



## DISTRICT MISSION

*... Guarantee that each student achieves his or her dreams and contributes enthusiastically to his or her community and the world ...*

## BOARD PURPOSE

*Providing highly effective governance for Mapleton's strategic student achievement effort.*

## CORE ROLES

*Guiding the district through the superintendent  
Engaging constituents  
Ensuring effective operations and alignment of resources  
Monitoring effectiveness  
Modeling excellence*

## 2006-2007

### FOCUS AREAS

*Student Achievement  
Exceptional Staff  
Character Development  
Learning Environment  
Communication  
Community Involvement  
Facilities Management  
District Image*

## BOARD MEMBERS

*Cindy Croisant  
Craig Emmert  
Patrick Flores  
Norma Frank  
Carol Yantorno*

## SUPERINTENDENT

*Charlotte Ciancio*

# Mapleton Public Schools Board of Education

Regular Meeting

February 27, 2007

Administration Building

6:30 p.m.

## **STUDY SESSION – 5 p.m. – Evie Hudak, State Board of Education EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6 p.m. – Student Expulsion Appeal**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. What's Right in Mapleton
6. Public Participation
7. Approval of the February 13, 2007, Board Meeting Minutes
8. Report of the Secretary
9. Consent Agenda
  - 9.1 Personnel Action, Policy GA – Mr. Molinaro
  - 9.2 Student Travel-Performing Arts, Policy JJH – Mrs. Kapushion
  - 9.3 Student Travel – MESA, Policy JJH – Mrs. Kapushion
10. Focus: Communication
  - 10.1 Kindergarten Roundup Report, Policy IF/IG – Mr. Brown
11. Discussion of Next Agenda
12. Superintendent's Comments
13. Board Committee Update
14. School Board Remarks
15. Next Meeting Notification – Tuesday, March 13, 2007
16. Adjournment

## **STUDY SESSION AFTER BOARD MEETING – POLICY GOVERNANCE**

### ***Welcome to a meeting of the Mapleton Public School Board of Education!***

*The board's meeting time is dedicated to addressing Mapleton's mission and top-priority focus areas.*

*"Public Participation" is an opportunity during the business meeting to present brief comments or pose questions to the board for consideration or follow-up. Each person is asked to limit his or her comments to 3 minutes.*

*If you are interested in helping Mapleton's efforts, please talk with any member of the district leadership team or call the district office at 303-853-1015. Opportunities abound.*

*Your participation is desired.*

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Norma Frank called the regular meeting of the Board of Education – Mapleton Public Schools to order at 6:06 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the Administration Building.

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

Norma Frank - President	Present
Cindy Croisant – Vice President	Present
Patrick Flores – Secretary	Present
Craig Emmert – Treasurer	Present
Carol Yantorno – Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	Present

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Flores, seconded by Ms. Croisant, to approve the Agenda as presented.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mr. Flores, Mrs. Frank, and Mrs. Yantorno  
Motion carried 5-0

**5.0 WHAT'S RIGHT IN MAPLETON**

Damon Brown shared some exciting happenings in the District at Mapleton Preparatory School. A program created by the Young Americans Center for Financial Education, "Get a Head for Business", in partnership with Oppenheimer Funds, helps students plan, open, and run a small coffee cart business at their school. This program helps integrate classroom learning with business.

**6.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**7.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** By Ms. Croisant, seconded by Mrs. Yantorno, to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2007, Board meeting.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mr. Flores, Mrs. Frank, and Mrs. Yantorno  
Motion carried 5-0

**8.0 REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

None

**9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Flores, seconded by Mr. Emmert, to approve Agenda items as stated on the Board Agenda dated February 13, 2007: 9.1 Personnel Action, and 9.2 Finance Report for January, 2007.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mr. Flores, Mrs. Frank, and Mrs. Yantorno  
Motion carried 5-0

**10.0 FOCUS: LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

**10.1 Chartering Authority Resolution**

Mr. Herman presented the Resolution that must be approved annually by the Board of Education and submitted to the State Board of Education on or before March 1, 2007, in order to retain exclusive authority to approve charter schools with Mapleton Public Schools.

