

Minutes of the Ouray R-1 Board of Education Regular Meeting – June 19, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Kentee Pasek at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Jennifer Fedel, Sandra Kern(via phone), Don Mort, Kentee Pasek.

Others in attendance: Scott Pankow, Kenneth Nelson, Nicole Skoloda, Phylis Fagrelus, Francie Tisdel, Cappi Castro, Kristi Webb,

Fedel moved and Mort seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of policy ADF, Claire Davis policy introduction, and moving the budget discussion.

Fedel aye Kern aye Mort aye Pasek aye

Fedel moved and Kern seconded to approve the minutes of the May 15 regular meeting.

Fedel aye Kern aye Mort aye Pasek aye

Fedel moved and Mort seconded to approve the minutes of the June 9 special meeting.

Fedel aye Kern aye Mort aye Pasek aye

Pasek announced that Nicole Skoloda was the only applicant for the vacant board position and that she was interviewed by the board on June 9. Pasek recommended that Skoloda be appointed to the board to fill the vacancy created by Jim Link's resignation. She will serve until the November, 2017 election. Fedel moved and Mort seconded to approve the appointment of Nicole Skoloda to fill the vacancy on the school board.

Fedel aye Kern aye Mort aye Pasek aye

Skoloda was given the oath of office by president Pasek.

Although he was not in attendance, a plaque was presented to recognize Jim Link's most recent service to the board.

Budget discussion. The board expressed its advocacy for the need of a mil levy override vote in November. There was a review of the budget reductions and additions for the 2017-18 school year since the last reading. The 2008 MLO amount was updated to include allowable increases due to cost-of-living adjustments since 2008; \$10,000 is being distributed to the district through federal Title IV funding. Pankow is working with Ridgway to see if a half-time elementary/vocal music position could be shared with them to offer a full-time position to a candidate. It was necessary to budget for a half-time special education teacher to cover the number of contact hours required by our SPED students' IEPs.

**7:00 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY17-18 OURAY R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

Phylis Fagrelus stated that a dedicated middle school math/social studies position is needed to retain the strong structure that has been built over the years. Without this position, they will not have the singular bond that has developed in the middle school.

Francie Tisdel lamented the fact that we are making the cuts for this year instead of waiting to see if a MLO election is successful or not.

Pasek defended the zero-based budget process that brought the board to this budget. Mort feels that the salary accrual line item is not required by legislative statute and does not need to be a reserved line item in the budget. However, our auditor has stated that the state will send us a letter of warning if there is not enough money in our accounts to cover the two months of teacher salaries.

Audience members asked board members if they support and will work for the MLO election in November. Each one answered in the affirmative. They also asked the board to consider how each level – elementary, middle, and high – will separately be affected by this budget.

Pasek closed the hearing at 7:44 p.m.

MLO update. At the work session on June 9, the group was divided into three groups: budget information, public outreach, and media. The next meeting will focus on FAQ and their answers. Financial reports will be reviewed and accepted at the August meeting.

Pankow discussed the Memo of Understanding (MOU) with other governmental entities that will direct the promotion of a collaborative system of local-level interagency oversight groups and individualized service and support teams to coordinate and manage the provision of services to children and families who would benefit from integrated multi-agency services.

Pankow has posted openings for a SPED teacher and elementary/vocal music teacher with Ridgway School District in the hope that full-time positions shared between the districts will attract candidates more than a part-time position.

He is also gathering information to obtain bids for boiler work or replacement and cooling units for the APAC and library areas. The estimate is \$30,000. According to Francis Constructors, their system is bringing outside air into these two areas, but the district feels it is not enough to keep them at a comfortable temperature. The gym floor will be readied for next year at a cost of \$1500. This was not done last summer because we had the floor covered and items stored there due to construction.

Pasek gave an update on bills passed by the legislature this year. Fedel reported that MSEF reinstated the Superintendents' fund to help individual needy students. The half-full marathon is August 12 and the organizers are looking for volunteers. Mort reported that UnBOCS has one position to fill for next year. PATT is helping student groups raise money at the park during the concert series. Mountain Rescue may be in a position to help with field trip funding.

Mort moved and Fedel seconded to adopt School Wellness Policy ADF on second and final reading.

Fedel aye Kern aye Mort aye Pasek aye Skoloda aye

The district Wellness Council will work on the Regulations portion of this policy in the coming months. The Claire Davis Act will cause changes in Policy JIC. CASB is working on model policies.

Pasek moved and Fedel seconded to transfer \$10,000 to the Food Service Fund in the FY16-17 budget.

Fedel aye Kern aye Mort aye Pasek aye Skoloda aye

Members of the MLO committee would like to have a huckstering permit during August and September to allow them to set up informational booths on the sidewalk. Pankow will research how to apply for this permit.

Assurances for teacher evaluation and RANDA were sent to the state as required. We are able to use our status as a high-achieving school to be in state compliance.

Mort moved and Skoloda moved to reinstate a high school math position – either at the current 2/3 time or full-time to the 17-18 budget and to use ending fund balance funds to secure the position.

Fedel no Kern no Mort aye Pasek no Skoloda aye

Kern moved and Fedel seconded to adopt the FY17-18 budget as presented and to approve the appropriation resolution as written with a total of \$4,605,700 for all funds.

Fedel aye Kern aye Mort no Pasek aye Skoloda no

Mort moved and Kern seconded to approve the personnel as listed for certified and support positions with contracts according to the budget.

Fedel aye Kern aye Mort aye Pasek aye Skoloda aye

Pasek moved and Kern seconded to hold the regular August meeting on August 28.

Fedel aye Kern aye Mort aye Pasek aye Skoloda aye

Pasek moved and Skoloda seconded to hold a board retreat on September 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a place to be determined.

Fedel aye Kern aye Mort aye Pasek aye Skoloda aye

Pasek moved and Kern seconded to accept the school year 17-18 110-day contract for Eric Fagrelus and subsequent retirement with deep regret.

Fedel aye Kern aye Mort aye Pasek aye Skoloda aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Kern, Acting Secretary