

BOARD MEETING OF THE GILPIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 17, 2014

Board President Craig Holmes called the meeting of the Gilpin County Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Armstrong – arrived at 7:41 p.m.; Boulter - present; Holmes – present; Ramsey - present; Taylor - present.

Vice President Brook Ramsey read the mission statement.

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

Superintendent Dr. MacKenzie asked to add a discussion on the December board meetings and to adjust the order of the agenda to allow Liz Huxley's 4th grade class to present before the Audit Presentation.

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

CARRIED

During the *Student Participation* Mrs. Huxley and her students, Sarah Lovett, Hannah Donaldson, Gracie Putnam, Trey Lindberg, Dominic Anderson and Camryn Ade, presented their Ani Moto of their Outdoor Education at Estes Park Summit School 2015 project. The students explained that they will be accepting pledges and doing a bake sale to make money for scholarships for students who cannot afford to pay for the trip. The trip is set for April 13 – 15, 2015.

Huxley stated that the project started out as an extension for some of her students and has now turned into a whole class project.

During Congratulations and Celebrations Dr. MacKenzie stated that the Board of Education Artist Recognition recipients for November and December are Elle Lindenthaler and Caleb Murphy. Neither of the students was able to attend the meeting due to conflicts, but Dr. MacKenzie hopes to have them attend the December or January meeting.

Holmes congratulated both the girls and boys middle school basketball teams as they are doing very well.

Donaldson congratulated the seniors for making it through the first round of the Colorado state testing. She explained that this is the first year that seniors have had to do the testing.

There was no *Public Participation*.

Tim Mayberry with Holscher, Mayberry & Co., LLC presented the Final Audit to the Board. He stated that there were no real concerns and everything was in order. Mayberry said that Business Manager Terry Scharg does a great job. There was one issue in regards to the small vehicle lease that District purchased. It did not meet the correct regulations and he suggested that the District pay it off before the end of the year. That would resolve the issue.

Ramsey (m); Armstrong(s): APPROVE the minutes of the October 20, 2014 ,board meeting as amended.

Armstrong offered one correction.

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

CARRIED

During the Business Manager’s Report Scharg stated that she had hoped to have the revised budget for the Board however she had to complete the Audit first, so the budget will be on the December agenda. Scharg provided the Board with the 2014-2015 Total Program Funding per pupil information sheet. She stated that if our student count goes down in the next school year the District’s funding will also go down. Overall, Scharg stated the numbers look good.

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

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Supplemental Contract for Gifted & Talented Liaison Kirsten Goodlett.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Supplemental Contract for Gifted & Talented Liaison Tracy Krug.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Supplemental Contract for Gifted & Talented Liaison Sunshine Vincent.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE Tricia Puhr for Substitute.

Dr. MacKenzie informed the Board that Puhr is a stay at home mom that has spent a lot of time volunteering this school year.

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

CARRIED

During the discussion on the Board of Education meeting schedule, Dr. MacKenzie recommended that the Board cancel the December 1, 2014, meeting and change the December 8, 2014, meeting to December 15, 2014. This will allow for the certification of the Mil Levy.

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): CANCEL the Board of Education Meeting on December 1, 2014, as agreed.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): CHANGE the Board of Education Meeting on December 8, 2014, to December 15, 2014, as agreed.

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

CARRIED

During the *Communications Report* Dr. MacKenzie stated that the Volunteer Application has been put into practice. The applicants will have to fill out the application and agree to a criminal background check. So far there has been positive feedback and all applicants have been cooperative. Dr. MacKenzie also stated that he had had another Parent Q & A, which took place on November 10, 2014.

During the *Superintendent's Report*, Dr. MacKenzie stated that as seen with the 4th grade presentation that technology is being integrated into the classroom. The teachers are using 21st century activities to get the students engaged and to better align the curriculum with the Colorado State Standards.

He informed the Board that the Winter Concert for the elementary is on December 11th and the high school concert is on December 17, 2014. The next Safety Meeting is on Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

Dr. MacKenzie provided the Board with samples of Safety Film that could be put on the glass doors and windows. He stated the District's School Resource Officer (SRO) Lee Ramsey has been researching and getting bids on installation of the film. At this time it looks to be about \$100.00 a window. The Sheriff's Department has submitted an application for a grant to replace the radios for better communication within the school and with dispatch and is waiting to see if they received the grant. Dr. MacKenzie shared that there is also another grant available through BEST Grant administered by the Department of Education (CDE). He stated that because of the District's solid financial status if the District did receive the grant it would be a 70/30 payout, meaning the grant would pay 30% of the total cost of safety improvements needed for the District. If the grant for the Sheriff's Department did not go through then the District could try to combine all of the safety improvements in to one package when applying for the BEST Grant. The BEST Grant application is due in January so the District would have an answer in March or April of 2015.

During the *Principals' Reports* Dr. MacKenzie informed the Board that Elementary Principal Scott Eldred was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

Secondary Principal Alexis Donaldson went over her report. She stated that the teachers new to the secondary were going through the teacher training with Mary Romkey. She also stated that a few of the teachers who had already completed the training have opted to go through the training again.

The next meeting agenda will include the Certification of the Mil Levy, policies for first reading, small vehicle lease discussion and review of the Colorado Association of School Boards Annual Convention.

Holmes adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Craig Holmes, President

Brook Ramsey, Vice President