BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD ROOM, DISTRICT OFFICE
MINUTES OF MEETING FINAL
September 14, 2015 (Business Session Meeting)

A Business Session Board Meeting of the Elizabeth School District was held on Monday, September 14, 2015, in the Board Room, District Office.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER
President Deb Spenceley called the Business Session BOE Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL:
The following BOE Directors were present:
Director Carol Hinds
Director Dee Lindsey
Director Chris Richardson
Director Deb Spenceley

Director Chip Swan was not present

Also present: Superintendent, Douglas Bissonette
Executive Administrative Assistant/Communication Director, Michele McCarron
Chief Finance Director, Ron Patera
HR Director, Kin Shuman
Technology Director, Marty Silva

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
President Deb Spenceley led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 EDUCATION SHOWCASE
No Education Showcase

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/BLANKET MOTION
A motion was made to approve the agenda.
Motion moved by Director Richardson
Motion seconded by Director Hinds

ROLL CALL:
Director Carol Hinds – aye
Director Dee Lindsey – aye
Director Chris Richardson – aye
Director Deb Spenceley – aye
The motion carried 4-0

6.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
6.1 A motion was made to approve the minutes from 8/24/15 as written.
Motion Moved by Director Hinds
Motion Seconded by Director Richardson

ROLL CALL:
Director Carol Hinds - aye
Director Dee Lindsey - aye
Director Chris Richardson - aye
Director Deb Spenceley - aye
The motion carried 4-0

6.2 A motion was made to approve the minutes from Special Meeting 9/2/15 as written.
Motion Moved by Director Richardson
Motion Seconded by Director Hinds

ROLL CALL:
Director Carol Hinds - aye
Director Dee Lindsey - aye
Director Chris Richardson - aye
Director Deb Spenceley - aye
The motion carried 4-0

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS
7.1 Clay Terry EHS Track Initiative Update - rescheduled

7.2 Kathy Swiegart Colorado High School Rodeo
Kathy Swiegart was not able to attend the board meeting. The Colorado High School Rodeo was briefly discussed. The EHS Rodeo Team is once again hosting the Colorado High School Rodeo Friday through Sunday, September 25 through 27 at Casey Jones in Elizabeth. The Board of Education encouraged community members to come out and support the rodeo. Cardinal Club will be doing food concessions; proceeds support scholarships for EHS students. Admission is free.

7.3 Chief Financial Officer Report
Ron Patera Chief Financial Officer gave the financial report. Checks over $5,000 included partial payment for the fire alarm system at RCE, textbooks for RCE and SHE, hardware for district wide use, gym floor, phone system set up, and landscaping at EMS, EHS, and RCE. There is also a change in the accounting of expenses for some items that were previously recorded in district wide accounts will now be paid out of five accounts based on a proportionate share of the total enrollment of the schools.

7.4 HR Update
Kim Shuman Director of Human Resources reported the final hiring figures. 37 teachers were hired, half of which came from Elizabeth High School. The teacher turnover is 30%, the state average being approximately 15%. The District also replaced 15 classified employees.

7.5 Technology Update
Marty Silva, Director of Technology reported to the board on several topics.
- Map testing started last week at the elementary, middle and Frontier High School.
- A new phone system was implemented throughout the District. Phones are now placed in all classrooms.
- Enrich, the new special services system, is now up and running.
The new online registration system was implemented for this school year. Marty debriefed the registration system and process with the school’s office staff and acknowledged typical growing pains of moving to a new system. The technology team hopes to further streamline the process and schools will continue to provide paper options for families.

The technology team will be starting a Student Technology Forum to solicit feedback directly from students on technology.

7.6 Superintendent Report
During the Superintendent Report, Douglas Bissonette discussed the unique community event for Elizabeth Schools in partnership with the Elizabeth Networking Group. EMS will be hosting the event scheduled for September 24 from 6:00-8:00 pm. This event is open to the community.

