

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

Thursday, February 22, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Library

The meeting was called to order by PRESIDENT SYRING at 7:00 p.m. Present: RICK SYRING, WENDY ARENDS, SANDRA FERNEDING, GARREN ELMER, ERIC RICE and SUPERINTENDENT GRUBBS. Absent: NONE. Guests present: SUZETTE MILKOWSKI, MARY EAVENSON, TOM TERVO, JANE TERVO, DOUG NICHOLS, KIM SHEALEY, DAVID SMITH, AND LISHA STILLWAGON.

A Motion to Adopt and Approve the Agenda was made by ERIC RICE with a Second by WENDY ARENDS. The Motion passed 5-0.

The Board then reviewed the Minutes of the January 25, 2007 Regular Board meeting. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by SANDRA FERNEDING, Second by GARREN ELMER. The Motion passed 5-0.

Under VISITOR COMMENTS, MARY EAVENSON asked the Superintendent how the dual teaching/superintendent role was going. DR. GRUBBS responded that while tiring, teaching is immensely rewarding and the students seem to be thriving. He stated, however, that this was a one year assignment only and we will proceed for a new hire in the 5/6 teaching spot for next year. He stated while it is good to get re-acquainted with the immense responsibilities of the teacher, the duties of the Superintendent's office do not go away.

The PTSA Report was given by MARY EAVENSON who reported they currently have 66 members. She also reported the upcoming PTSA activities including Walkathon and Staff Appreciation. Shadow Day was a success. The PTSA will be working on their budget in the coming month to plan how best to support GMSD kids and programs.

MIKE GRUBBS gave the Superintendent's Report. He reviewed upcoming calendar activities and reported enrollment at 122 students. He also reported:

- January has been a busy month with many grants due;
- He expressed his frustration with the large paperwork load imposed on small districts with no distinction for size vis a vis manpower to do the reporting;
- The Middle School play was a great success;
- We have an Art Fair going on in the gym concurrent with this Board meeting and the Board is invited to see the quality art on display;
- We signed a Mutual Assistance Agreement with the surrounding districts in Clark County that will enable the districts to help one another should the need arise. This is a great benefit to a small district like Green Mountain;

- The vacancy for a 5/6 opening will be posted next month;
- Ms. Kimball has new chicks!;
- Parent Jim Neiman came over last week to present a workshop on small engines for our 4th-8th graders. Jim is a teacher in Vancouver;
- Thermostats were changed out in the Office and Library and have greatly enhanced the operation of the heat pump system;
- Mr. Wheeler is converting the old play rocking horse area into a school garden with a surrounding fence and mini greenhouse;
- Pruning is underway; and
- We now have the capacity for a streaming video system for morning announcements and the flag salute that is sent to each classroom and projected utilizing the equipment PRESIDENT SYRING demonstrated last month.

Under OLD BUSINESS and specifically the Board discussion and prioritization of immediate and future capital project needs, DR. GRUBBS introduced DOUG NICHOLS, Director of the Construction Services Group for ESD 112. MR. NICHOLS explained to the Board the capacities of his department, specifically being an advocate for the school district in dealing with the entire bonding and construction process. He noted that the fees for his department's services are based on a sliding scale. The department provides a broad spectrum of services on all phases of the construction process. He noted they would be happy to help Green Mountain in any way they need. The Board thanks MR. NICHOLS.

The SUPERINTENDENT then presented the Board some preliminary estimates for services and repairs needing immediate attention including roofing for the south portable and siding replacement/repair for the Office/Library portable.

Under NEW BUSINESS, DR. GRUBBS introduced KIM SHEALEY, our Title 1 Teacher/Librarian who updated the Board on the activities of the Library Advisory Planning Committee and invited the Board members to consider serving on the committee. She also gave the Board a library update, outlined the events for kids and the upcoming Author Project where we will have a noted children's book author in residence on Friday, March 30th.

A discussion about Agenda Format for the School Board meeting then ensued. PRESIDENT SYRING distributed a copy a Board format he favored that set forth the activities of the agenda in a very clear fashion and allowed for direct public input on the agenda items at defined points in the meeting. The SUPERINTENDENT then displayed the agenda of this meeting in that format and the Board agreed that we could switch to the new format for the March Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT GRUBBS then informed the Board of an Eagle Scout project offered by ALEX SWANSEN of Ridgefield (an acquaintance of MARY EAVENSON) who offered to install a French drain along the north perimeter of the track and route it into the drainage swale as his project. GARREN ELMER has offered to help by providing digging equipment and some materials. The SUPERINTENDENT will

introduce MR. SWANSEN at the March Board meeting where the Board can thank him for providing this service. The project is set for commencement and completion the first weekend in March.

Under Financial Reports and Business, the Board considered the following Motion by ERIC RICE, with a second by WENDY ARENDS, and passage by 5-0:

“I move to approve payment of Accounts Payable Warrants #s 16636-16660 in the amount of \$6,880.88; the payments of Payroll Warrants #16661-16678 in the amount of \$24,432.15; the payment of Electronically Paid Payroll taxes in the amount of \$10,375.80; and the payment of Payroll Direct Deposits in the amount of \$25,946.48 as well as the approval of Capital Projects Warrant #474 in the amount of \$25,239.96.”

Under BOARD COMMENTS the Board had a discussion about how to proceed with the construction/remodeling project. They agreed that we should look closely at what ESD 112 can do for us and to also seek bids from architects for the visioning, planning and needs assessment. They directed the SUPERINTENDENT to determine who can best help the district with this process and to bring them recommendations. PRESIDENT SYRING directed DR. GRUBBS to check on the date of the last viable Site and Survey report, as an update will be needed to proceed. The Board agreed that at this stage the need is for conceptual work and someone to help us solicit community input as we proceed ahead.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. on a Motion to Adjourn by SANDRA FERNEDING, second by ERIC RICE. The Motion passed 5-0.

Adopted and Approved:
Rick Syring, Board President
March 22, 2007