



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD ROOM, DISTRICT OFFICE MINUTES OF MEETING February 26, 2018 (Work Session Meeting)

A Work Session Board Meeting of the Elizabeth School District was held on Monday, February 26, 2018, in the Board Room, District Office.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Carol Hinds called the Work Session BOE Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

The following BOE Directors were present:

Director Paul Benkendorf
Director Carol Hinds
Director Cary Karcher
Director Dee Lindsey
Director Richard Smith

Also present: Superintendent Douglas Bissonette
Singing Hills Principal Regina Montero
Communications Director Melissa Hoelting

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4.0 EDUCATION SHOWCASE

4.1 Singing Hills Elementary Showcase

Singing Hills Elementary Principal Regina Montero presented highlights from the school to the Board of Education.

The mission at Singing Hills Elementary and Preschool is to collaboratively help all children reach their highest potential and become productive members of society. Success for all students!

Singing Hills implemented new curriculum this year for language arts (Core Knowledge Language Arts) and an updated math curriculum (Everyday Mathematics). Both Singing Hills and Running Creek Elementary are using the same curriculum so all Elizabeth Schools students will begin 6th grade at Elizabeth Middle School with a common curricular foundation in math and language arts.

Singing Hills added 15 new individuals to its staff this year in new positions or to fill vacancies.

SHE holds a number of community events throughout the year, including:

- Back-to-school night
- Monster Mash Halloween celebration put on by PTCO
- Student Support – raised money to send a SHE student on Make a Wish trip
- Veteran's Day Celebration
- Holiday program and door decorating contest
- Added a preschool family movie night this year
- Kindergarten open house and preschool open house
- Volunteer appreciation at end of school year

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Singing Hills has an active parent community with its PTCO, School Accountability Committee (SAC), Room Parents, Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) and parent/community volunteers. Helping Hands is new this year and involves parents coming in every other Thursday to help teachers make copies, cut, collate, etc. Helping Hands provides a great opportunity for parents, particularly parents who are new to the school, to get to know school staff and other parents. Helping Hands originated as a recommendation from the school's SAC.

The school continues to focus on building the SHE Family and meeting the needs of the individual child. This is accomplished a number of different ways, including:

- **I Believe statements** – This year every staff member wrote down what they believe about kids and education. The statements are inspirational and they're posted throughout the school.
- **Classroom morning meetings** – At the start of each day, students and teachers gather together and interact with one another to share important events in their lives. It's an engaging way to start the day, it builds a sense of community and helps students get ready to focus and learn.
- **Fostering Resilient Learners book study** – Staff are participating in the book study and learning about the emotional development of students and how they can better support them.
- **Problem Solving Team** – Kindergarten through 5th-grade teachers, and specials teachers, have the opportunity to share what they're struggling with in the classroom, what they've tried and get support and suggestions from their peers.
- **Collaborative Thursday** – On Thursday morning's staff discuss individual student needs and discuss student data and results.

This is the second year of the three-year SiMR (State Identified Measurable Result) literacy project funded by the Colorado Department of Education's Exceptional Student Services Unit. This year, kindergarten through second-grade teachers, along with special education and Title teachers, receive professional development training and a coach two days a week. As part of SiMR, students are taught a 30-minute phonics routine and the results have been very encouraging.

SHE provides a number of activities for students, including:

- Ambassadors – 4th and 5th grade
- Student Advisory Council – 4th and 5th grade
- Choir 3-5th grade
- Art Club – 5th grade
- Book Club – 3-5th with 5th grade sleepover
- Good News Club
- Robotics Club – 5th grade
- Taekwondo – after school K-5 program
- Pom & Dance Clinic – after school K-5 program
- Thursday Morning Clubs – K-5th grade

More than 100 students participate in the morning activities SHE offers on Thursday late-start days.

4.2 EHS State Gymnastics Recognition

The Board of Education recognized and visited with the Elizabeth High School 4A state gymnastics champions. The 24 team members and two coaches shared how determination, perseverance and teamwork helped them come from behind and earn the state title by three points.

Coach Stacey Folmar said she could not be more proud of the team. The Board of Education praised the team for their hard work and accomplishment. Director Benkendorf said the gymnastics team has set the standard for athletics in Elizabeth.



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Elizabeth High School is the third smallest school in Colorado to offer a gymnastics program.

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/BLANKET MOTION

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion moved by Director Smith

Motion seconded by Director Karcher

ROLL CALL:

Director Paul Benkendorf – aye

Director Carol Hinds – aye

Director Cary Karcher – aye

Director Dee Lindsey – yes

Director Richard Smith – aye

The motion carried 5-0

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 A motion was made to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2018, Elizabeth Schools Board of Education meeting.

Motion Moved by Director Karcher

Motion Seconded by Director Benkendorf

ROLL CALL:

Director Paul Benkendorf – aye

Director Carol Hinds – aye

Director Cary Karcher – aye

Director Dee Lindsey – aye

Director Richard Smith – aye

The motion carried 5-0

7.0 COMMUNICATION

7.1 Superintendent Update

Superintendent Bissonette thanked the board to taking time to attend the BOE Retreat. Bissonette remarked that it was productive and helped everyone get on the same page. Topics discussed included:

- District finances
- Facilities Master Plan
- Communication protocol for board
- Safety in schools
- Background of relationship with Legacy Academy – autonomous board, finances, operation
- Curriculum



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8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda 8.1-8.5.

Motion Moved by Director Benkendorf

Motion Seconded by Director Smith

ROLL CALL:

Director Paul Benkendorf – aye

Director Carol Hinds – aye

Director Cary Karcher – aye

Director Dee Lindsey – yes

Director Richard Smith – yes

The motion carried 5-0

8.1 New Hires/Re-Hires

Tiffany Khoury, Teacher Assistant, SHE

Melissa Hunter, Lunch/Recess Para, SHE

Kimberly Homer, Sped Para Attend, SHE

Wendy Church, Teacher Assistant, SHE

Paul DuBois, Sped Para Attend, SHE

Sam Holmquist, Tech Supp Specialty, IT

8.2 Terminations/Resignations

Beth Churik, Lead Teacher, RCE/PS

Cynthia Houghton, Sped Para Attend, OPP

Charles Schultz, Teacher, EMS,

8.3 Extra Duty Assignments

Randa Kelton, Teacher, EHS

8.4 Substitutes

Kane Ware

Sally Strates

8.5 Colorado's Computer Science Education Grants for Teachers Program Application

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

No Action Items

10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

No Discussion Items

11.0 BOE PLANNING

The next regular Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12, at 6 p.m.

13.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Hinds, President

Dee Lindsey, Vice President

Paul Benkendorf, Secretary

Cary Karcher, Treasurer

Richard Smith, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by: Melissa Hoelting