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BOE Recap from Board Meeting 5.8.14

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BOE Recap

TO: Parents/Guardians, Staff, and Community Members,

The Elizabeth School Board of Education met Monday, April 28, 2014. Here are the highlights:

Transportation Update

The Director of Transportation, Terry Wilson gave an update on Transportation. He reviewed the ongoing training for bus drivers. This includes safe driving habits and driving during various weather conditions. For the elementary schools the Transportation Department conducts bus and bus stops safety training. Mr. Wilson also reviewed the board policy on transportation and reviewed the steps in building a bus route.

Though the district buses are older and of very high mileage, they are well maintained and operational availability is very good. Some of the fleet requires near term funding in order to replace several buses which are rapidly nearing the end of their useful service life. The safety record for our drivers is outstanding, especially when compared to industry norms.

Education Showcase

Principal Tammy Krueger presented to the board the Running Creek Education Showcase. Attendance has been a major initiative this school year for RCE, and the school has seen improved attendance as a result of the initiative. Students are very involved in the Stampede to Read program where kids turn in charts for reading and can earn tickets for the Elizabeth Stampede. RCE students recently did a fundraiser, with the help of EHS students, called Run for Funds. The PTCO has been raising money for upgrading playground equipment. There has been a focus on writing with research based writing curriculum. Teachers recently attended professional development to support writing instruction and they also have a writing support group meeting once a month to discuss units of writing and discuss ways to support each other. Tammy is starting the work with her leadership team in planning for next year.

Legacy Homeschool Academy

Principal of Legacy Academy, Kurt Naber, presented to the board about the new Legacy Homeschool Academy. The intent is to offer a program to homeschool families, one that is not currently available in our community. There are certain classes that are not available for homeschool or are difficult to teach at home, such as science lab and art. The goal of the program is to supplement the homeschool classes, to build relationships with these families, and to help with enrollment for the school. Students are coming both from in district and out of district. Legacy Homeschool Academy will receive state funding for students enrolled at

least 90 hours during the first semester. Creekside Community Church is the currently planned location for the classes offered by Legacy Homeschool Academy program.

Elizabeth High School Track

The EHS Track and Field Booster Club have commissioned a Track and Field Resurfacing Task Force to spear head an initiative to raise the necessary funds to resurface the track. Clay Terry, EHS parent and Booster Club member, has agreed to be the Chairman of the task force. The goal is to raise \$100,000 by July 1, 2014. The task force has developed a list of potential donors. The targeted donors are area businesses and/or individual business leaders who have a vested interest in the community or who have ties to economic development in the Elizabeth and Elbert County area.

Town Hall Meeting

The Elizabeth Schools is hosting a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the Financial State of the District. Please join the Chief Financial Officer, Superintendent, and Board of Education for an Interactive Session including Q&A. The Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2014 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Elizabeth High School. Come, learn, and be heard; your involvement, opinions, and feedback matters.

Another board meeting was held May 5, 2014. Topics from that meeting included:

- Wellness Committee Update
- 1338 Council Update
- Draft Budget

Regards,
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