**MOTION:** By Ms. Croisant, seconded by Mrs. Yantorno, to approve the Resolution regarding Exclusive Chartering Authority for Mapleton Public Schools to retain exclusive chartering authority as written.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mr. Flores, Mrs. Frank, and Mrs. Yantorno  
Motion carried 5-0

**11.0 FOCUS: COMMUNICATION**

**11.1 Skyview Senior High School Trip**

Mrs. Kapushion said that Skyview Senior High School is requesting Board approval to sponsor a Skyview Senior High School trip to Washington, D.C., April 1-5, 2007. This trip was designed for the following purposes:

1. To facilitate students the opportunity of participating in an educational experience in our nation's capitol that aligns with our District's National Civics Standard;
2. To provide students with a learning opportunity to plan all details of such a trip, including fundraising and negotiation with the airlines and hotel properties;
3. To provide our last graduating class from Skyview Senior High School with a unique learning experience during their senior year.

**MOTION:** By Ms. Croisant, seconded by Mrs. Yantorno, to approve the Skyview Senior High School trip as presented at the February 13, 2007, Board meeting.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mr. Flores, Mrs. Frank, and Mrs. Yantorno  
Motion carried 5-0

**11.2 Calendar Adoption**

Mr. Molinaro presented the final draft of the District School Calendar for the 2007-2008 school year. Since presenting the first draft of the 2007-2008 school calendar to the Board during debrief after the last meeting, there have been a few changes and minor adjustments. The October staff development days with parent teacher conferences in the evening are followed by a teacher "trade day" on Friday. There will be no students Wednesday through Friday of that week, however, students will attend school on Monday and Tuesday, which is a change from past practice, and adds two student contact days back into the calendar.

In March the staff development days with parent teacher conferences in the evening will be minimal days for students with a "trade day" on Friday with no students. Students have the last week of March off for Spring Break so this gives more student contact time during the CSAP window.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Flores, seconded by Mr. Emmert, to approve the 2007-2008 District School Calendar for the 2007-2008 school year as presented.

AYES: Ms. Croisant, Mr. Emmert, Mr. Flores, Mrs. Frank, and Mrs. Yantorno

Motion carried 5-0

## **12.0 FOCUS: DASHBOARD OF INDICATORS**

### **12.1 School Support Team Visits**

Mrs. Kapushion provided information and data to the Board regarding the School Support Team (SST) process since the report given in October, 2006. She reviewed the critical questions for the last three months, and the things in the schools that are working, as well as areas that are challenging or of concern. The next visits will occur February 21 and 22. *A detailed summary of Mrs. Kapushion's report is included with these minutes.*

### **12.2 Attendance Data**

Dr. Kirby said that Board Policy JH lays the foundation for the district's student attendance expectations and interventions. As reported in November, this year's district-wide target rate for average daily attendance is 96%. The district average student rate has risen from 89% at the end of October to 91%. Dr. Kirby reported on the strategies for improving attendance and the progress on each strategy. *A detailed summary of Dr. Kirby's report is included with these minutes.*

## **13.0 DISCUSSION OF NEXT AGENDA**

Mrs. Frank said that currently on the next Agenda we have information about enrollment and Kindergarten Round-up. She also reminded the Board that Evie Hudak, from the State Board of Education, will be here for a Study Session at 5 p.m. before the Board meeting.

## **14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Ms. Ciancio wants to share our clean audit management letter in debrief. We will be in our Board Retreat this weekend. The District Spelling Bee is Thursday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m. Our attorney will be working with us on March 13 in a study session on safety. Friday the Executive Team will be offsite to discuss our organizational structure for next year. She also wants to share with you in debrief a snowboarding opportunity for the students at MESA. The Request for Travel will be presented at the next meeting during consent agenda. Happy Valentines Day!

## **15.0 BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mr. Flores attended the Mapleton Education Foundation meeting last week. Tony Tober, Director, has resigned effective this week. His responsibilities will be placed with Channing Chiocchetti-Puchino in the Welcome Center for the interim. An alumni event is scheduled for March 3.

Mrs. Frank and Ms. Ciancio attended a Colorado Association of School Board (CASB) function with a presentation by Larry Cuban from Stanford on technology. There were mixed reviews about what technology does for learning. CASB is doing a series of lectures for the educational community.

## **16.0 SCHOOL BOARD REMARKS**

None

## **17.0 NEXT MEETING NOTIFICATION**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at the Administration Building.

**18.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The Board motioned to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

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Norma Frank, Board President

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Patrick Flores, Board Secretary

*Submitted by Carolyn Walenczak, Recording Secretary for the Board of Education*

# *Memo*

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TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
FROM: Sam Molinaro, Assistant Superintendent  
DATE: February 22, 2007

**SUBJECT: PERSONNEL ACTION FOR BOARD APPROVAL**

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The Office of Human Resources recommends the following personnel information to be approved by Board Action at the regular meeting of February 27, 2007.

## CLASSIFIED STAFF

### NEW EMPLOYEES

Weeks, Marissa

### POSITION/FACILITY

Web Specialist/Info Technology

### EFFECTIVE DATE

2/22/07

### REASON

New Hire

### RESIGNATIONS/TERM.

Hernandez, Elizabeth  
Layton, Finessa

### POSITION/FACILITY

Nutrition Services Assist/Explore/Achieve  
Bus Para/Transportation

### EFFECTIVE DATE

2/9/07  
3/2/07

### REASON

Job Abandonment  
Resigned

## CLASSIFIED REQUESTS

Luz Escobar, Nutrition Services Assistant at Adventure Elementary and Enrichment Academy, is requesting maternity leave from approximately February 24, 2007 through May 21, 2007.

## CERTIFIED STAFF

### NEW EMPLOYEES

None at this time

### POSITION/FACILITY

### EFFECTIVE DATE

### REASON

### RESIGNATIONS/TERM.

Thatcher, Diane

### POSITION/FACILITY

Math/Global Leadership Academy

### EFFECTIVE DATE

2/16/06

### REASON

Resigned

## CERTIFIED REQUESTS

Linda Sprouse, District psychologist, is requesting to retire at the end of the 2006-2007 school year and transition through the 2007-2008 school year.

## SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

### ADDITIONS

None at this time

### DELETIONS

None at this time

# *Memo*

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TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
FROM: Jackie Kapushion, Executive Director of Learning Services  
DATE: February 5, 2007

**SUBJECT: Mapleton Performing Arts Program: Student Travel**

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## **Description:**

The Mapleton Performing Arts Center Band and Orchestra groups are requesting Board approval to participate in the Cañon City Music and Blossom Festival in Cañon City, CO on March 4-5, 2007. Approximately 72 band and orchestra members will participate in this event and will be supervised by 4 staff members (Brad Thorp, Don Walker, Karen Smardo, Julie Thorp) and several parent chaperones.

## **Cost and Source of Funding:**

Transportation, lodging and three meals are being handled through New Horizons Tour & Travel, Inc. at an estimated cost of \$180.00 per student. Funding will be provided by the Performing Arts Student Activities account, through fundraising efforts and by parent donations.

## **Outcomes:**

The Mapleton Performing Arts Center is developing an annual program from which to build traditions for a successful music program. The primary focus for students is that they receive feedback on their musicianship from other educators and musicians in an annual music festival.

In addition to the academic support provided by the festival, students will also participate in several team-building and sight-seeing activities.

Finally, participating in this event will be a great opportunity to showcase Mapleton's new Performing Arts program to a larger community.



# *Memo*

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TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
FROM: Jackie Kapushion, Executive Director of Learning Services  
DATE: February 26, 2007

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR STUDENT TRAVEL – Mapleton Expeditionary School Arts**

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## **Description:**

Michael Johnston, director of Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts, is requesting Board Approval for 20 ninth and tenth grade students, and two staff members to participate in a 5 day snowboarding course with Snowboard Outreach Society (SOS) at Arapahoe Basin ski resort, Colorado. SOS is a non-profit organization that uses a character-trait based adventure program that teaches students core character traits in the process of learning how to snowboard. Snowboard Outreach Society participants are provided with five days of professional snowboard instruction, equipment rental, lift tickets and clothing. The five-day “Learn to Ride” program focuses on one of the five core values each day: Courage, Discipline, Integrity, Wisdom and Compassion. The morning begins with a discussion about the core value, and the activities of the day elicit examples of that value in action. All instruction will be focused on students who have never snowboarded before.

