

CREEDE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 19, 2017
1:00pm

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held Tuesday, December 19, 2017. President John Howard called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Those members present were John Howard, Damon Gibbons, Mark Tiley, Eryn Wintz, and Melanie Freedle. Others in attendance were Lis Richard, John Goss, Sherry Scallan, and Kristeen Lopez. Guests in attendance were Sandy Howard, Isaac Grody-Patinkin

Additions/Correction to Agenda: Damon Gibbons motioned to approve agenda with the amendment of moving the Superintendent report from item E. Business 2. to item G. Items Requiring Board Discussion
1. Melanie Freedle seconded, all approved in alphabetical order.

Citizens Comments: There were no comments.

Business

1. Finance Report: Sherry Scallan, presented the Finance Report. The Whitney Newton went down a bit because it was transferred, and there was a transfer charge fee. Activity fund was slightly high due to check in system, basketball warmups and uniforms, the Veterans Day, Red Ribbon week, as well as middle school basketball. The bond is closed, no more BEST grant. The hot lunch review was finished. After break, Sherry will be working on things to close the calendar year.
2. Solicitation Report- Damon Gibbons talked about a letter that was dated October 17, 2017 typed on school letterhead, signed by Lis Richard that appeared at first glance that it had been sent out to many people. Melanie Freedle and Damon Gibbons met with Superintendent Richard for clarification. There was a friend of Jim Tillery's that was contacted to bid the track field completion project. There was no planned disbursement of this letter, Mrs. MComas emailed one to a foundation in Texas, Mrs. Richard met with a community member/parent, and the parent volunteered to take a letter to the Dozier family. After discussion, Mr. Gibbons, Mrs. Freedle, and Mrs. Richard agreed that the letter was a little premature, and that in the future, the Endowment committee needs to approve solicitation letters first, and then the board needs to approve prior to being sent out. Melanie Freedle stated that Mrs. Richard said that her presentation of the letter was presented as a pipe dream, and that it needed Board approval prior to happening.
3. Presentation of school counselor and her responsibilities- Danielle Ceja presented. Danielle stated that this is her 14th year of being a school counselor. She feels this is the perfect position for her to come into as it speaks to the prevention that she feels strongly about. She has worked with kids with a variety of backgrounds. She is happy to work with the children and support them. She is working on the school health professionals' grant with Shannon Goldsberry teaching "too good for drugs". She has weekly meetings with Anne Strong to make sure that all kids are taken care of. She discussed Education Zones, her roles in the school, MTSS coordinator Multi-Tier Support System, a team based approach to help kids to do their best in school by identifying their needs and working with them. She is working on creating a folder for each child identifying not only academic needs, but also behavioral and emotional.
Damon Gibbons had asked Danielle why she chose Creede as her school of choice for her children. She answered that as a school professional seeing the other communities, she felt this was the best place for her children. She felt it is a good environment.
4. Meeting Dates:
 - i. Work Session – January 16, 2018 2:00p.m.
 - ii. Foundation Board Next Meeting – January 15, 2018 4:30p.m.
 - iii. Regular Meeting of Board – January 23, 2018 1:00p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from November 2017 meeting
2. Principal Report
3. Approve the disbursement of checks for payment of all bills/debts.

ITEMS REQUIRED BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. Superintendent Report – In response to a question from John Howard, Lis Richard discussed briefly why the school moved from a 501(c)3 to a 501(a) to better fulfill the mission and purpose of the endowment. John Howard discussed Endowment Foundation board members per the bylaws (Article 5.2). The school superintendent, The Board president, the principal of Lamb Elementary and the principal of Creede High School/Middle School. Discussion followed. Damon asked if we were in compliance when accepting the funds we have received. Sherry Scallan answered that yes we are in compliance, and how she is tracking them. Further discussion will take place at the Endowment Board meeting. Lis Richard will take care to notify members of the meeting.

There was discussion regarding student interest in the greenhouse. Mr. Goss asked if any of the students were interested in agricultural education and a possible greenhouse. About 18 students showed interest. Discussion followed regarding the greenhouse. We already have program approval for Agricultural Education. We already have a student doing a work-study program. Lis would like Mark Tiley to join in the meeting with the guy from the Career and Technical Education. Damon Gibbons reminded everyone of the process of building this school starting from visiting other schools. He feels other greenhouses should be visited.

Lis discussed her meeting with the Sherriff.

Lis discussed the mill levy. She feels this needs to be discussed by committee, then by the board. Every year you get from the assessor a valuation of your properties. The bond reduction number ends up being the tax rate that tax payers end up paying. That rate is figured to make sure there's enough money to make the principal payment on bond. Discussion followed. Lis Richard and Sherry Scallan had talked with the Finance Director of CDE and addressed his concerns. Lis asked about refinancing the bond at a lower interest rate. Damon Gibbons moved to have superintendent Richard try to refinance the bond at a lower interest rate, Mark Tiley seconded, all approved in alphabetical order. The Food Service review was excellent.

John Howard asked John Goss about the procedure for accepting new out of district students after the count. John Goss discussed the procedure. Discussion followed regarding student capacity.

John Howard discussed that he doesn't feel that there is a need for additional school board subcommittees. Damon stated his reluctance regarding forming more subcommittees if the Library board isn't reporting. Lis Richard didn't even know it was a subcommittee of the board. She will make sure it's on future agendas. John gave a brief overview of the last Library board meeting, he said they will meet again in May. Lis Richard discussed how subcommittees should actually function to better serve the school board and the community. Melanie Freedle stated that if the board wants to know what is happening in the school, then the subcommittees are the way to do it. Forming the subcommittees would be a good way to remedy the frustration of lack of information. It would also help to alleviate miscommunication, help foster community involvement, and help hold the board accountable. The board would like to add this discussion to the work session agenda.

Building/Facilities –building, grounds, safety, and security

Finance-budget, collaboration

Governance-review policy, recommends and creates policy

Resource Development – oversees all fundraising, manages foundation,

“clearinghouse” of grants

District Accountability – sits on DAAC, recruits for DAAC

3. Discuss/Approve New Students –covered in Superintendent's report.
4. Discuss/Approve Admission Policy Consideration - covered in Superintendent's report.
5. Discuss/Approve proposed organization of the board- covered in Superintendent's report.

Adjourn

Adjournment: Moved: Melanie Freedle 3:40 pm

Kristeen Lopez, Clerk

Mark Tiley, Secretary

John Howard, President