

OURAY SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes (*Changes to Agenda and Minutes in Italics*)
Location: APAC on April 24, 2017

I. Call to Order *at 5:00PM*/Roll Call

Fedel: Present; Kern: Present; Mort: Present; Link: Present; Pasek: Present
Attendees other than Board: Scott Pankow, Kenneth Nelson, Bernie Pearce, Mike Scott, Dee James, Casey Shannon, Christy Wilbur, Taylor Chase, Cynthia Lacey, Alyssa Preston, Jerry Hellman, Nicole Skolada, Joanie Gibbs, Shannon Williams, Mary Menz

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda as Amended

<i>Motion Made by</i>	<i>Link</i>	<i>Motion Seconded by</i>	<i>Fedel</i>
<i>Roll Call Vote</i>	<i>Fedel Aye</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Passed</i>
	<i>Kern Aye</i>	<i>Link Aye</i>	
	<i>Mort Aye</i>	<i>Pasek Aye</i>	

III. Minutes

a. Approve minutes from March 2017

Motion to Approve Minutes from February and March 2017 as Presented

<i>Motion Made by</i>	<i>Kern</i>	<i>Motion Seconded by</i>	<i>Mort</i>
<i>Roll Call Vote</i>	<i>Fedel Aye</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Passed</i>
	<i>Kern Aye</i>	<i>Link Aye</i>	
	<i>Mort Aye</i>	<i>Pasek Aye</i>	

IV. Celebrations

a. HS Closing the Achievement Gap #1 in State as recognized by CDE.

V. Communications from the Public—*Jerry Hellman read a prepared statement (copy attached)*

VI. Teacher Report/Presentation—Deleted, remaining items renumbered

VI. FY18 Budget Discussion

i. Food Service-Shannon Williams

a. Lunch Increase

*Motion to Approve Lunch Fees Increases so prices are as Follows:
Grades K-4 \$2.75; Grades 5-8 \$3.00; High School \$3.25; Adult \$5.00*

<i>Motion Made by</i>	<i>Pasek</i>	<i>Motion Seconded by</i>	<i>Link</i>
<i>Roll Call Vote</i>	<i>Fedel Aye</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Passed</i>
	<i>Kern Aye</i>	<i>Link Aye</i>	
	<i>Mort Aye</i>	<i>Pasek Aye</i>	

ii. Athletics/Activities—Bernie Pearce

a. Increase in Fees—*Proposal Attached*

Motion to Approve Fees for Participation in Activities/Athletics so fees are as Follows: Participation Fee per activity \$40/student for MS, \$50/student for HS, \$120/family max for MS, \$150/family for HS, \$15/student on free lunch, \$35/student on reduced lunch.

Motion Made by Link Motion Seconded by Pasek

Discussion on the Motion

Motion to Amend the Motion as Follows: \$200/family max, no difference for MS/HS, no separate max amount Separate

Motion Made by Kern Motion Seconded by Fedel

Roll Call Vote on Amendment Fedel Aye Result Passed

Kern Aye Link Aye

Mort Aye Pasek Aye

Roll Call Vote on Amended Motion

Fedel Aye Result Passed

Kern Aye Link Aye

Mort Aye Pasek Aye

iii. Theatre—Alyssa Preston

a. Fees

Motion to Approve Fee for Participation in the Play of \$25/student

Motion Made by Link Motion Seconded by Fedel

Roll Call Vote Fedel Aye Result Passed

Kern Aye Link Aye

Mort Aye Pasek Aye

iv. Beginning Cash Balance Determination

v. FY 18 Budget (2nd Reading)

Extensive Discussion

Motion to Include all items not added in the draft Budget, and to include the vacated Math position, with the understanding that \$89,000 will come out of the 2016-2017 ending fund balance.

Motion Made by Mort Motion Seconded by None

Motion failed for lack of a second

Further Discussion

Motion to add back HS Tech (\$9,000), Elem/MS Vocal Music (\$26,000), HS/MS Shop (\$9,000), Drama/Film (\$23,000), and Food Service Subsidy (\$37,000)

Motion Made by Kern Motion Seconded by Fedel

Roll Call Vote Fedel Aye Result Passed

Kern Aye Link Aye

Mort No Pasek Aye

vi. *Mill Levy Override Committee Creation—Will be discussed at May 11 Work Session. Items for the committee to consider—restore capital reserves, add back cuts from last 4 years' budgets, cover step increases and increases to salaries other than teachers on the salary schedule*

At 7:15PM, Mort left the meeting by prior agreement

VII. Reports

- a. Financial- Accept Financial Reports from March 2017--Cynthia
 - i. Check History
 - ii. Expense Budget
 - iii. Revenue Budget

Motion to Accept Financial Reports as Presented

<i>Motion Made by</i>	<i>Kern</i>	<i>Motion Seconded by</i>	<i>Fedel</i>	
<i>Roll Call Vote</i>	<i>Fedel Aye</i>	<i>Result</i>		<i>Passed</i>
	<i>Kern Aye</i>	<i>Link Aye</i>		
	<i>Mort Not Present</i>	<i>Pasek Aye</i>		

