

ELIZABETH SCHOOL DISTRICT C-1 - RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



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BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD ROOM, DISTRICT OFFICE MINUTES OF MEETING FINAL February 11, 2013 (BUSINESS Meeting)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Cindy Miller called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm

ROLL CALL

Director Dee Lindsey

Director Cindy Miller

Director Deb Spenceley

Director Chip Swan

The board entered executive session for personnel matters (C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (f))

The board came out of executive session at 5:59 pm.

Director Chuck Williams joined the meeting.

The board reentered executive session for personnel matters (C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (f)) at 6:09 pm

The executive session was adjourned at 7:00 pm

A Business Session Board meeting of the Elizabeth School District was held on Monday, February 11, 2013, at the Board Room, District Office.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Williams called BOE Meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2.0 ROLL CALL

The following BOE directors were present:

Director Dee Lindsey

Director Cindy Miller

Director Deb Spenceley

Director Chip Swan

Director Chuck Williams

Also present: Superintendent, Douglas Bissonette
Executive Administrative Assistant/Communication Specialist, Michele McCarron
Director of Finance, Ron Patera

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVED

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President Williams led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 EDUCATION SHOWCASE

Bucks for Boxers

Makenna Karpunin, a 12-year old student at Elizabeth Middle School, shared with the board her nonprofit organization called Bucks for Boxers. This organization, started by Makenna, is dedicated to providing financial assistance to boxer dogs and their families in need of critical or emergency veterinary care, and to provide them with resource assistance.

National Honor Society

The Elizabeth High School National Honor Society consists of 26 students. Working together this group completed nearly **670 hours of service** in the first semester of this school year 2012-2013. Some of the community service projects include district wide tutoring, walking for a cause, mitten, hat and coat drive, and visits to the Goodwin Manner Assisted Living. Their next project is the Bonfils Blood Drive scheduled for March 6 at the Elizabeth High School. The Induction Event, scheduled for March 16, will honor these students and will welcome new members to the EHS National Honor Society.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/BLANKET MOTION

A motion was made to approve the agenda as written.

Motion moved by Director Dee Lindsey

Motion seconded by Director Chip Swan

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye

Director Cindy Miller - aye

Director Deb Spenceley - aye

Director Chip Swan - aye

Director Chuck Williams - aye

The motion carried 5-0

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 Motion to approve the minutes from January 14, 2013 as written.

Motion Moved by Director Deb Spenceley

Motion Seconded by Director Cindy Miller

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye

Director Cindy Miller - aye

Director Deb Spenceley - aye

Director Chip Swan - aye

Director Chuck Williams - aye

The motion carried 5.0

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 High School Rodeo

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The president of the High School Rodeo Team, Kathy Sweigart, thanked the Board of Education for allowing the team to be formed and supported at the Elizabeth High School. She also announced the Elizabeth High School Rodeo Team will be hosting its first Colorado State High School Rodeo on April 6 and 7 at the Elbert Fairgrounds. She encouraged the school district and community members to attend the rodeo.

7.2 MAP Scores

Andrea Duran, Director of Learning Services, presented MAP assessment data from Fall 2010 through Winter 2013. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is a state-aligned computerized adaptive assessment program for math, language usage, reading, and science. The assessments provide our educators with the information they need to improve teaching and learning and make student-focused, data-driven decisions. Educators use the growth and achievement data from MAP to develop targeted instructional strategies and to plan school improvement. Our students are performing well above the national median.

7.3 IAC Preliminary Report

IAC presented to the board the preliminary report on the assessment project of the school buildings and transportation. The key findings reported that the schools facilities currently meet district needs adequately. The schools vary widely in condition and remaining service life. Some immediate repairs were identified and recommended to be addressed within this year's current budget. A final report will be presented to the board in March.

7.4 The Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer, Ron Patera, provided a financial update. There are a couple of cost centers within the general fund that are at 50% or slightly over. There is nothing in the general fund that is of concern. The district's match for PERA has increased from 15.65% to 16.55% beginning with the January payroll. The rest of the funds are at what we expect for this time of year, reported Patera.

7.5 Human Resources Report

Kin Shuman, Director of Human Resources, provided the board with an update on job fairs occurring in the March and April timeframe. Elizabeth Schools will be participating in job fairs in the southern part of the state, the Denver metro area, Greeley, and CSU Fort Collins.

7.6 Superintendent Report

Superintendent, Bissonette, provided the board with the following updates.

