

The Mountain Community School Board
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2024
Location: The Mountain Community School

Call to Order

6:04 p.m. by Sarah Cosgrove

Board Members present: Shalee Beddingfield, Aimie Burns, Cathy Chet, Sarah Cosgrove, Carina Erkel, Leigh Paschke, Rick Prudhomme, Isaac Savage, Rebecca Schwartz, Adam Silverberg, Lauren Tilden, Brad Ward, Alex Williams

Staff members present: Jessica Freeman, Anthony Johnson, Noelle McKay, Andy Osiecki, Melissa Schuler

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Grammatical edits suggested in Board Code of Conduct

Motion made to approve the agenda with suggested changes by Rick Prudhomme; seconded by Carina Erkel. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation by Guest Speakers from City of Hendersonville:

Mayor Barbara Volk
Councilwoman Lyndsey Simpson

Financial Report

March Budget Report

- The budget currently shows a \$82,622.30 surplus. This amount continues to be fluid. With the approved adjustment for the Resource Development position, unexpected AC repairs, and staff changes, a net deficit is expected by year-end.
- Staff is working on restructuring maintenance and janitorial duties that may potentially realize a cost savings during the next budget year.
- \$27,800 for steel structures has been moved to the operating accounts.
- ERC funding is in a holding pattern because the IRS has not lifted the moratorium. ERC funds will be unencumbered and have not yet been identified for use for any specific project or program.

Approval of March Budget Report

Motion made to approve the March budget report by Brad Ward; seconded by Shalee Beddingfield. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Principal's Report

Compliance

Audit documents are being compiled; the financial audit will begin in late July.

Funding

- The Annual Fund balance is currently \$32,942.42.
- The Change Challenge raised \$1,255.44 and 4th grade was the winning grade.
- The pollinator gardens, outdoor learning center, and bird feeders and houses funded by the GO grant must be completed by the last day of school. Angie Sullivan is dedicating time to the pollinator gardens and Anna Hick's son is building the bird feeders and houses. OK Construction and board members are meeting regarding the outdoor learning center.

School Management

- Leaders Building Leaders School Evaluation Training- Anthony Johnson attended the 11-hour training session that focuses on different evaluation models focusing primarily on parent feedback. The staff has been reached out to for feedback and scheduling has begun for end-of-year check ins. The parent survey being used is one provided directly from Leaders Building Leaders and is expected to be sent out to parents in the next few days.
- Reviewed annual student attrition rate. A rate of 5% or less is considered acceptable and TMCS current rate for the 2023/2024 year is below 5%.
- Academic Growth Comparison rates between 22/23 and 23/24 school year were reviewed. Rates are based on data from AimsWeb. TMCS ranks in the top half of the state for growth, a reflection that interventions have been effective.

Upcoming Dates

- The Family Fun Fest was removed from the schedule because of the large number of activities taking place at the end of the school year.

Public Comment

Sarah Cosgrove opened the meeting for public comment at 7:31 pm. No one addressed the board. No action was taken.

TMCS Board Business

Board Applications

- The board received 5 applications.
- The board is seeking a person to fill the role of Secretary.
- The board agreed to anonymously vote for the open seats online. Election to an open seat requires at least a 50% majority vote by the board.

A motion was made to open up four Board member seats for election by Carina Erkel; seconded by Rebecca Schwartz. Eight voted in favor, one opposed. Motion carried.

Committee Update

- Teachers were surveyed about committees they would like to be involved in.
- Parent who will be serving on the committees have been confirmed.
- The new committee structure document will be uploaded to the shared board folder. A vote for approval of the committee structure will be conducted by email.

Other Business

- The next board meeting is on July 23, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm by Sarah Cosgrove.

Submitted by Noelle McKay