

**BOARD MEETING OF THE GILPIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**February 17, 2015**

Board Vice President Brook Ramsey called the meeting of the Gilpin County Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:** Armstrong – present; Boulter – arrived at 7:47 p.m.; Holmes – present via phone; Ramsey - present; Taylor - present.

Board Member Kersten Armstrong read the mission statement.

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

Dr. MacKenzie asked to add a New Employee Introduction. Also an approval of Substitute bus driver Robin Hoffman to be added under Consent Items. Dr. MacKenzie informed the Board that Secondary Principal Alexis Donaldson was not able to attend this evening as she was home with her ill daughter.

*Armstrong – aye; Holmes – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye*

**CARRIED**

During *New Employee Introduction* Superintendent Dr. MacKenzie introduced Wendy Moore who will be taking Gwen Schmaltz's position as Children's Hospital School Nurse Consultant. Moore stated that she will be at Gilpin School every Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and can be available other days of the week as well. She has four kids of her own and has been working as an emergency room nurse so she is looking forward to working during the day which will open up more time for her family.

During *Congratulations and Celebrations* Dr. MacKenzie thanked the Gilpin PTA for providing the Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social. Elementary Principal Scott Eldred added his thanks and stated it was a great tradition and a lot of fun. Eldred also informed the Board that there is a new student teacher working with elementary teachers Kellie Bayne and Megan Peifer. Her name is Sara Hersh.

During *Student Participation* Guidance Counselor Kirsten Goodlett along with middle school students Mariah Sellon, and Kasen Nelson were present to give a presentation on Rachel's Challenge and Internet Safety. Kasen and Nelson acknowledged Hannah Anderson for her efforts in helping to gather information for their power point presentation but explained she was unable to attend the meeting. The girls gave the Board an overview of what Rachel's Challenge is and what they are doing make a difference here at Gilpin School. Goodlett stated that there are about 25 students currently involved with the Rachel's Challenge. She said it is a good investment for the students.

During *Public Participation* reporter for “The Week Register Call” Patty Unruh asked Dr. MacKenzie how the repairs from the wind damage coming. Dr. MacKenzie stated that the district is waiting on the state fire marshal to give his final approval for the repairs.

**Armstrong (m); Taylor (s): APPROVE the minutes of the February 2, 2015 board meeting as amended.**

*Armstrong – aye; Holmes – aye; Ramsey – abstain; Taylor - aye*

**CARRIED**

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

*Armstrong – aye; Holmes – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye*

**CARRIED**

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

*Armstrong – aye; Holmes – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye*

**CARRIED**

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

*Armstrong – aye; Holmes – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye*

**CARRIED**

**Armstrong (m); Taylor (s): APPROVE Robin Hoffman for Substitute Bus Driver.**

*Armstrong – aye; Holmes – aye; Ramsey – aye; Taylor - aye*

**CARRIED**

During the *Communications Report* Dr. MacKenzie informed the Board that the new outside marquee has been ordered and it will take four to six weeks to get here.

During the *Superintendent’s Report* Dr. MacKenzie stated that the district and teachers continue to work on the 3 initiatives. There will be a safety meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning on February 18, 2015. Dr. MacKenzie also informed the Board that he would be hosting a Superintendent’s Question and Answer session on February 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. The district is also getting ready for the PARCC testing which will take place in March.

Holmes asked Dr. MacKenzie if the final cost of repairs will be covered by the insurance. Dr. MacKenzie stated that at this point and time it looks like the insurance will cover the cost minus the deductible.

Elementary Principal Scott Eldred also gave his report to the Board. He stated that he is currently conducting midyear interviews with the elementary teachers and the scheduling for the formal observations are taking place. The PARCC assessment testing will begin on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. He stated that it will be critical for the distractions in the hallway during testing to be at a minimum and hoped everyone would spread the word. He thanked board member Boulter for attending the December/January SOAR awards.

Boulter arrived at 7:47 p.m. He apologized for his lateness. He was attending a Central City Council meeting.

The next meeting will include policies for 1<sup>st</sup> reading and an executive session.

The need for the Executive Session was discussed and a motion was made to table the session.

**Armstrong (m); Taylor (s): MOVE to Table the Executive Session until the next Board of Education meeting on March 2, 2015.**

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

**CARRIED**

Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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Brook Ramsey, Vice President

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Charlotte Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer