

BOARD MEETING OF THE GILPIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 20, 2015

Board Secretary Treasurer Charlotte Taylor called the meeting of the Gilpin County Board of Education to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Armstrong – present; Boulter - present; Holmes – absent; Ramsey - arrived at 7:11 p.m.: Taylor - present.

Board Member Kersten Armstrong read the mission statement.

Armstrong (m); Boulter (s): APPROVE the agenda, as amended.

Armstrong – aye; Boulter – aye; Taylor - aye

CARRIED

During *New Employee Introduction* Ari Knaus introduced herself as Ms. Haley’s Para-professional. She stated that she has two boys currently enrolled in Gilpin School and she has been an active parent volunteer for several years. Working here as a volunteer has encouraged her to change her career path from accounting to teaching.

Robin Bartly introduced herself as a full-time custodian. She also has a son enrolled in Gilpin School.

During *Congratulations and Celebrations* Secondary Principal Alex Donaldson informed the Board that this year’s Valedictorian is Alyssa Chareunsouk and the Salutatorian is Delainey Lepro.

Art Teacher Curt Halsted introduced Aharon Bellinsky as the next Board of Education Artist of the Month. He stated that Bellinsky does amazing work and always gives 110 percent. The chosen piece of art was Bellinsky’s Winter Art Project depicting two penguins.

During *Student Participation* 4th Grade Teacher Ms. Sepanik along with students, Skylee Ramsey, Brianna Godwin, Keigan Hughes, Jadyn Besiallon and Bradley Robinson were present to give a presentation to the Board. Ms. Sepanik posed the following four questions to students to answer for the Board:

1. How do learning targets help you?
2. How do you know if you are proficient?
3. What happens if you are not?
4. How does technology help your learning?

It was a presentation designed to show how the students have truly taken ownership of their learning.

There was no *Public Participation*.

Armstrong (m); Boulter (s): APPROVE the minutes of the December 15, 2014, board meeting as amended.

Armstrong offered one grammatical correction.

Armstrong – aye; Boulter – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye

CARRIED

Armstrong (m); Boulter (s): ACCEPT the Business Manager’s Memo as presented.

Armstrong – aye; Boulter – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye

CARRIED

Armstrong (m); Boulter (s): APPROVE the Check Vouchers as presented.

Armstrong – aye; Boulter – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye

CARRIED

Armstrong (m); Boulter (s): APPROVE the Financial Statements as presented.

Armstrong – aye; Boulter – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye

CARRIED

Armstrong (m); Boulter (s): APPROVE the Quarterly Report as presented.

Armstrong – aye; Boulter – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye

CARRIED

Armstrong (m); Boulter (s): ACCEPT the Resignation of MS Math Teacher Denise Smyth.

Donaldson stated that the District has put long time substitute Craig Ball in the position as Middle School Math Teacher until a permanent replacement can be found. High School Math Teacher Rachel VanHoose is also assisting Mr. Ball prepare for the lessons he is teaching to students.

Armstrong – aye; Boulter – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye

CARRIED

Armstrong (m); Boulter (s): 1st Reading Policies: AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity, AC-R – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity Regulation, AC-E-1 – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity/Section 504/ADA Exhibit 1 Compliance Officer, AC-E-2- Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity/Section 504/ADA Exhibit 2 Complaint Form, ACE – Nondiscrimination On The Basis of Disability, GB – Treatment of Staff/Respectful Workplace, GBAA – Sexual Harassment, GBAA-R – Sexual Harassment Regulation, GBEB-R – Responsibilities of the Teacher, GBEB-A – Staff Dress Code, GBGE – Staff Maternity/Paternity/Parental Leave, GBGG – Staff Leave of Absence, GBGI – Staff Military Leave, GBK – Staff Concerns/Complaints/Grievances, GBK-R – Staff Concerns/Complaints/Grievances Regulation, GBK-E – Grievance Form, GCKA – Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers, GCQE – Retirement of Professional Staff Members, GDQD – Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff, GDQA – Support Staff Reeductions, ILBC – Literacy and Reading Comprehension Assessments

As the Board reviewed each policy Dr. MacKenzie explained the changes or additions to the policies. He explained that this group of policy revisions and additions were policies regarding staff that needed to be either put into place or needed to be cleaned up and clarified. Also there were a group of small policies that were incorporated into one single policy.

Taylor (m); Armstrong (s): AMEND motion to add the deletion of policy GBAA-R – Sexual Harassment. Also the deletion of policies GCM – Professional Staff Work Load, GCL – Professional Staff Schedules and Calendars; GCO – Professional Staff Extra Duty; GCN – Professional Staff Meetings as they have been incorporated into policy GBEB-R – Responsibilities of the Teacher.

Armstrong – aye; Boulter – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye

CARRIED

During the discussion on the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Winter Legislative Conference it was decided that Board Secretary/Treasurer would attend the conference.

During the *Communications Report* Dr. MacKenzie informed the Board that the Board Room Bulletin Board had been updated. There are currently ten volunteers that have completed and passed the background and fingerprint process. The District has discontinued the Monthly Newsletter and the District Daily Announcements have taken its place. The announcements are being sent out via Infinite Campus and then sent via email to all staff.

During the *2nd Reading of the District 2015-2016 & 2016-2017 (B) Calendars* Dr. MacKenzie suggested one change to both calendars. He stated that the first Friday of each school year is an optional work day for the teaching staff. Since it is optional it should not be colored on the calendar.

Boulter (m); Armstrong (s): ACCEPT the 2nd Reading of District 2015-2016 & 2016-2017 (B) Calendars with recommended changes to both calendars.

Armstrong – aye; Boulter – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye

CARRIED

During the *Principals' Reports* Donaldson went over her report. She pointed out that the training day on Friday, January 9th went very well. It was a very productive and positive day.

Elementary Principal Scott Eldred also gave his report to the Board. He agreed with what Donaldson said about the training day and added that the elementary teachers experience was very positive as well. The elementary is heading in the right direction. He stated that it is reflected in the presentation given by Ms. Sepanik's students. Eldred invited the Board members to the next SOAR reception on February 2, 2015. This reception will include the SOAR students for both December and January.

During the *Superintendent's Report* Dr. MacKenzie thanked Ms. Sepanik and the students from her class for a nice presentation. It really shows that we are starting to do the things that we have said we need to do. Technology is still an issue. Most everyone is up and running, but there are a few who still have issues that need to be resolved. Student access has been an issue due to server problems. However, that issue should be resolved shortly.

Dr. MacKenzie informed the Board that the District is advertising for bids to reconstruct the outside wall that blew down. It is going to be a 6 to 8 week process to get the construction started.

Dr. MacKenzie was asked if the structural integrity of the bridge was in question after the strong winds. He stated that it is being looked into by a structural engineer. There are no visible problems, but the District wants to make sure it is still as sound as it was when first built.

The next meeting will include policies for 2nd reading, Food Services Director Jane Yerkman presenting the CDE Audit Report and secondary students' presentation.

Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Brook Ramsey, Vice President

Charlotte Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer