

**PEYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 23-Jt**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**March 17, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Peyton Elementary School**

**AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President called meeting to order at 7:02

**II. ROLL CALL**

Board Members present were Mr. Eckelberry, Mr. Frohbeiter, Mr. Hanks, Mr. Holmes, and Mrs. Lee.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Frohbeiter noted the addition of Action Item H The Career Building Academy's Contract. The Approval of the Agenda was made by Mr. Frohbeiter and was seconded Mr. Holmes. All Board Members voted "aye".

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Lee made a motion to approve the February minutes. Mr. Hanks seconded the motion. All Board Members voted "aye".

**V. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL ITEMS**

Sending out the Financial Items the Wednesday before the Board Meeting worked better for everyone. Mr. Eckelberry had questions regarding Title I & II funding. Under Title IA, the District records a zero budget, but we spent around \$10,000 in those funds. Do we need to budget an expense under that line item. Mr. Rea replied that we have to submit for Title IA reimbursement. Title IA is a year-to-year waiver, so we have to apply each year for the grant; so we are not certain what the funding will be when the budget is adopted. Mr. Eckelberry also had a question under the Lunch Commodities-Used Line item. Mr. Rea replied that it also varies from year to year depending on what the government sends us. Mr. Eckelberry made motion to accept Financial Items. Mr. Hanks seconded the motion. All Board Members voted "aye".

**VI. COMMUNITY INPUT**

- A. Junior Class Prom Ticket Presentation to Board of Education-Natalie Jauragui presented Prom invitations to the Board of Education. The theme this year is Second Star to the Right. All invitations were made by hand. Prom will be April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Wyndam Hotel and Mining Exchange.
- B. CBA Report –Joy Morales-Cress updated the Board on how the Charter School Board operates their Board meeting. They are one week prior to Peyton School Board Meeting. She described their Strategic Plan of how they would attain their goals. She distributed folders that included flyers for the Peyton Campus to be distributed in conjunction with main brochure. They have several planned events to introduce The Charter School. The first event is a BBQ on Saturday, April 11 at the high school to market vocational training along with the Woods Program. A press release will go to Ranchland tomorrow after the contract signed with the Board of Education. On April 16, a breakfast will be held, Kalen McKabe will speak. To date, 296 people have been invited. A tag program flyer-this is what success looks like which is success stories of kids who are credit deficit and how they are able to graduate. These folders will be given to anyone who is interested in the program. They will also be using Social Media. One of the students who graduated the program has been hired to do that part of outreach. They have scheduled local meetings with outlying districts to introduce themselves. Several of the Charter staff attended the League of Charter School. It was a great networking opportunity. One of the big projects they are taking on beginning May 4<sup>th</sup> is building a house in Walsenburg. Kalen McKabe offered to come to Walsenburg Campus and help build house with our kids. It will be a four month project in partnership with the VA Hospital and Ronald McDonald house. Huerfano County gave us two lots to build the house. It will be a house for Veterans moving their loved ones into the Nursing Home. People can stay at the house while transitioning their family into the Nursing Home. The culinary students will cook for them, the construction students will build the house and the hospitality students will maintain the reservations and make sure rooms are ready. The kick off event will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Walsenburg Campus. Joy would love for the Peyton School Board to attend the kick off. They have received a lot of support from the military. They have invited Governor Hickenlooper to the event if the governor cannot attend the Lieutenant Governor will. There are two goals for this project. One to make it easier during that transition period of putting their loved one in a nursing home, but also that families would come visit more often. There will be no cost for families to use the home. The home will be an asset of the school. Kalen is raising funds for the investment of the home and Joy is raising funds to help finance it as well. Joy has put in for grant through VA. They would like students from each campus to come down and help build house. Kalen will be filming the show and filming 16-18 shows about the trades. Mr. Holmes asked if it was one house? Joy responded it has 4 suites and a great room. They can take up to four families. They are working with Fort Carson to make sure that they know this resource is available to families. Mrs. Lee asked what is length of stay would be? Joy answered probably a maximum of two weeks, but they will be flexible.

