

BOARD MEETING OF THE GILPIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 15, 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 7:04 p.m.; Boulter - present; Holmes – present; Ramsey - present; Taylor - present.

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 Art Teacher Curt Halsted introduced Kaleb Murphy as the next Board of Education Artist of the month. Kaleb was present to share his art work.

Principal Alexis Donaldson congratulated Band and Choir Teacher Gary Haarbye for all of his hard work with the choir and concerts. He took the middle school choir to several different places in the county and they did a great job performing.

Holmes celebrated a \$5000.00 grant which he was able to present to the District from his place of employment CST Brands.

During *Student Participation* M.S. Science Teacher Victoria Stephens along with students Blake Boulter, Courtney Holmes and Cooper Lindberg were present to share with the Board what they do in science class. The students shared that they use the Flipped Classroom method. It is easy for them to use and they can move at their own pace. They shared that they almost never have homework, if they do it is just taking notes for the next day.

Stephens added that she uses a combination of the Flipped Classroom and Traditional methods. She stated that the Flip Classroom is a very self-motivated class and it really works well.

Principal Alexis Donaldson invited the Board Members to stop in and experience a class for themselves.

There was no *Public Participation*.

Ramsey (m); Taylor (s): APPROVE the minutes of the November 17, 2014, board meeting as amended.

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

CARRIED

During the Business Manager’s Report Terry Scharg provided the Board with an additional handout showing revisions to the budget. Scharg went over all of the revisions. One of the items the Board discussed was the General Fund money that was needed to supplement the Food Service Fund. Holmes suggested that the Food Services Coordinator and some Board members visit another district’s cafeteria to get different ideas on how to better manage the cafeteria. He stated that the Boulder Valley School District has good success with their food service and might be a good place to visit.

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): CERTIFY the Mil Levy for 7.951.

Ramsey read the resolution.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of Gilpin County School District RE-1 certifies to the Gilpin Board of County Commissioners that the 2015 Mill Levy (for the assessment year 2014) shall be 7.951 mills.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Appropriation Resolution for the amount of \$11,652,590.

Ramsey read the resolution.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of Gilpin County School District RE-1 appropriate the amounts shown in the following schedule for each fund as specified in the Revised Adopted Budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$11,652,590.00.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong(s): APPROVE the Revised Adopted Budget for 2014-2015.

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 Pay for Sharon Lutes for the Science Fair.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Hire/Contract for Aria Knaus, .5 Haley Kindergarten Paraprofessional.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Hire/Contract for Shawn Braning, Custodian.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): APPROVE the Pay Off of the Small Vehicle Lease.

Scharg stated that the small vehicle lease has been paid off as the contract was not in accordance with TABOR. The Board needs to officially approve the action.

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

CARRIED

Ramsey (m); Armstrong (s): ACCEPT the 1st Reading of Draft 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Draft B District Calendars for first reading.

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

CARRIED

During the *Communications Report* Dr. MacKenzie stated that there have been internet problems and they should hopefully be fixed by the time we get back from winter break in January. The installation of the new wireless access points need to be done. This should allow everyone to access the network concurrently.

Dr. MacKenzie provided the Board with information on a new outside Marque. The sign will be 4x8 and will fit in the existing posts. The estimated price is \$8000.00 and our maintenance crew would install the

sign themselves. Sara Swanson will be working on getting donations to help with the cost of the sign. The Board members agreed that it would be nice to get the project started this spring.

The website has been down because it was housed on an old server at the school. It needs to be transferred off site which should correct the problem and have the website up and running soon.

During the *Superintendent's Report* Dr. MacKenzie commented that Mrs. Stephens is an excellent teacher who has embraced the Three Initiatives in her classroom. She is proof that the instructional initiatives are taking place.

During the *Principals' Reports* Donaldson went over her report. She stated that she had attended the AVID national conference last week and was excited to learn about digital binders for the AVID students. She said it will take some research but it was definitely a direction she would like to see them go.

Elementary Principal Scott Eldred also gave his report to the Board. He stated that the biggest highlight of the month was the community support from within the school and community for families that are in need during the holidays. He said the storage room behind the MPR was full of gifts donated to twelve families in our school district. The community outreach has been awesome. He also stated that the TommyKnocker event was a new and great experience for him.

Secretary to the Board Charlotte Taylor stated that she wanted to share with Eldred and the Board that she had had a parent say that Eldred was doing a great job and was a good addition to the staff. Holmes added that no news was good news and agreed that Eldred is doing a great job.

The next meeting will be January 20, 2015, and the agenda will include calendars for 2nd reading, policies for 1st reading and the outside marque.

Holmes adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Craig Holmes, President

Brook Ramsey, Vice President