

BOARD MEETING OF THE GILPIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 18, 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 – present; Holmes – present; Ramsey – arrived at 7:11; Taylor - present.

Board Member Kersten Armstrong read the mission statement.

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

Armstrong – aye; Boulter – aye; Holmes – aye; Taylor – aye

CARRIED

During Congratulations and Celebrations Secondary Principal Alexis Donaldson congratulated and thanked Brook Ramsey for her speech at the High School Graduation. She delivered a great speech. Graduation was a great success. Donaldson also thanked all who were involved with the Alive at 25 presentation. She stated that the follow-up at the court house was a great addition to the program.

Holmes added that the Volunteer Recognition Reception went well and it is a practice the school district will continue.

During the *Board of Education Artist Recognition* Mr. Halsted introduced the May inductee, 5th grader Cassidy Wood. Halsted stated that he chose a contour drawing of Wood's that depicted a very detailed drawing of a shoe. Halsted said that he is very impressed with Wood's artwork.

During *Student Participation* President of Student Council Chase Boulter and Vice President Adam Holsten were present to propose a change to the 2015 Homecoming activities. Boulter asked the Board if they would support changing the volleyball and football games from Saturday to Friday night. He explained that Homecoming day usually starts early with the parade preparations starting at 7:00 a.m. followed by the volleyball games, football game and then the dance ending around midnight. This makes for a very long day for everyone involved. Boulter stated that they had talked with Athletic Director Jeff Schuessler, Volleyball Coach Alex Donaldson, Dr. MacKenzie and Football Coach Craig Ball and they all have agreed that the change would alleviate the long day and they would be on board with the change. Boulter stated that they would need to rent four large construction lights to place around the field. They have gotten commitments from Booster, the athletic department and Dr. MacKenzie for funding for three of the lights and are still looking for one more. Boulter stated that there are a few more details to iron out but their main objective was to have the Board support their idea before they continued with the planning.

The Board all agreed that it was a good idea and Friday night games would be fun. The STUCO has the support of the Board of Education to go ahead with the change.

Co-Directors from the Gilpin County School Theater Department Advisory Committee Curt Halsted and Hannah Raynes were present to give the Board a de-brief on the school play, "Peter Pan and Wendy". Halsted stated that it was an awesome experience working with Raynes and said they work very well together. There was a tremendous amount of growth in the program this year as it was expanded out to all of the elementary. A total of 69 elementary students participated.

Halsted introduced Kate Schlosser who was in charge of the costumes. She helped the students design their own costumes. He also introduced L.A. Chucchi Dysart who was the dance choreographer. She choreographed the play and coordinated all of the dance workshops.

Raynes provided the Board members with a complete list of expenditures. She stated that the list was extensive as they expanded the program this year. Some of the items on the list were permanent, onetime items. Raynes stated that she is committed to making plays of great quality and looked forward to next year's play. All together the play cost \$ 15,139 and with all of the fund raising and grants they were able to make money on the play. They increased their general fund balance to \$2000.

Teacher and Technical Director Jennifer Gillette stated that the reason the play was such a success this year was due to a large group of people who were willing to say "yes" and not, "No, we can't". Maintenance staff members Ken Petersen and Ron Berg were instrumental in making the stage area safe for everyone involved.

Halsted also introduced Nicki Johnson who was in charge of promotions and marketing. She stated that all together there were almost 100 students involved in the play and all together they raised a total of \$6000. They did a good job of promoting the play this year and next year there will be even more promotion.

There was no *Public Participation*.

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the minutes of the May 4, 2015 board meeting as amended.

Board Secretary Charlotte Taylor offered two corrections.

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 Hire/Contract of Lindsey Litgen for Elementary Teacher.

Elementary Principal Scott Eldred stated that there are several appropriate positions and they are still in the process of finding the right place for Litgen.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Hire/Contract of Mary Jakupcak for MS/Grade 6 Teachers.

Donaldson stated that she will be taking the place of 6th grade teacher Ryan Raynes. She has gone through two rounds of interviews and is full of energy. She will be a great fit.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Hire/Contract of Dusty Newberg for HS Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher.

Donaldson stated that the school district is very lucky to be getting an experienced husband and wife duo in the Newbergs. Dusty Newberg has a law degree and will be teaching additional writing classes as well.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Hire/Contract of Darren Newberg for MS/HS Social Studies Teacher.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Hire/Contract of Christine MacKelvey MS/HS Technology Teacher.

Donaldson stated that MacKelvey comes with very good recommendations and the district is lucky to have her.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m): Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Food Service Manager Salary Schedule as presented.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m): Armstrong (s): APPROVE the 2015-2016 Board of Education Meeting Schedule.

Ramsey stated that she works on Mondays and would like to see if Monday meetings could be changed to Tuesdays. It was decided that the approval of the meeting schedule would be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Ramsey (m): Armstrong (s): AMEND Motion to Table the Approval of the 2015-2016 Board of Education Meeting Schedule until the June 1, 2015, meeting.

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

CARRIED

During the *Communications Report* Secretary to the Board Robin Cortez stated that the Volunteer Recognition Reception went very well. There were approximately 65 people invited and about half of those invited did attend the reception. Cortez stated that she had gotten good feedback from everyone regarding the reception and they hope to make it even better next year.

During the *Principals' Report* Donaldson stated that the 6th grade trip to Estes Park was a great trip. It is a great group of kids. All of the banquets so far have been great, Prom was awesome and she looks forward to the new additions to the teaching staff for the coming school year.

Eldred stated that the elementary staff has been reviewing new teaching materials. The S.O.A.R. Awards for April and May were given out that morning at 7:30 a.m. They are keeping an eye on the forecast as the elementary field day is coming up on Wednesday, May 27, 2015. Eldred also stated that the invitations for summer school have been sent out to parents.

The next meeting will include the Board Meeting Schedule and the DAC End of Year report.

Holmes adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Craig Holmes, President

Brook Ramsey, Vice President