Safety Survey

A **Safety Task Force** is in place for Elizabeth Schools to review the results of the Safety Survey and to recommend immediate action steps. The Safety Survey was implemented in response to the incident in Sandy Hook, in an effort to capture the sentiments and have the voices heard of our parents and staff on safety at our schools. The district summary results are posted on the Safety Webpage of the District Website.

Registration is Open

The Elizabeth Middle School held their 5th grade registration night for school year 2013-2014. The superintendent announced those interested in having their children attend the Elizabeth Middle School may register now by visiting the Registrar Office at EMS.

Senate Bill 191

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Senate Bill 191 requires all school districts to use an evaluation system that meets or exceeds new state requirements. One new element of the system is that 50% of the evaluation for all teachers and principals be based on academic growth of students. The Elizabeth School District has in place a professional practices committee and a growth committee, and these committees along with teachers and administrators throughout the district have been working for the past 18 months to align our system with state requirements.

Superintendent Bissonette shared with the board a number of events and activities that are happening throughout the schools. These events are posted on the district website.

7.7 Board of Education Report

Director Deb Spenceley has been attending Regional Days at the Capital. Director Chip Swan attended the Snow Dance sponsored by the Cardinal Club to raise funds for scholarships for our athletes. Director Swan also visited the new SPED Opportunity Program at the Elizabeth Middle School as well as the Transportation Department. Director Chuck Williams talked about the upcoming STARS banquet in April that is sponsored by the Elizabeth Education Foundation (EEF).

The board members agreed to support 2013-The Year of the Student Project which is a collaboration of thousands of individuals and over 90 diverse organizations communicating to legislature to make education funding their top priority in 2013.

The board is reviewing a number of policies. The policies that are under review are posted on the board policy webpage of the district website. Parents and staff members are welcome to review the policies and to provide comments and feedback to the designated contact.

The school board thanked members of the school district and the community for participating in the BOE Meet and Greet. The board indicated it was a good opportunity to have informal discussions on a variety of topics. The board is looking to have the next BOE Meet and Greet in mid-March.

7.8 Public Participation

Frank Reeves addressed the board of education.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Transfers and Changes

Mary Teeters, SPED Bus Para

8.2 Substitutes

8.3 Charter School Food Service Authority

A motion to approve the consent agenda 8.1-8.3 as presented

Motion Moved by Director Dee Lindsey

Motion Seconded by Director Deb Spenceley

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye

Director Cindy Miller - aye

Director Deb Spenceley - aye

Director Chip Swan - aye

Director Chuck Williams - aye

The motion carried 5-0

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9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Approval of 1338 Council Members

A motion to approve 9.1 1338 Council Members

Motion moved by Director Deb Spenceley

Motion seconded by Director Cindy Miller

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye

Director Cindy Miller - aye

Director Deb Spenceley - aye

Director Chip Swan - aye

Director Chuck Williams - aye

The motion carried 5-0

9.2 Year of the Student

A motion to approve 9.2 Year of the Student project was approved with changes.

Motion moved by Director Chip Swan

Motion seconded by Director Deb Spenceley

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye

Director Cindy Miller - aye

Director Deb Spenceley - aye

Director Chip Swan - aye

Director Chuck Williams - aye

The motion carried 5-0

9.3 1st Reading Licensed Hiring Policy

A motion to approve 9.3 1st Reading Licensed Hiring Policy.

Motion moved by Director Deb Spenceley

Motion seconded by Director Chip Swan

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye

Director Cindy Miller - aye

Director Deb Spenceley - aye

Director Chip Swan - aye

Director Chuck Williams - aye

The motion carried 5-0

10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 BOE Blog

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1338 Council was discussed on the blog. The 1338 Council will advise the board of the fairness, credibility, and professional quality of the new Educator Effectiveness Evaluation System, the process, and the procedures, and shall conduct continuous evaluation of the system.

10.2

The board discussed 110 day transition policy which is designed to allow an individual who is retiring from the district through PERA to, in effect be rehired for one additional school year. Elizabeth District policy requires 20 or more consecutive years of service. The Elizabeth District Policy will be modified, the draft version will be available for viewing on the board policies webpage. The 1st reading of the modified policy will be on the agenda for the next board meeting.

11.0 BOARD PLANNING

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2013.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 10:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



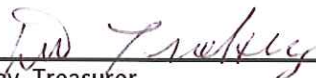
Charles Williams, President



Cindy Miller, Vice President



Chip Swan, Secretary



Dee Lindsey, Treasurer



Deb Spenceley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by: Michele McCarron