Mr. Holmes what is the square footage of the house? It is 3,000 square feet on one level. Mr. Frohbeiter asked Joy to share about the grant Joy received through AmeriCore. She applied for nine people and received all nine. They will start in July. The Grant includes costs for a program developer, a recruiter, a financial person, a grant writer, and a support services person who will help student's transition from school to employment. Enrollment plan their best advertising is door to door and word of mouth. They go to the local bowling alley. Their goal is 110 for the Main Campus and 60 for Peyton Campus. The facilities plan is to fill the Main Campus then bringing rest to Peyton. They have the approval from Dr. Gledich's D-11 superintendent. He has been very supportive of program. A new budget included in the packet. The budgets are by campus. The \$770,000 is for the Main Campus; the Peyton Budget is \$420,000. When you see a blank fee it may be another campus may be picking up the fees. For example, some items are distributed across all four campuses. For contract services, G&G Accounting services are used. (CSI uses them also.) They are contracting with them the first year. They are helping to make sure their Transparency is meeting state law. They use Paychecks for their payroll. Once contract signed then their website goes up tomorrow morning. At their next Board Meeting, they will take pictures of the Board and interview the Board which will go on the website. April they will be attending a lot of community events. Mr. Eckelberry would like to know where does Falcon fit into their vision? Tim spoke with Peter Hilts last week. Mr. Kistler has a meeting scheduled with someone from Falcon in the next few weeks. Mr. Hanks asked about Ellicott and Calhan. What is the next phase with their schools? Joy replied that she would work with the counselors to talk to the students about the programs offered at the Charter School. They can meet with one on one or meet with group. The school counselor will know the students best academic need and who will benefit the most from the program.

Persons desiring to insure that they have an opportunity to be heard concerning items not on the agenda should **properly request** to be placed on the agenda and should be available at 6:00 p.m. Persons wishing to be heard concerning items on the Board Agenda shall notify the chairman of the Board of their desire just prior to the "Call to Order" of the Board Meeting. When that item comes up for discussion the Board Chairman will recognize those desiring to comment.

## **VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The trip to Grand Rapids was very successful. Stiles Manufacturing is impressed with the woods manufacturing program, and the building of the National Training Center. They have stated they want exclusivity. They will supply all of the building with their machines. This is huge! I am excited to be a part of this and appreciate the Board's support on this venture. The bids have been received from the electric and construction companies. We are setting up meetings to see how quickly we can start work and ways we can save money without compromising the project. Tim will be in Portland the week of March 16th meeting with members of the team to strengthen relationship as well as meet with investors, colleges and instructors for the program and National Training Center. After the State Board of Education voted to not hold schools accountable for the 95% participation rate for state testing, I sent a letter to our parents that if they wanted to opt their child from PARCC testing, they could do so in written form. I feel that our parents have supported us as they had their children taking the test, so in turn; it was my responsibility to let them know their options. Many school districts chose not to tell their parents. I will be going to the Greeley job fair in early April along with our new elementary principal, Janette Watts and Marlys Hartbauer. In mid-April, Mr. Rea and I will be attending the Fort Collins job fair. Mr. Frohbeiter asked how many students opted out of state testing. Mr. Rea replied we had 109 at the high school and the middle school had about 27. Mr. Eckelberry was that all state testing or just PARCC. Mr. Rea replied it was just that round of testing there is another round in April; the CMAS. Mr. Eckelberry-Do you anticipate parents opting out of the CMAS in April also? Mr. Rea replied yes. Mr. Rea the PARCC testing is related to the Common Core testing which is part of the reason we saw the push back that we did. Mrs. Lee thought the PARCC testing was to show growth. Mr. Rea believes it is. He referred back to the letter sent by the State Commissioner of Education and how the State is going to take a more holistic approach than the data approach. Mr. Eckelberry how does this impact the school district rating if students are opting out. Mr. Rea stated that in the past, half of the teachers' evaluations are based on testing scores. Now the argument will be how can you base half of their evaluation on this score if half of the students have opted out? Mr. Eckelberry will we see a new SB 10-191 since its core value was testing? What is the evaluation and what was the amount of resources spent on testing? Mr. Rea most students don't know how to use a graphic calculator until algebra II, but they were required for the PARCC testing. It did require extra man-hours and funds for the testing. Mr. Eckelberry noted with the addition of CBA and Woods Programs, we will have more demands on our counselors to set up for next year. Mr. Rea once everything was set up for the testing it went smooth.

## **VIII. BOARD REQUESTS AND REPORTS**

### **A. Building Reports**

High School Building Report-Student Enrollment-319-The High School started and completed PARCC testing 4 kids came in the same day. Girls state basketball-took 4<sup>th</sup> place in State. It was fun to watch and fun to see them in that arena. Karlin Rufenacht a senior at high school was awarded student of the year by the Falcon Exchange Club. She will be awarded some kind of monetary amount and moves on to the state level. We wish her the best of luck. ACT Testing on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Spring Concert is April 27<sup>th</sup>. We had three state wrestlers qualify; Britton Holmes placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in his weight class and Jack Kelly placed 6<sup>th</sup>.

