



Elizabeth SCHOOL DISTRICT

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD ROOM, DISTRICT OFFICE
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 17, 2021 (Working Session)**

A Work Session Board Meeting of the Elizabeth School District was held on Monday, May 17, 2021, in the Board Room, District Office.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Carol Hinds called the Work Session BOE Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL:

The following BOE Directors were present:

Director Paul Benkendorf
Director Kim Frumveller
Director John Guttenberg
Director Carol Hinds
Director Cary Karcher

Also present: Superintendent Douglas Bissonette, Chief Finance Director Ron Patera, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and BOE Kristen Harris, Principal EMS Pamela Eschief, and Principal SHE Regina Montera.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Carol Hinds led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/BLANKET MOTION

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion Moved by Director Guttenberg

Motion Seconded by Director Frumveller

ROLL CALL:

Director Paul Benkendorf - aye
Director Kim Frumveller - aye
Director John Guttenberg - aye
Director Carol Hinds - aye
Director Cary Karcher - aye

The motion carried 5-0

5.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021, Elizabeth Schools Board of Education meeting.

Motion Moved by Director Guttenberg

Motion Seconded by Director Benkendorf

ROLL CALL:

Director Paul Benkendorf - aye
Director Kim Frumveller - aye



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Director John Guttenberg - aye
Director Carol Hinds - aye
Director Cary Karcher - abstain

The motion carried 4-0

6.0 EDUCATION SHOWCASE/RECOGNITIONS

6.1 Pamela Eschief, Principal Elizabeth Middle School Recognition

The board presented Pam with a portrait of Elizabeth Middle School, framed with signatures around the matte from the current staff in recognition for her 22 years of service to the Elizabeth School District. Pam is moving to Texas at the end of the 20-21 school year to be closer to family. She will be greatly missed.

6.2 Gymnastics State Championship Team Recognition

The 20-21 high school gymnastics team was invited to be recognized by the board for their outstanding work to win the State Championship. Each member of the team was present with a certificate of accomplishment by board president Carol Hinds. The team was asked what was the most challenging part of this year? Their response was not being able to all be together at the championship (two girls were not allowed to participate due to covid restrictions). They all agreed this year helped them to realize they are a strong team, working together they can accomplish great things and not to take the little things for granted.

6.3 Education Showcase with Singing Hills Elementary

Principal Regina Hunt from Singing Hills Elementary joined the meeting to share an update on what has been going on at Singing Hills Elementary School this school year. Regina shared with the board some personal SHE celebrations, three (3) new babies, four (4) engagements and (1) expecting baby – staff have been busy! Some professional celebrations included two (2) preschool assistant teachers received their lead certification – Shelby Morgan and Kelly Lagomasino. One (1) classroom teacher is going to pursue administration. Special education and reading support staff (K-5) are working on their READ, ELL and special education CDE course work. SHE will be part of the CDE Dyslexia Pilot Program over the next year – K-3 teachers, SPED and literacy teachers.

Some fun activities at SHE this year included students dressed for Fall parties and Spirit Days (Pennies for Patients) and they held our annual Spelling Bee. Had a modified Veterans Day and holiday program. Guest speakers shared information with the students (remotely and in person): David Marcus, Keith Olson, Steven Curo (3rd gr. Native American unit of study), Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Botanical Gardens, Fire Truck, Sheriff's Office. After school clubs: First Lego League (Lego League Challenge), First Lego League Jr., Wildfire Choir (performance), Art Club (Art Gallery). Field Day, SHE Awards Day, and Preschool, Kindergarten and 5th gr. graduations/continuations

As SHE begins planning for next school year, they plan to have a STEAM Camp this summer and kids Club is planning field trips this summer. They will continue to have students go to classes on their own each morning and hope to have parent volunteers and community celebrations/events. In addition to continuing with outdoor classrooms.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS

7.2 Superintendent Update

Superintendent Bissonette shared an update on the state's lifted covid restrictions, which state if a person is vaccinated, they no longer have to wear a mask. There have been many questions around whether or not masks will be required for individuals who have had covid before, or if there will be a checks and balance approach to the unmasked individuals. The district will be moving forward on the honor system, if someone is not wearing a mask, it will be presumed they are vaccinated. Superintendent Bissonette will continue to gather information and answer the questions around the new lifted restrictions.



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An update was given on the Homegrown Talent Initiative, revealing the large graduate profile brick wrap that was installed at the high school over the last couple days. Pictures were shared during the meeting of the unveiling event at the high school which students/staff from 9-11th grade attended to hear brief remarks on the graduate profile.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve Consent Agenda items 8.1-8.3.

Motion Moved by Director Benkendorf

Motion Seconded by Director Karcher

ROLL CALL:

Director Paul Benkendorf - aye

Director Kim Frumveller - aye

Director John Guttenberg - aye

Director Carol Hinds - aye

Director Cary Karcher - aye

The motion carried 5-0

8.1 Employment Separations

Randa Kelton, Teacher, EHS

Kim Stanton, Head Custodian, District Wide

Carol Donofrio, Teacher, EMS

Jenelle Gerzetic, Assistant Preschool Teacher, RCE

Janet Crenshaw, Counselor, EHS

Scott Olson, Mechanic, Transportation

Sheila Wagner, Special Ed Para, SHE

Kathryn Boehm, Social Worker, District Wide

Madisyn Gauerke, Teacher, SHE

Karyl Lawrence, Teacher, RCE

Robert McMullen, Principal/Director

8.2 Extra Duty Assignments

Tammy Moore, Teacher, EHS

8.3 Substitutes

Aaron Hunt – Substitute Cafeteria Para, RCE

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

9.1 A motion was made to approve the 2020-2021 BOE Meeting Schedule.

Motion Moved by Director Frumveller

Motion Seconded by Director Karcher

ROLL CALL:

Director Paul Benkendorf - aye

Director Kim Frumveller - aye

Director John Guttenberg - aye

Director Carol Hinds - aye

Director Cary Karcher - aye



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The motion carried 5-0

9.2 A motion was made to approve the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget.

Motion Moved by Director Guttenberg

Motion Seconded by Director Karcher

ROLL CALL:

Director Paul Benkendorf - aye

Director Kim Frumveller - aye

Director John Guttenberg - aye

Director Carol Hinds - aye

Director Cary Karcher - aye

The motion carried 5-0

10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items on the agenda. Ron Patera provided a brief update to the board on the Legacy MOU as it is typically presented to the board at the next BOE meeting. However, the MOU is currently in legal with some requested revisions from Legacy. It likely will not be ready for the next meeting. Ron also provided an update that the district will be doing the Interest Free Loan next year.

11.0 BOE PLANNING

The next regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6 p.m.; Director Carol Hinds will not be able to attend the meeting.

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The regular board meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Hinds, President

Cary A Karcher

Cary Karcher, Vice President

Paul Benkendorf

Paul Benkendorf, Secretary

Kim Frumveller

Kim Frumveller, Treasurer

John Guttenberg

John Guttenberg, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by: Kristen Harris

APPROVED