The Colorado State Board of Education approved the minimum graduation guidelines in English and Math. The Colorado Graduation Guidelines provide a road map to help students and their families plan for success after high school. The graduation guidelines take effect with ninth-graders in fall 2017. Local School Boards and District Administration will select from the graduation guidelines menu to create a list of options their students must use to demonstrate competency in English and Math.

Superintendent Douglas Bissonette reported that students at EHS scored better than 80% of all Colorado High Schools on the Spring 2014 ACT. The ACT is a test that matters a great deal for students after high school. And, it’s one of the best measures of their overall learning during all their years at school.

7.7 Board Update
CASC Delegate Assembly is scheduled for October 17. The delegate representative for Elizabeth Schools will be further discussed at the next board meeting.

7.8 Public Participation
Steve Jones parent of 2 students at EHS and representative of the Cardinal Club spoke to the board on concerns of the 2016 Graduation date being on the same date of the state track tournament. Graduates who also qualify for the state tournament are forced to make a choice on which event to participate; graduate with their class or go to the state track meet. Steve Jones asked the Board to take this into consideration.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made to approve the consent agenda 8.1-8.8
Motion Moved by Director Hinds
Motion Seconded by Director Richardson

ROLL CALL:
Director Carol Hinds – aye
Director Dee Lindsey – aye
Director Chris Richardson – aye
Director Deb Spenceley - aye
The motion carried 4-0

8.1 Transfers/Changes
Stacie Weber, Bookkeeper, EHS
Amber Graham, Teacher, Opp Program
Colleen Wells, Teacher, EHS
Amanda Roberts, Sped Para, SHE
Amanda Roberts, Teacher, SHE
Matthew Dillon, Computer Technician, TECH
Erin Loeks, Assistant Teacher, RCE/PS
Amanda Schmitz, Leac Teacher, SHE/PS
8.2 Terminations/Resignations/Non-Renewals
Michelle Harriger, Playground Para, RCE
Misty O’Neal, Playground Para, RCE
Drenda Herrick, Sped Para, EMS
Ann Fountain, Teacher, EMS

8.3 New Hires
Dana Conn, Teacher, EHS
Tom Feeney, Bus Driver, TRANS
Janine Martin, Library Para, EHS
Kathleen Gould, Teacher, RCE
Crystal Lucas, Playground Para, EMS
Amber Keele, Sped Para, EHS
Mary Workman, Playground Para, RCE
Chris Lewis, Custodian, DW
Mary Swedhin, Playground Para, EMS
Kera Miller, Sped Para, EHS
Laura Turco, Cook, EHS
Kati Gessler, Playground Para, SHE
William Sharp, Bus Driver, TRANS

8.4 Extra Duty

8.5 Substitutes

8.6 2015-2016 Budget Revision

8.7 Approval of BEST Grant Project

8.8 Disposition of District Property

9.0 Action Items
9.1 Approval Raptor Visitor Management System pilot at SHE
A motion was made to approve Raptor Visitor Management System pilot at SHE
Motion Moved by Director Hinds
Motion Seconded by Director Richardson

ROLL CALL:
Director Carol Hinds – aye
Director Dee Lindsey - aye
Director Chris Richardson - aye
Director Deb Spenceley - aye
The motion carried 4-0

10.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS
10.1 ESD101
The Board of Education will be hosting another session of ESD101. The purpose of ESD101 is to inform and educate community members on the inner workings of the Elizabeth School District on such topics as School Finance, Curriculum, Safe Schools and Technology. It’s an interactive forum where community members can provide feedback and input to the Board of Education and to district administration.
11.0 BOARD PLANNING
The next board meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2015

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION
No Executive Session.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT
The board meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Spenceley, President

Chip Swan, Vice President

Chris Richardson, Secretary

Carol Hinds, Treasurer

Dee Lindsey, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Recorded by: Michele McCarron