Developing character through adventure opportunities is at the core of the MESA mission. This snowboard experience offers a particularly compelling opportunity for many students who are interested in snowboarding but don't have the resources to learn how. This trip will involve three student overnights. Students will leave campus Thursday morning, March 1, and return to campus Friday evening March 2. The students will then return to A Basin Monday morning, March 5 and return Wednesday evening, March 7. Students will stay overnight in Dillon, Colorado on Thursday, March 1, Monday, March 5, and then one more night on Tuesday, March 6.

## **Cost and Source of Funding:**

Lodging/gear/training: Snowboard Outreach Society will provide all necessary gear (lift tickets, rental gear, rental clothing and snowboard instructors) for 5 days at a total cost of \$57.50/student (\$805). Students will stay at Dillon Community Church in a community room with school staff. The church charges a small fee of \$5/student/night (\$210 total) for use of the facility. Families and MESA will provide sleeping bags and bedding materials. This money will come from the MESA budget allocated to intensives. Students will use Mapleton School District transportation to travel to and from the mountain. Our adventure fitness instructor will organize a dinner menu with students. Students and staff will prepare food together in the

evenings. Students will pay \$10 a day toward this food, with the exception of students who are free or reduced lunch.

Transportation: Appropriate, district approved transportation will be provided to transport students to Dillon Thursday morning March 1. and bring them back Friday afternoon, March 2. Transportation will then return students to Dillon Monday morning, March 5, and bring them home Wednesday afternoon, March 7. Both MESA staff members are small vehicle certified and will drive vans to and from the mountains so that they can use them for daily transportation to and from the slopes.

**Outcome:**

The overarching goals for the MESA Snowboarding intensives are:

- To provide students with an opportunity to participate in a challenging learning opportunity that incorporates our core character traits and allows them to apply these character traits in an adventure setting.
- To provide a rewarding experience to students who have passed all of their courses over the course of the trimester.
- To build an ongoing partnership with SOS so that we can offer Snowboard intensives of this sort each year as part of our winter intensive programming.
- To help our students develop an understanding of fitness and recreation as a lifetime activity that can help maintain health and wellness.
- To deepen relationships between 10<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to prepare younger students and parents for sharing a campus with sixth graders.

# *Memo*

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TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent  
FROM: Damon Brown, Director of Information and Technology Services  
DATE: February 21, 2006

**SUBJECT: KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP**

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Mapleton Board of Education about kindergarten enrollment and community communications to build awareness around district options for kindergarten.

Last year, meetings were conducted for the parents of incoming kindergarten students. Previous to last year, parents visited their neighborhood schools to receive information and register their children for kindergarten. As a "system of choice," we are committed to ensuring that parents have as much information as possible before making this important decision.

This year, two community meetings were planned and organized by the Mapleton Welcome Center. These meetings provide kindergarten parents with opportunities to learn more about their school options from school administrators and teachers and to select schools that best fit their children's learning styles and interests.

The event is being publicized in local newspapers (Thornton/Northglenn Sentinel, Westminster Window, and the Thornton Frontier) over a six-week period. Additionally 18,696 postcards were sent to households within our community.

The first "Kindergarten Round-up" was held on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment applications were accepted and overall attendance was estimated at about 150 families.

Parents were provided with:

1. An overview of the District and preview of the "Small Schools" Video
2. A more in-depth explanation of each of the K-6, K-8, and K-12 schools
3. An explanation of the school application and registration process
4. A book entitled The Kissing Hand, available in both English and Spanish

The second of the two "Kindergarten Round-ups" will be held March 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm at the Skyview Main Campus.