

ELIZABETH SCHOOL DISTRICT C-1

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BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD ROOM, DISTRICT OFFICE MINUTES OF MEETING FINAL May 23, 2016 (Work Session Meeting)

The Work Session Board Meeting of the Elizabeth School District was held on Monday, May 23, 2016, in the Board Room, District Office.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Deb Spenceley called the Business Session BOE Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

The following BOE Directors were present: Director Dee Lindsey Director Chris Richardson Director Richard Smith Director Deb Spenceley

Director Carol Hinds was not present.

Also present:

Superintendent, Douglas Bissonette

Chief Finance Director, Ron Patera

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4.0 EDUCATION SHOWCASE/RECOGNITIONS

No Education Showcase

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/BLANKET MOTION

A motion was made to amend the agenda.

 $9.1~2^{nd}$ Reading IKF Graduation Requirements change to 2^{nd} Reading IKF (2021) Graduation Requirements.

Add 9.2 1st Reading IKF Graduation Requirements

Motion moved by Director Spenceley

Motion seconded by Director Lindsey

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye Director Chris Richardson - aye

Director Richard Smith - aye Director Deb Spenceley - aye The motion carried 4-0

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 A motion was made to approve the minutes from meeting May 9, 2016.

Motion Moved by Director Smith Motion Seconded by Director Lindsey

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - abstain Director Chris Richardson - aye Director Richard Smith - aye Director Deb Spenceley - aye The motion carried 3-0

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 Preliminary Budget

Ron Patera, Chief Financial Officer presented the preliminary budget for the 2016-2017 school year. According to the final school finance legislation, the state is increasing the per pupil revenue for the district by \$121.87. However, in 2009 the State of Colorado stopped funding public schools to keep up with inflation and the growth in the number of students. This reduction in funding is called the Negative Factor. Mr. Patera reported that the state's repeated implementation of the Negative Factor continues to impact the district's budget. The loss of revenue to the district in the upcoming school year is approximately \$2.25 million. The cumulative loss of revenue due to the Negative Factor from 2009 to 2016 is \$17.5 million.

As has been the trend for about a decade, the district is budgeting for an overall enrollment decline. Based on the number of Kindergarten students entering first grade, and the number of seniors graduating, the district forecasts an enrollment drop of 57 students. The district also anticipates a heavier responsibility from state and federally mandated special education instruction. Over the last five years special education expenses have grown 27%, without corresponding increases in funding.

With the historically high teacher turnover rate, resulting mostly from uncompetitive compensation, district staff targeted budget efforts to improve compensation. Increases were made to both Certified and Classified salary schedules, and staff were given step increases. Funds were allocated to increasing substitute pay and the coaches' salary schedule was improved.

Mr. Patera also reviewed a list of capital projects and associated expenses. Some of the items highlighted included:

Match for roof replacement at SHE - \$300,000 Match for Waste Water System at SHE - \$424,779 Replacement of Carpeting at RCE - \$35,000 EHS Track resurfacing and pole vault pit repairs - \$176,249 Sealant on exterior walls to prevent moisture penetration - \$45,000 Technology Purchases - \$100,000

With the preliminary budget as presented, it is anticipated that the District will end the next fiscal year with a fund balance of \$2,032,515 in the General Fund.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda 8.1-8.4 Motion Moved by Director Lindsey Motion Seconded by Director Richardson

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye Director Chris Richardson - aye Director Richard Smith - aye Director Deb Spenceley - aye The motion carried 4-0

8.1 New Hires/Re-hires

Kaitlyn Murray, Teacher, EHS

8.2 Transfers/Changes

Jeanne Boice-Wiley, Interim Special Ed Director, SPED Christiane Ederveen, Teacher, RCE

8.3 Resignations/Terminations/Non-Renewals

Steve Mann, Teacher, EHS Sierra Wyneken, Playground Para, RCE Mary Workman, Playground Para, RCE Chris Cline, AP/AD, EHS Angie Cline, Counseling Secretary, EHS

8.4 Substitutes

9.0 Action Items

9.1 A motion was made to approve the 2nd Reading and Final of policy IKF (2021) Graduation Requirements. This policy will go into effect beginning with the graduating class of 2021.

Motion Moved by Director Smith Motion Seconded by Director Spenceley

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye Director Chris Richardson - aye Director Richard Smith - aye Director Deb Spenceley - aye The motion carried 4-0

9.2 A motion was made to approve the 1st Reading and Final of policy IKF Graduation Requirements. IKF is the current Graduation Requirements policy and will remain in effect for all the graduating classes prior to 2021.

Motion Moved by Director Richardson Motion Seconded by Director Spenceley

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye Director Chris Richardson - aye Director Richard Smith - aye Director Deb Spenceley - aye The motion carried 4-0

10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

No Discussion Items

11.0 BOARD PLANNING

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2016

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The regular board meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Spenceley, President

ABSTAM

Carol Hinds, Vice President

Chris Richardson, Secretary

ABSENT

Dee Lindsey, Treasurer

Richard Smith, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by: Michele McCarron