

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE GREEN
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT #103

Thursday, June 23rd, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Green Mountain Computer Room

- 1.) The meeting was called to order by PRESIDENT SYRING AT 5:00 P.M. Present: RICK SYRING, JEFF STRONG, WENDY ARENDS, GARREN ELMER, STEVE HOFFMAN, JOE JONES, SUZETTE MCGRAW AND BRETT BLECHSCHMIDT.
- 2.) A Motion to Adopt and Approve the Agenda was made by GARREN ELMER with a Second by WENDY ARENDS. The Motion passed 5-0.
- 3.) The Board then reviewed the MINUTES of the May 26th, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. A Motion to Approve the Minutes as written and amended was made by WENDY ARENDS, with a Second by GARREN ELMER. The Motion passed 5-0.
- 4.) **Under Financial Reports/Ratification/Approval of VOUCHERS (A):** the Board considered the following Motion by WENDY ARENDS, with a Second by STEVE HOFFMAN, and passage by 5-0.

Motion- "I move to pay:

Accounts Payable warrant #19160-19180 in the amount of \$38,294.76,

Accounts Payable warrant #19181-19181 in the amount of \$1,481.86,

Payroll warrant # 19182-19189 in the amount of \$4,429.25,

Payroll warrant # 19190-19203 in the amount of \$ 29,643.24,

Capital Fund warrant # 570-570 in the amount of \$4,210.18,

Electronically paid payroll taxes in the amount of \$ 13,219.92,

Direct Deposit in the amount of \$38,515.70."

Ratification/Approval of Vouchers/Payroll (B): the Board considered the following Motion by GARREN ELMER, with a Second by STEVE HOFFMAN, and passage by 4-0.

Motion – "I move to pay:

Accounts Payable warrant # 19159-19159 in the amount of \$ 150.13."

Note: Jeff Strong recused himself from voting on the ratification and approval.

- 5.) **Public Comments** - No comments were presented

6.) Under REPORTS, Superintendent Jones reported:

- School News

Mr. Jones presented that the school year had come to a successful closure for our students and staff. He highlighted that all students and staff were excited for summer to begin and that there was a good balance of learning and fun during the final three days of school with the Field Day being a big event on June 10th.

- Instruction and Learning Report

Mr. Jones highlighted that he had enjoyed a very successful reflection and planning session with the teachers during the afternoon of the final day of school. He stated that all of our teachers had been working very hard to review the scope and sequence of our Envisions Math Curriculum throughout this school year and that they had scheduled planning sessions with one another for this summer to further align their instructional units together for the benefit of our students. It was also shared that we will be implementing the Connected Math Program as our base curriculum for teaching mathematics in our 7th & 8th grade classroom and utilizing the materials from Holt Mathematics as a supplemental tool for our students.

- Enrollment Report

Mr. Jones stated that at the end of our school year our student enrollment was 144 students which is equivalent to 134 FTE. It was also stated that several students that live in our district that did not attend our school this year had made contact with Suzette to confirm that they will be returning to school at the start of the new school year. Mr. Jones shared that the new enrollment projections showed a possible increase of up to 17 new students if some additional waiver students were to be approved for the next school year.

- Maintenance and Operations Report

Mr. Jones stated that he and Nolan had conducted a walk-through of the facilities to determine the priority projects for this summer. Mr. Jones also provided the most up to date information about the future planning process to the board. He also shared that the first community meeting and board study session on June 15th was a successful beginning in our effort to educate and communicate the future planning process to our community.

- Personnel Report

Mr. Jones stated that he was very grateful for the work of both interview teams and that he felt very fortunate to have such a deep pool of candidates to choose from for both the 2nd Grade and 7th & 8th Grade teaching positions. He stated that he had a few final reference checks to make on each of the top candidates and that he would be making a formal offer to each candidate by the end of the week.

- **Fiscal Report**

Mr. Jones provided a brief overview of the current status of our school expenditures and budget and then presented Mr. Blechschmidt to guide the Board through a detailed review of the proposed budget for the 2011-2012 school year. During the formal review of the budget items for next year, a lively discussion about the possibility of adding an additional classroom teacher for next school year ensued. During the dialogue many essential questions were presented by each member of the Board. Throughout the dialogue, the Board worked through many different scenarios and considered a wide range of possible impacts that may occur due to an increase in student enrollment. Mr. Blechschmidt and Mr. Jones both provided necessary facts and knowledge about the current status of our facilities and the financial stability of our district which provided the Board with necessary information to make a final decision to not add an additional teaching position for next school year. In closing, Mr. Blechschmidt highlighted that through the leadership of the school district and stewardship of the budget by the Board and Mr. Jones the Green Mountain School District continues to maintain a positive fund balance and

7.) Under Board Reports:

Mr. Syring presented the possibility of conducting a summer workshop with a WSSDA facilitator in August. Mr. Jones stated that he would seek further information about this potential opportunity and report to the Board at the July meeting. Mr. Syring also provided a quick review and reference on the best practices for how Board members should respond to e-mails that are sent to the entire Board.

8.) Executive Session: Executive Session began at 9:20 PM and ended at 9:30 PM.

**9.) Board Policy and Procedure Adoption – Superintendent – Joe Jones
Resolutions 2011 – 3 & 2011 – 4 Board Policy and Procedure – Adoption**

[Resolution 2011-3 Adopting all County, State, and Federal Assurances as required by law.]

Under ACTION ITEMS, Mr. Jones reviewed the Board Policy and Procedure Review-Adoption Review. The BOARD then approved the Policies and Procedures for Adoption of Resolution 2011 – 3 on the following MOTION by GARREN ELMER, with a Second by WENDY ARENDS and a 5-0 passage.

[Resolution 2011-4 Adoption of the School Calendar for 2011-2012.]

Under ACTION ITEMS, Mr. Jones reviewed the Board Policy and Procedure Review-Adoption Review. The BOARD then approved the Policies and Procedures for Adoption of Resolution 2011 – 4 on the following MOTION by GARREN ELMER, with a Second by STEVE HOFFMAN and a 5-0 passage.

10.) Comments:

From the General Public Present:

From the Superintendent:

Mr. Jones stated he was grateful for the work of the Board and for their candid and considerate review of the proposal for an additional teacher. He shared that the various learning environments of our school and community were very positive and that the dialogue and work efforts of the Board are very indicative of the type of learning and thinking that he wants all students and staff to engage in throughout the school year.

11.) Adjournment:

A Motion to Adjourn the REGULAR MEETING was made by GARREN ELMER with a Second by WENDY ARENDS. The Board, by a 5-0 vote, adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Joe Jones
Clerk of the Board

Rick Syring
President, Board of Trustee