

The Mountain Community School Board
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2024
Location: The Mountain Community School

Call to Order

6:03 p.m. by Aimie Burns

Board Members present: Shalee Beddingfield, Aimie Burns, Sarah Cosgrove, Carina Erkel, Amy Jones, Leigh Paschke, Lane Perry, Rick Prudhomme, Rebecca Schwartz, Adam Silverberg, Lauren Tilden Brad Ward,

Staff members present: Cathey Chet, Brad Hallmark, Anthony Johnson, Noelle McKay, Andy Osiecki

Mission Statement

Mission Statement read by Shalee Beddingfield

Approval of Agenda

Change made to the agenda to allocate longer than 10 minutes for Public Comment.

Motion made to approve the agenda by Shalee Beddingfield; seconded by Carina Erkel.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Approval of November 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve the November meeting minutes by Rick Prudomme; seconded by Aimie Burns.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Financial Report

December Budget Report

- As expected per mid-budget cycle, total revenue and expenses are close to 50% in the “Percent Remaining” category.
- Under the expenses, the line item for Staff Development reflects expenses associated with Orlon Gillingham training for EC teachers Coire Nelson and Sarah Haile. The training provides a multi-sensory approach to teaching language.
- The budget currently shows a \$39,182.30 surplus. With the approved adjustment for the Resource Development position, a net deficit is expected by year-end.

Approval of December Budget Report

Motion made to approve the December budget report by Shalee Beddingfield; seconded by Brad Ward.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Principal’s Report

School Development

- An uptick in unexcused absences occurred in December but has continued to decrease in January.
- Middle school students are being held accountable for disruptive behaviors. Five had been suspended; all students have returned to school. OSS is the currently the only suspension option available; staffing and space availability prevent ISS from being an option.

Compliance

The Civil Rights Data Collection is due February 29th. The report is based on data from 2020-2021 and will require staff administrative time.

Funding

- The Annual Funds are \$21,526.46, just over 25% of what is needed. Connections will be made with parents and business during the spring in support of the fund. New sports uniforms have been

purchased with annual funds. The goal of the fund is also to support Discovery Park. Staff has been asked to pick their top three priorities for the park.

- The IRS lifted the moratorium on the Employee Retention Credit. Approximately \$300,000 is expected to come back to the school, possibly in the spring or early summer.
- TMCS is exploring the possibility of filing for Medicaid reimbursement for qualifying EC services.

School Management

Personnel Updates

- EC Teacher position: Stacy Lewis (EC teacher) resigned on January 17th. Sarah Haile who had been an Interventionist will fill the position beginning January 22nd.
- Interventionist position: Jessica Arriaga will fill the vacant position beginning January 25th. Jessica was previously the 4th & 5th Grade Assistant
- Data Manager/Bookkeeper position: Lori Cairnes resigned on January 19th. Bethel Dirks, previously the kindergarten assistant, filled the position on January 19th. Bethel began transitioning with Lori prior to Lori's last day.
- Receptionist Secretary position – Kat Dewitz, previously the 1st Grade Assistant, will step into this part time position at a date to be determined. The Receptionist position had at one time been held by Alisha Caudle but had not been filled following her departure.

3 Teacher Assistant vacancies will be interviewed for and filled

- 2 Full-time (Kindergarten and 1st Grade)
Michelle Dickinson has currently stepped into the kindergarten room in a supportive role in the interim.
- 1 Part-time (4th and 5th Grade).

Upcoming Dates

- Two Spirit Nights are scheduled for January 30th at Chick-fil-A and February 12th at Celtic Creamery.
- A Crew Day (half day) is planned for February 7.
- President's Day is February 19th, school will not be in session.
- For the 2024/2025 school year, the student's first day will be July 18th and the teacher's first day will be July 15th.

Public Comment

Aimie Burns opened the meeting for public comment. Each speaker was given 3 minutes to speak. Six people addressed the Board. Public comments ended at 7:16 pm. No action was taken.

Other Business

The next board meeting is February 27, 2024 at 6 p.m. The next executive board meeting is February 14, 2024.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Rick Prudhomme; seconded by Sarah Cosgrove.
Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm by Aimie Burns.

Submitted by Noelle McKay

