

Board of Education Meeting August 18, 2014

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**August 18, 2014**

Board President Craig Holmes 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 – present; Holmes – present; Ramsey – present; Taylor – present.

Board Vice President Brook Ramsey read the mission statement.

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

Holmes asked to add the approval of contracts for Jennifer Gillette for Friday School and Diane Korbecki for Traditional Preschool Para-Professional. Superintendent David MacKenzie asked to add the approval of the Letter of Intent to Substitute for Rebecca Bredehoeft.

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

**CARRIED**

During *Congratulations and Celebrations*, Principal Alex Donaldson congratulated the students and staff on a great first week of school. She stated that the classes are full of students who are booming with energy. She also thanked the coaches and students who worked the Gilpin County Fair on Saturday, August 15 and Sunday the 16.

Dr. MacKenzie congratulated the secondary staff for maintaining their performance rating and, increasing it by almost 20 points. He also acknowledged and congratulated the elementary for pulling out of Priority Improvement.

Holmes congratulated Dr. MacKenzie for all of his efforts with the District. He stated Dr. MacKenzie's vision is coming to light with no school in Priority Improvement. Holmes also informed the Board that the Gilpin Education Foundation Golf Tournament is August 22, 2014, at the Evergreen Gold Course. He thanked Sara Swanson for all of her efforts with the golf tournament and said it was the most successful year for sponsorship of the tournament.

There was no *Public Participation*.

There was no *Student Participation*.

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Dr. MacKenzie asked that the new hires introduce themselves.

Josh Robbins, Middle School Language Arts Teacher stated that he was from New Mexico. He has lived there for 8 years and he is excited to be here at Gilpin.

Para-Professional for Patti Nichols pre-school class Beth Worley said she grew up in Virginia; she has two girls in the elementary and has lived here for the past fifteen years.

Fifth Grade Teacher Angela Austin stated that she completed her undergraduate in elementary in 2013 and she is happy to be on board with the Gilpin team.

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): MOVE to APPROVE the minutes of the June 16, 2014, board meeting, as amended.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Financial Statement 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 Hire/Contract for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Angela Austin.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Hire of Gloria Schreiner - Bus Driver.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Hire of Robin Bartly - Custodian.**

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

**CARRIED**

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**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Hire of Mark Boese - Substitute Custodian.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Supplemental Contract for Jennifer Gillette for Friday School.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Contract for Dianne Korbecky Preschool Para-Professional.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Increase for Secondary School Special Education Para-Professional Craig Ball from a .5 FTE to a 1 FTE for 2014-2015 School Year.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE Monica Ruhl for Substitute.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE Kalie Midcap for Substitute.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE Jaclyn Morrow for Substitute.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE Christine Wilhelm for Substitute.**

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

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**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE Jennifer Hylton for Substitute.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE Rebecca Bredehoeft for Substitute.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): ACCEPT the Resignation of Patrick Griffin – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): ACCEPT the Resignation of Veronica Weaver - Custodian.**

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

**CARRIED**

**Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): ACCEPT the Resignation of Mark Boese – Substitute Custodian.**

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

**CARRIED**

Dr. MacKenzie went over the TCAP scores. He stated that there are a lot of pockets of success and the District maintained its Accredited status.

*During the Communications Report* Dr. MacKenzie stated that he has found a Marquee for the front of the school that is a good price and would serve us well. He said that we need to make sure we will be in compliance with all of the ordinances. As of now we have checked with the county and have been cleared. We will check with the State just to be sure before moving on. Also there will be, starting this month, a monthly news letter sent out via Infinite Campus providing important information.

The Board scheduled their next Board Retreat for Saturday, September 20, 2014, 8:30 a.m. at the Isle of Capri Casino.

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The Board scheduled the next policy subcommittee meeting for Wednesday, August 20, 2014, 8:00 a.m. in the District Office.

During the *Superintendent's Report* Dr. MacKenzie stated that the District had a great start to the school year. Back to School night was a success along with the Health Fair that took place from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. that same evening. He said at this time the student count is 443 which is up from last year. He reminded the Board that this was not the funded count and that the current number accounts for students who were expected to return to school, but have not attended yet this fall. He estimates the count will be right around the same as last year.

The technology upgrades and improvements are well under way. The District has purchased Chrome Books for all of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. There are 30 Chrome Books available in the Elementary Library that can be checked out by the teachers and 20 Chrome Books on a cart available for secondary student use in the classroom. Laptops were purchased for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Robotics course.

Dr. MacKenzie stated that the summer repair work that took place included the MPR roof, flag pole, football field work, wall in Montessori class replaced and exterior painting. He also stated that Lee Ramsey and volunteers cleaned out some trees to create parking spaces between the cabin and the bus barn on the north side of the atrium for event parking. There should now be about 40 to 60 additional parking spaces available.

The local Sheriff's Office is working to get a grant to help the District get a better radio frequency band to use in the school as there are dead spots in coverage for the SRO on duty. The new frequency would allow for internal communication and direct external communication with law enforcement, fire, and ambulance when needed. The Sheriff's Office is also working to acquire funding to facilitate identifying the school as a designated disaster shelter for the county.

The Elementary Principal Scott Eldred went over his report. He provided each board member with a cup embossed with the motto for the school year, "Home of the Eagles, Where We Dare to Soar!" He stated that he is meeting with staff, reviewing data and sharing professional insight. He is in hopes that his past experiences will lend its support to help here at Gilpin School.

Secondary Principal Alexis Donaldson stated that the secondary has leapt right into the school year. They are pretty happy with the accreditation and growth scores. A lot of hard work has been put in by the teaching staff and it is starting to pay off.

The next agenda will include policies for first reading, supplemental pay, and DAC meeting update.

Holmes adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Craig Holmes, President

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Charlotte Taylor, Secretary/ Treasurer