



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD ROOM, DISTRICT OFFICE
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 28, 2017 (Work Session Meeting)**

A Work Session Board Meeting of the Elizabeth School District was held on Monday, August 28, 2017 in the Board Room, District Office.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Deb Spenceley called the Work Session BOE Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following BOE Directors were present:

Director Carol Hinds
Director Dee Lindsey
Director Chris Richardson
Director Richard Smith
Director Deb Spenceley

Also present: Superintendent Douglas Bissonette
Communications Director Melissa Hoelting

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Deb Spenceley led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 EDUCATION SHOWCASE

A group of gifted and talented students from Elizabeth High School, a parent chaperone and teacher Leanne Cook shared highlights from their experiential learning trip to Nebraska. In all, 29 gifted students participated in the trip. They explored Scottsbluff National Monument, Fort Robinson State Park, the Hudson-Meng bison fossil site and Toadstool Geologic Park. On the final day of their trip, the students experienced the total solar eclipse in Gering, Nebraska, with students from Gering Freshman Academy. The students' enthusiasm was contagious as they described the trip as "life-changing." Senior Seth Beebe said it was "the best way to kick off a school year in my entire educational career." The group will share their experiences again in October at the Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented Conference.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/BLANKET MOTION

A motion was made to approve the amended agenda.

Motion moved by Director Richardson

Motion seconded by Director Hinds

ROLL CALL:

Director Carol Hinds – aye
Director Dee Lindsey – aye
Director Chris Richardson – aye
Director Richard Smith – aye
Director Deb Spenceley – aye

The motion carried 5-0



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6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2017 Elizabeth Schools Board of Education meeting.

Motion Moved by Director Hinds

Motion Seconded by Director Richardson

ROLL CALL:

Director Carol Hinds – aye

Director Dee Lindsey – aye

Director Chris Richardson – aye

Director Richard Smith – aye

Director Deb Spenceley – aye

The motion carried 5-0

7.0 COMMUNICATION

7.1 State Testing Results

Elizabeth Schools received preliminary District Performance Framework and School Performance Framework results from the Colorado Department of Education. The district earned an additional 8.8 percentage points above the previous year and received a preliminary rating of Accredited: Low Participation.

One of the strongest improvements came from Elizabeth High School, which improved more than 13 percent compared to last year. Improvements were made in both academic achievement and academic growth measures. The school's preliminary rating is Performance Plan, the highest possible rating category for schools.

Elizabeth Middle School's academic achievement and academic growth remained the steady year over year and maintained its Performance Plan rating.

Running Creek Elementary had a 10 percent improvement compared to last year and is now just a percentage point away from earning a Performance Plan rating. Currently, the school's preliminary rating is Improvement Plan. Singing Hills Elementary's rating decreased by 8 percent, but the school maintained its Performance Plan rating. (Frontier High School is rated as an alternative school and is rated independently from the other district schools.) The ratings for the district and its schools were qualified by Low Participation, meaning the percent of students taking state test was below 95%.

Language arts is the area that needs the most improvement at both the elementary and middle school levels. In an effort to improve student achievement and growth in this area, Running Creek and Singing Hills Elementary are introducing a new language arts curriculum this year. The elementary schools also just completed the first year of the Colorado Department of Education's Early Literacy Assessment Tool (ELAT) project. The project gives schools access to an early literacy assessment tool that teachers can use to obtain real-time information on the reading skill levels of students in kindergarten through third grade. Elizabeth Middle School is also piloting a different language arts curriculum this year.

7.2 Board of Education

Board members commented that they liked the District Luncheon and Pinning Ceremony and how the recognition of staff service years was streamlined this year.



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8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda 8.1-8.5.

Motion Moved by Director Richardson

Motion Seconded by Director Hinds

ROLL CALL:

Director Carol Hinds – aye

Director Dee Lindsey – aye

Director Chris Richardson – aye

Director Richard Smith – aye

Director Deb Spenceley – aye

The motion carried 5-0

8.1 New Hires

Amy Dulin, Teacher, Singing Hills Elementary

Lilyann Lambert, Teacher, Elizabeth High School

Geri Cline, Teacher, Elizabeth High School

Celeste Nutz, Sped Para, Singing Hills Elementary

Tiffany Roberts, Sped Para, Singing Hills Elementary

Patrick Kilkenny, Playground Para, Running Creek Elementary

8.2 Transfers/Changes

Christopher Hamner, Sped Para, Elizabeth Middle School

Nicole MacHale, Sped Para, Elizabeth Middle School

Lois Noe, Bus Driver, Transportation

8.3 Extra Duty Assignments

Mary Walsh, SWAAAC Coordinator, Districtwide

Mary Walsh, SLP Difficult to Fill, Districtwide

Kelly Riddle, Additional Duties, Frontier High School

Kevin Chase, Football Assistant, Elizabeth Middle School

Leanne Cook, Depth/Complexity Trainer, Elizabeth High School

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Laurie Burton, ELL Coord/ELL Liaison, Singing Hills Elementary

Brian Mayes, GT, Singing Hills Elementary

Jacquie Love, Depth/Complexity Trainer, Singing Hills Elementary

Lissa Hoza, Sped Team Lead, Singing Hills Elementary

Spencer Smith, Head Boys Golf, Elizabeth High School

Julie Reese, GT, Elizabeth Middle School

Trudy Little, Sped Team Lead, Elizabeth Middle School

Kristin Foster, OT Difficult to Fill, Districtwide

Charla Culver, SLP Difficult to Fill, Districtwide

Tracy Devney, Sped Team Lead, Running Creek Elementary

Kerry Jibblits, ELL Liaison, Running Creek Elementary

Kristin Foster, OT Team Lead, Districtwide

Charla Culver, SLP Team Lead, Districtwide

Sarah Mosher, Sped Team Lead, Elizabeth High School

Paige Weston, Assistant Volleyball Coach, Elizabeth High School



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8.4 Substitutes

Tia Dammen, Substitute Teacher
Ron Swartzendruber, Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional
Karissa Stovall, Substitute Teacher
Louise Belnap, Substitute Paraprofessional
Amber Keele, Substitute Paraprofessional
Andrea Felton, Substitute Paraprofessional

8.5 Master Plan Agreement

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

No action items

10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

No discussion items

11.0 BOARD PLANNING

The next regular board meeting will be September 11, 2017.

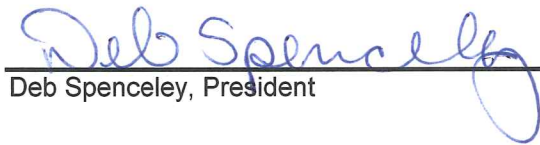
12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



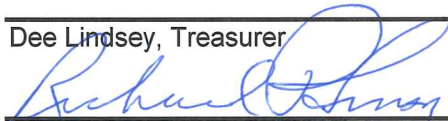
Deb Spenceley, President

Carol Hinds, Vice President



Chris Richardson, Secretary

Dee Lindsey, Treasurer



Richard Smith, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by: Melissa Hoelting