- b. Schools—Scott/Kenneth—
 - i. Early Childhood Center—Suzann/Jen F.
 - ii. Elementary—
 - iii. Middle school—
 - iv. High school-
 - a. Career Counselor Update--Kenneth
- c. District-Scott---10 min
 - i. Strategic Plan/MTSS alignment
 - ii. Planning for next year
- d. Facilities/Operations & Maintenance/Transportation
 - i. Boilers--Casey
- e. Reports from Board Members
 - i. Legislative—Kentee—*Scott Report*
 - ii. Mt. Sneffels—Jennifer *\$30,000 spring funding projects*
 - iii. UnBoCES—Mort---*No Report*
 - iv. PATT---Jim—*No Report*
 - v. Board Goals—
 - a. Advocacy –Don
 - b. Finance FY 18 Budget-- Kentee

VIII. Policies—Don

- a. JRCB –Privacy and Protection of Confidential Student Information (Second Reading)
- b. JRCB-R—(Second Reading)

IX. Discussion Items

- a. ~~FY18 Budget~~
- ~~b.~~ a. Fuel Service Agreement-City of Ouray
- ~~c.~~ b. School Psych—new hire with BoCES/Ridgway

X. Action Items

- a. Motion to approve increase in Activity Fees—*see above*
- b. Motion to approve increase in Lunch Charges—*see above*
- c. Motion to approve District Calendar for 2017-18

Motion to Approve District Calendar for 2017-2018 as Presented

<i>Motion Made by</i>	<i>Pasek</i>	<i>Motion Seconded by</i>	<i>Fedel</i>	
<i>Roll Call Vote</i>	<i>Fedel Aye</i>	<i>Result</i>		<i>Passed</i>
	<i>Kern Aye</i>	<i>Link Aye</i>		
	<i>Mort Not Present</i>	<i>Pasek Aye</i>		

d. Motion to accept resignation of Angela Rosenberg
Motion to Accept Resignations of Angela Rosenberg and Sadona Wohlrabe with regret

<i>Motion Made by</i>	<i>Pasek</i>	<i>Motion Seconded by</i>	<i>Link</i>	
<i>Roll Call Vote</i>	<i>Fedel Aye</i>	<i>Result</i>		<i>Passed</i>
	<i>Kern Aye</i>	<i>Link Aye</i>		
	<i>Mort Not Present</i>	<i>Pasek Aye</i>		

XI. Correspondence

- a. Mill Levy Memo—Coordinated Election

XII. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Work Session May 11th, 2017 3:30 pm in APAC
- b. Regular Board Meeting May 15, 2017, 7:30 pm in APAC
- c. Work Session June 15th, 2017, 4:30 pm in APAC
- d. Regular Board Meeting June 26th 2017, 6:30 pm in APAC

Motion to move June 26 Board Meeting to June 19 (same time and place), and to hold the Budget Public Hearing at 7:00PM at that meeting

<i>Motion Made by</i>	<i>Pasek</i>	<i>Motion Seconded by</i>	<i>Link</i>	
<i>Roll Call Vote</i>	<i>Fedel Aye</i>	<i>Result</i>		<i>Passed</i>
	<i>Kern Aye</i>	<i>Link Aye</i>		
	<i>Mort Not Present</i>	<i>Pasek Aye</i>		

Adjourned at 7:34PM

The Board has to make a decision tonight that will have a critical and lasting impact on the future of our school. Whether to balance next year's budget by cutting classes and staff, or to maintain a full scope education by dipping into available cash reserves.

A few facts:

- We have had to use reserves for the past years to make up for massive shortfalls in state funding.
- We have known since we started the budget process last year that without using the reserves, the only way to have a balanced budget next year is to cut classes and staff. To pretend otherwise is misleading.
- We have known since last year that there are reserves available to fund a full scope education next year with no consequential cuts.
- We know that without increased revenue in future years additional and severe cuts will be necessary to keep the school running, albeit on a smaller and smaller scale. Our new building will be nothing but an empty shell.
- We know that the ongoing Board discussion regarding cutting classes and staff in order to maintain our bank balance is now causing significant disruption and loss of morale among the school staff.

The D.A.C., representing the voice of the community, recommended *unanimously* that the Board use \$138k of reserves to maintain a full scope education next year. They also recommended going for a Mill Levy Override this November to increase future funding for the school. The Budget Committee was closely divided, three to two against using the reserves.

On such an important issue, I request that the Board take the conservative position regarding the future of our school, our students, and our staff and fully fund next year using available reserves, and not just take a conservative position regarding additional money in the bank. The Board should also support a Mill Levy Override to increase revenue in the future and avoid the need for further depletion of the reserves. If the state provides some more money next year, even more reason to use a smaller amount of the reserves to maintain a full scope education.

I would hope that those members of the Board so concerned about balancing the budget by cutting classes and staff, channel that same concern and enthusiasm to pass the Mill Levy Override. This will enable a balanced budget in the future by increasing revenue and keeping a full scope education and our school financially sound.

Thank you.

Jeremy Hellman