

BOARD MEETING OF THE GILPIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 16, 2015

President Craig Holmes called the meeting of the Gilpin County Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Armstrong – present; Boulter – arrived at 7:04 p.m.; Holmes – present; Ramsey – arrived at 7:20 p.m.; Taylor - present.

Board Member Kersten Armstrong read the mission statement.

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

Armstrong – aye; Holmes – aye; Taylor - aye

CARRIED

During Congratulations and Celebrations Secondary Principal Alexis Donaldson congratulated the girls' basketball team. They won the district title and gave a great effort at the regional game in Glenwood Springs. She also congratulated Khristine Barr, Chase Boulter and Delainey Lepro for receiving the following league recognition:

Khristine Barr – All-League Honorable Mention

Chase Boulter – 2nd Team All-League

Delainey Lepro – 1st Team All-League

Donaldson congratulated the students and staff for completing round one of the PARCC testing. She stated although there were glitches to work through but, overall it was a success. She thanked the PTA and Booster Club for providing breakfast on the mornings of testing. The breakfast is very much appreciated.

During *Student Participation* 5th grade teacher Sharon Lutes along with students Meir Bellinsky, Sydney DeLeon, Grace Peeples, Haley Stundon and Damian Turner, gave a presentation to the Board on their "Classroom Economy". Lutes stated that she and Technology teacher Sunny Vincent applied for a grant to purchase Chrome Books to be used in the 5th grade classroom for math and science. They received the grant, and for the past two years the Classroom Economy class has evolved. Lutes explained that there are seven jobs in which the students rotate through: judges, architects, bankers, insurance agents, landlords, policemen and custodians with corresponding salaries. The students explained what it is like to have each job and what the duties are within the classroom. Lutes stated that all of the bookkeeping and records have been done on paper so far, but starting in April the students will be learning to use spreadsheets on the Chrome Books.

During *Public Participation* reporter for “The Week Register Call” Patty Unruh asked about Elementary Principal Scott Eldred’s welfare. Dr. MacKenzie said that he had talked with Eldred and he was doing better and is hoping to be back the Monday after Spring Break. He explained the circumstances of Eldred’s absence and the Board thanked her for her concern.

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the minutes of the March 2, 2015 board meeting as amended.

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

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Custodial Supervisor Stipend for Kenneth Nadeau.

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

CARRIED

During the *Communications Report* Dr. MacKenzie informed the Board that his last Superintendent Question and Answer on February 19, 2015, went well. His next one will be on April 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the board room. Also there will be a Superintendent’s Advisory Committee meeting on April 7, 2015, in the board room. Dr. MacKenzie explained that this is a committee where a specific group of people are invited to attend and they discuss the mission, vision and strategic goals of the District.

During the *Superintendent’s Report* Dr. MacKenzie stated that most of the files that were lost to the teachers with the server change have been found. Nate Detling is working on restoring those for the staff.

The replacement of the wall outside is in the bidding stage. The District is waiting to receive another bid before any decisions can be made. There is no hurry as the damage is not a structural concern so the District can take their time and pick the best bid.

The Mtn. Evans BOCES has received a Literacy Grant of \$25,000 which will be split between the three districts, Gilpin, Platte Canyon and Clear Creek. This will provide for Orton Gillingham literacy training for the elementary teachers

Holmes asked about the status of the outside marquee. Secretary to the Board Robin Cortez stated that the marquee has been ordered and is en route to the school.

Ramsey asked if the District would be offering summer school this summer. Dr. MacKenzie stated that yes it would be offered. He informed the Board that summer school was offered last year to 30/35 students. It will be offered the last three weeks of June from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.

During the *Principals' Report* Donaldson stated that the last teacher in-service day on Friday, March 6th went well. Vincent and Nate Detling provided a staff training on Google email, calendar, and documents. They explained all that Google has to offer in preparedness for the transition to using Google School wide. She added that there is a lot going on, spring sports are starting, the International Trip to Belize, the 6th grade outdoor trip, ACT and AP testing are all coming up in the next two months.

The next meeting will include policies for 2nd reading.

Holmes adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Craig Holmes, President

Brook Ramsey, Vice President