

BOARD MEETING OF THE GILPIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 15, 2014

Board President Craig Holmes called the meeting of the Gilpin County Board of Education to order at 7:06 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); Taylor (s): APPROVE the agenda, as amended.

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

CARRIED

During Congratulations and Celebrations Principal Alexis Donaldson celebrated the H.S. Football team. They had their second Saturday win in a row. The H.S. Volleyball team had a great game against Nederland. She thanked the parents and community for a great showing of support at the game. School is in full swing and there a lot of great things happening.

During *Student Participation* Donaldson introduced students Alyssa Chareunsouk, Delainey Lepro, Cicely Lepro and Cheyenne Jackson from Jeff Schuessler’s AP English class. Each student gave a detailed summary of what they are learning in class.

During *Public Participation* Guidance Counselor Kirsten Goodlett introduced her intern for the school year, Kalie Midcap. Board member Steve Boulter pointed out that Midcap is a former student of Gilpin County School District and welcomed her on board.

Also during *Public Participation* this year’s President of the Antlers Ariel Planck informed the Board that they will be sponsoring their 3rd Annual Anti-Bullying Run on October 5th, 2014. She stated that this year all participants will have colored corn starch thrown at them as they run by the check points. She said it will be fun and encouraged the Board members to come join in the fun.

Ramsey (m); Taylor (s): APPROVE the minutes of the September 2, 2014 board meeting as amended.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Consent Items; Business Manager's Memo, Check Vouchers, Financial Statement for August, Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for June, and the Hire/Contract for Arlene Garcia – Food Services.

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

CARRIED

There was no *New Business*.

During the *Communications Report* Dr. David MacKenzie gave the Board a quick update on what has taken place since the last meeting. A monthly newsletter was sent out via Infinite Campus. The Alert Now Message System upgrade should be completed by the end of this week. Also Dr. MacKenzie informed the Board that he will be having a Superintendent Q & A on Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

During the Principal's Reports Donaldson went over the STAR data for the fall. She stated that after doing the STAR and TCAP comparisons they will be setting the benchmark numbers a bit higher for the next set of STAR testing. She said the 6th and 9th graders have their Chrome Books and it is nice having them available to the students in the classroom. Donaldson thanked the Booster Club for all of their help and hard work in running the hospitality suite during the volleyball tournament on August 29, 2014.

Elementary Principal Scott Eldred provided the Board with copies of the STAR testing for the elementary students. He informed the Board that they had a guest speaker at their staff meeting on Friday, September 12, 2014. The teachers really embraced the guest speaker as he was very professional and knowledgeable. He has agreed to be a resource and mentor for our staff here at Gilpin.

Eldred informed the Board that the PTA has changed the Halloween Carnival and Trick or Treat Street date from October 24th to Halloween day, October 31, 2014. He also stated that the Super School News will be taping on October 15, 2014.

During the *Superintendent's Report* Dr. MacKenzie commended the students from Jeff Schuessler's class for their presentations. They really brought forward the idea of what we are saying is happening with aligning our curriculum to the state standards. He stated that he and Secretary to the Board Robin Cortez are working on creating a Volunteer Application. At this time neither the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) nor the other districts have a policy on volunteering so one will have to be created and put into place by the Board.

Dr. MacKenzie stated that there will be new specific standard protocol information added to the Emergency Management Plan. This information will be presented to the teaching staff on the morning of Wednesday the 17th during the Professional Learning Community meetings by the school SRO Lee Ramsey.

The next meeting agenda will include policies for second reading and an update from Taylor on the CASB Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly.

Holmes adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Craig Holmes, President

Charlotte Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer