing of upcoming things to support the school.

9. Board Reports

9.a. BOCES

Speaker(s): Virginia Drake

Discussion: Mr. Welsh has been named as the interim director of BOCES. The SAC meeting was attended regarding the audit. A meeting was also held with Cindy Wright about construction. We have a report on how busy George is for the BOCES and those that he is meeting with to accomplish positive things.

J Torrez stated that he was meeting with George for special education, evaluation and the processes for those kids that qualify for special education.

T Eastman brought up the backlog of kids that needed to be tested for IEP's. V Drake stated that they are putting into place the procedure that everyone goes through for testing and evaluation. In 2020, they needed to do 1500 children/mo, and only had 60 days to do it. There is a lot of time and effort that goes into this testing.

9.b. CASB

Speaker(s): Tina Eastman

Discussion: The discussion was presented about trying to get ready to go to the winter retreat. Anyone that is interested and wants to serve on the legislative board for regions 9,11,12. CASB has a vacancy in region 13. There was also discussion regarding the plans for attending the CASB conference. T Eastman can put in a reservation for a school car, and the board can ride together if there is a desire. She also stated that we will have to make sure that it is posted. J Torrez states that the board has a tentative OK to stay at the same place as they did before. He states that if there is anything that we would like to discuss, then we can ask the lawyer to weigh in with his perspective. T Eastman stated that we will leave Wed around 7:30am. She also stated to make sure that everyone downloads the app so that communication can happen. The discussion continued about the nature of the breakout sessions and how they had been approved.

9.c. Governing Council

Speaker(s): Patte Smith

Discussion: P Smith has not met since the last meeting but will be meeting this coming Wednesday. This has been an eventful week for her due to personal issues.

9.d. Legislative

9.d.i. Amendment 80 - fails

Discussion: J Torrez stated that amendment 80 failed but probably will come back again sometime in the future. The CASB legislative platform has been attached for all to read - how to set up the Moffat story. The discussion about what CASB has will be the basis of the story.

9.d.ii. CASB Legislative Platform

9.e. Treasurer's Report

Speaker (s) : Virginia Drake

9.e.i. Board Budget Report

Discussion: Funds have not changed since last month.

No questions stated.

10. Board Policy Work

10.a. GP-3 Board Job Description

GP-5 Chairperson's Role

GP-10 Board Member Covenants

GP-11 Process for Addressing Board Member Violations

Discussion: GP-3

They are attached to board books and have a job description for each position.

M Booth suggested that we leave it as it is now because of the flexibility. He feels that the board is doing very well on this issue.

J Torrez stated that M Booth that Matt Cook went into more detail and that roles could be added and not completely changed, like the secretary to the board, etc.

Pg. 2 is how to deal with a complaint. T Eastman likes the way that it is written and could be referenced if someone makes a complaint.

GP-5

In that one, L Ertle referenced 2-A. This is talking about electronic participation and not the chairperson setting the agenda. Do we need to remove the reference to GP-2 out of this policy? Email or call should be done for communication as a text is considered at meeting. J Torrez doesn't want to change the policy but welcomes anyone that wants to help put the agenda together.

M Booth asked if there are any other documents that direct roles. J Torrez refers back to role definition.

T Eastman brought up that in the first section about meeting discussion, she states that this board is kind of a hybrid of topics. She asks if this really is what this board wants as their

policy?

J Torrez states that he wants the board to know what is going on in the discussion; he wants decision-making to stay with the board and tweak policies as the district needs. Another suggestion states that what should be things that are suspended during the meeting that are not part of the board's decision making or discussion process. V Drake states that because we are rural, we are more hands-on than a bigger district. T Eastman feels like it needs to be fixed as she feels like she is in violation of this policy. She states that in just certain areas she would like to change the wording so that there is no question about adherence to policy regarding discussion or decision-making. Other discussions are ok as long as they are brief. M Booth will run GP-5,1a by Matt Cook to get his perspective.

GP-10

This is in regard to covenants-values and how the board operates. Number 9 is one that T Eastman would like to refresh. These are the things that we have committed to doing more than once a year, maybe once a quarter.

GP-11

This is in regard to a board member violation. This has only happened once and not to this current board. T Eastman asked if anyone sees anything that needs to be changed or that the board is not doing presently.

11. Administrative Policy Work

Discussion: J Torrez anticipates that there are a couple that will be coming out, and he refers back to CASB. T Eastman states that board members' day at the capital is Feb 6th she thinks. Student day is Feb 13th and there will be 100 students max.

12. Old Business

Speaker(s): Virginia Drake

12.a. Moffat- Mountain Valley

cooperation/consolidation discussion-questions

Discussion: This is on the agenda for a non-formal discussion to iron out any issues or discussions/questions that need to be addressed. T\ L Ertle stated things like transportation and taxes and consolidation or collaboration. T Eastman asked if there are issues or what should be discussed by the board. Superintendent Brady from MVS stated that he was thinking about consolidation and not collaboration. This would also have implications for CCS. The question was asked if there are any burning issues? Any unknowns at this time? J Torrez asked if this would be a 1,2,3 transition for all involved, and

what would need to be done for consolidation to happen? V Drake does not feel that consolidation needs to be on the table at all at this time. She feels that collaboration needs to happen first. L Ertle asked what else other than sports would need to be considered for collaboration? Staff? Something else? J Torrez states that there is a discussion that needs to take place. M Booth asks why consolidation is even being considered? T Eastman states that we are not at optimum learning numbers. She continued that the more students that you have, the more that you can offer and give them the best education that we can. L Ertle asked if we consolidate, would MCSD be an elementary, HS, or a Charter School? T Eastman brought up the fact that, since our kids are so far apart, there is a lot to consider regarding transportation time, homework, after-school activities, etc. Dec 6th there will be another discussion with MVS at 5:30pm. M Booth suggested that we have an agenda to control the conversation. If there is anything else that the board feels needs to be discussed, please email or call J Torrez or T Eastman.

- 12.a.i. In this item of the agenda, which is just informal discussion, the BOE should consider any concerns, "burning issues" or "need to know more" questions.

i.e. tax revenue, bonds, elected officials, staff attrition, etc.

13. New Business

13.a. Reconciliation of CCS questions

Discussion: Everyone got the report from the Charter School and that financial progress is happening and things are still being worked on. Our business office and CCS business have put in a lot of time and effort to get things resolved. J Torrez stated that roles are still being clarified and honed. Haven and Rebecca are working to make themselves "replaceable" if something happens, and they can no longer fulfill their roles, someone can step in and take over without problems.

13.b. Winter retreat planning

Discussion: Will be discussing the collaboration and the consolidation. In Jan or Feb, there is normally a work session with the governing council. T Eastman wants to focus that work session on team-building between the two boards and communication. M Booth stated that he wants to work with MVS to build a better relationship at the winter retreat.

14. Board Self Evaluation

Discussion: P S states that she was confused - M Booth clarified.

An evaluation was handed out.
The next meeting is set for Dec 16th. and there is a problem. Mill levies will need to be out between the 10th and the 15th so there is a need to change the meeting date and time. J Torrez stated that a signature is needed for the mill levies. Dec 13th will be set as the full meeting. He suggested that the board could both set the levies or have a special meeting just to set the levy. He proposed that Dec 13th could be a virtual meeting and go ahead with the regular meeting on the 16th. We can contact the county and see if we can have until the 16th of Dec. T Eastman will reach out and check.

15. Next Meeting

16. Good of the Order

Discussion: Any topics?

None were presented or proposed.

17. Adjournment

Discussion: The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Board Secretary