

ELIZABETH SCHOOL DISTRICT C-1 - RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



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BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD ROOM, DISTRICT OFFICE MINUTES OF MEETING February 25, 2013 (Working Session)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Chuck Williams called the Executive Session to order at 6:15 pm

ROLL CALL

Director Dee Lindsey
Director Cindy Miller
Director Deb Spenceley
Director Chip Swan
Director Chuck Williams

The board entered executive session for personnel matters (C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (f))
The board came out of executive session at 7:15 pm.

A Working Session Board meeting of the Elizabeth School District was held on Monday, February 25, 2013, in the Board Room, at District Office.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Williams called BOE Meeting to order at 7:20 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

President Williams led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 EDUCATION SHOWCASE

Elizabeth High School

Principal Dr. Greg Wieman, shared several achievements by the Elizabeth High School.

School Performance Framework 2010 2011 2012

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Reading	74	75	81
Mathematics	71	68	78
Writing	82	86	87
Science	63	74	80

**These are the percentage points earned on the school performance framework.*

ACT Composite Scores

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
20.4	20.8	21.4	21.6	22.0

Colorado State Averages

(20.5	20.8	20.6	20.7	20.6)
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Dr. Wieman presented the success of several extracurricular activities at the high school. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Technology Student Association (TSA), and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) are all competitive clubs that have consistently finished in the top 10 at state competitions against Division 4 and 5 schools, and some have become national qualifiers.

The wrestling team had 5 qualifiers to state; Gav Houston, Tyler Erzen, Kevin Peredes, John Leonard, and Dylan Burgett. Gav Houston, Junior at EHS, took 3rd place in the 120 lb weight class at state.

Ashley Stone from EHS was selected by the John Lynch Foundation as the Student/Athlete of the month for February. The John Lynch Foundation recognizes athletes who excel in athletics, academics, and community involvement.

Generation Opera Colorado

Superintendent Douglas Bissonette shared information on the Generation Opera Colorado. The 8th grade theatre students participated in the Generation Opera Colorado Program. The students were tasked with creating a poster to market Romeo and Juliet. Hannah Seip's poster came in first place and Cat Rose won the audience choice award.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/BLANKET MOTION

A motion was made to approve the agenda as written.

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

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 Motion to approve the minutes from February 11, 2013 as written.

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

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Director Chip Swan - aye
Director Chuck Williams - aye
The motion carried 5.0

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 4H Club

Ben Duke presented the Elbert County 4H program where over 450 youngsters participate. The Elbert County 4H program is ranked among one of the highest 4H programs in the state. Duke stated that the 4H program is a great way to augment what happens in the school. Duke is also soliciting support for the 4H scholarship program. One of the events hosted by the 4H club that directly supports the scholarship program is the Spring Fling Gala. The 4H program is currently looking for sponsors for the gala event. The 4H Spring Fling Gala event includes silent auction, live auction, reception and dinner. The event is scheduled for April 13, at the Elbert County Fairgrounds.

7.2 Read Act-District in Good Shape

Director of Learning Services Andrea Duran, presented to the board about the Colorado Read Act and the status of Elizabeth Schools. The READ Act focuses on K-3 literacy, assessment, and individual plans for students reading below grade level. Struggling readers will be identified as early as kindergarten, and teachers will work with those students to diagnose the cause of their reading difficulties and apply strategies to assist these students. Mrs. Duran reported that the district is in really good shape and that as a district we do not have any students that need a Read Plan. Duran also stated that the full-day kindergarten program has helped our early readers.

7.3 District Unified Improvement Plan (DUIP)

The Education Accountability Act requires each Colorado district and school to create an annual improvement plan. Andrea Duran shared the draft District's Unified Improvement Plan which is created from each schools unified improvement plan. Each school buildings leadership team begins their process of developing their school specific improvement plan in August. These are living documents and the schools are actively working and modifying the plans until final submittal to state in mid-April. Andrea Duran reviews the schools plans and working with the superintendent and all principals looks at the commonalities for areas of improvement. Mrs. Duran stated that the district has identified three major improvement strategies:

- Identify specific writing objectives and skills to be targeted at each grade level.
- Identify specific reading skills and writing skills to be taught to Special Education students and all disaggregated groups within the across grade levels.
- Improve math growth for all students through differentiated instruction and curricular fidelity.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 Transfers and Changes

Ashley Pollard, Teacher, EHS

Randa Kelton, Teacher, EHS

8.2 Terminations/Resignations

Julie Kay, Teacher, SHE

Robin Neeley, Bus Driver

8.3 Substitutes

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

Motion Moved by Director Deb Spenceley

Motion Seconded by Director Dee Lindsey

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye

Director Cindy Miller - aye

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Director Deb Spenceley - aye
Director Chip Swan - aye
Director Chuck Williams - aye
The motion carried 5-0

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 2nd Reading Licensed Hiring Policy

A motion to approve the updated Licensed Hiring Policy

Motion moved by Director Deb Spenceley
Motion seconded by Director Chip Swan

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye
Director Cindy Miller - no
Director Deb Spenceley - aye
Director Chip Swan - aye
Director Chuck Williams - aye
The motion carried 4-0

9.2 1st Reading 110 Day Transition Policy

A motion to approve 9.2 110 Day Transition Policy

Motion moved by Director Cindy Miller
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 Snow Closures

A motion to approve 9.3 Snow Closures – Feb. 21 & Feb. 25, 2013

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

9.4 Superintendent Contract

A motion to approve 9.4 Extension of Superintendent's Contract through June 30, 2015.

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Motion moved by Director Chip Swan
Motion seconded by Director Dee Lindsey

ROLL CALL:

Director Dee Lindsey - aye
Director Cindy Miller - no
Director Deb Spenceley - aye
Director Chip Swan - aye
Director Chuck Williams - aye
The motion carried 4-0

10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Expense Reduction Proposal

Dr. Wieman provided information comparing the high schools current two-day block schedule and a traditional seven class, every day schedule. Benefits stated for the traditional schedule are more instructional time, student-teacher contact every day, easier work make up for absences, and some financial gains for the district. Wieman did state that the block system has not been the promise they were made to be. There are also issues that need to be considered if the board were to vote to change from block-schedule to traditional; collaborative time Thursdays, homeroom, cardinal time, lunches, graduation requirements, elective concerns, and increased academic stress. The board inquired if there were other schedule options or hybrid options that should be considered. The board is soliciting feedback from parents and students regarding the current block schedule, the traditional schedule, other options, and the timing of any transition.

10.2 Board Policy Process

The board discussed the current policy that outlines the process for updating board policies.

10.3 BOE Blog

Discussions on the blog included advertisements and pricing of advertisements for the Small Town Big News district paper.

10.4 Meeting Checklist

The BOE discussed a meeting checklist to evaluate the board meeting.

11.0 BOARD PLANNING

The next BOE Meet and Greet is scheduled for March 12, 5-7pm at Grumpy's Coffee.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

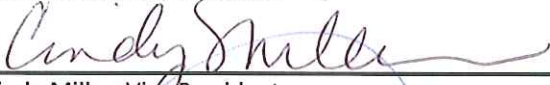
The board meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.

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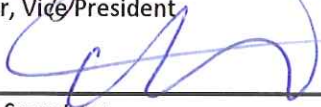
Respectfully Submitted,



Charles Williams, President



Cindy Miller, Vice President



Chip Swan, Secretary



Dee Lindsey, Treasurer



Deb Spenceley, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by: Michele McCarron

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