Elementary March Enrollment Numbers were 282. We held our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter conferences on and around March 12<sup>th</sup> that corresponded with the High School Girls' State Basketball Tournament. We then held our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter academic awards where we honored students with Perfect Attendance who receive all A's or A/B's on their report cards. We will finish the last of the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> PARCC Performance Based assessments

tomorrow. We had about 30 (3-6 grades) 30% students who opt out. The question became-What to do with students-Andrea, Robby and Anthony for opening up their rooms and taking care of the kids who were not testing. Thank you for opening up your rooms. The CDE DHH (deaf and hard of hearing) mentor program has been discontinued; both girls are doing well with the programs we have in place here. We have asked BOCES to provide an interpreter for two days again next year because Linda Sokol will cover the other two days. Nurse Beth and Nurse Sherri will help me interview a prospective Registered Nurse for next year. If she accepts the position, we will let her decide if she would like to work one half- day or one day per week. The superintendent from Simla has offered to employ her as well if we make the decision she is the right person for the job. Attached is the end of the year schedule beginning the Monday we return from Spring Break. The job fair letter is attached. Garage Sale-May 9<sup>th</sup>-Abby Torrez-funds raised will go to smart books for the classrooms. Thank you for your service; please come visit us to see all of the good teaching and learning that is happening everyday all day long☺ Marlys Mr. Frohbeiter on your sheet you mention TCBA. Can we add Woods Program to the Job Fair letter? Mrs. Hartbauer agreed.

B. District Advisory Report-Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup>-Charges from the Board of Education and how does DAAC fit in? They had a good start for what they could change for 15/16. They will look at broader view of schools-climate would be a better term. For the Survey, what should be included from the year before? Preliminary questions are under review. They will limit to 10 questions. A copy of the results will be given to board. They want to keep it short, but for it also to be useful. They would like the survey to be done the 1<sup>st</sup> part of April. Val Mullenax shared every two years the State does the Tell Survey for the certified staff. It takes about 20 minutes to complete. Yesterday was last day to reply. We had an 88% response rating this year; last year it was 96%. Some of the result differences could be the CBA, only one of the five responded. The results go back to Mr. Kistler. Mr. Rea replied that Val worked diligently to try to get response from teachers. You can go to Tell Survey Colorado for results (telcolorado.org). Some of the larger districts hit 100% in the 1<sup>st</sup> week which years ago made them eligible for certain grants. Mr. Eckelberry had a question the charges are for last years carried forward then next month the Board can review and discuss these items and add? Can we make process better? Mrs. Hartbauer tried to find State Laws on DAC that states if you are a school district of 500 or less, you would only need to have a District Accountably and not a Building Accountably; however she is working with Tina Gore at CDE to verify this information. Many small rural schools having the difficulty of getting the community involved in either BAC or DAC meetings. Since it is a law it would have to through all of that to be changed and we are very close to parameters. Mr. Eckelberry has been to both of meetings. Community involve has been a big issue with this Board. This is an opportunity to get people involved. More parents we have involved it becomes a great way to inform them of District items. And to talk it up to the parents as we have issues it is a great time for them to learn about bonds. It is a battle we need to keep fighting to get the community involved. Mr. Rea tried to change the meetings to quarterly verses monthly. Mr. Eckelberry these are valuable groups to get community involvement. Felipe suggested something like WebEx where the meetings can be held online as well. Webex allows presentations along with call in formats.

C. BOCES Report-no report

#### IX. ACTION ITEMS-begin 8:08pm

- A. Second Reading of Board Policy DJ DJA-A motion to approve the policy made by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mrs. Lee. All Board Members voted "aye".
- B. Second Reading of Board Policy DK-A motion to approve the policy was made by Mr. Holmes and seconded Mr. Hanks. All Board Members voted "aye"
- C. Hiring of New Elementary Principal-Janette Watts-Mr. Frohbeiter thanked Mrs. Hartbauer for her efforts. "It's been fun. Thank you!" A motion to approve hiring Ms. Watts was proposed by Mrs. Lee and seconded by Mr. Hanks. All Board members voted "aye".
- D. Approval of Dean Mattson Addendum-Mr. Frohbeiter feels he fulfilled his part of the contract that he has adequately fulfilled the goals. Mr. Eckelberry wanted to discuss that under the line item April 1, the Board looked at how students would be reached inside and outside the Peyton community. Mr. Eckelberry has not seen any handout covering these items during the meeting with Mr. Mattson. To Mr. Eckelberry this is a critical piece of the addendum, but he also thinks it could be resolved really quickly. Mr. Holmes does not recall it from the March Executive Session. Mr. Hanks asked if that part of information he is providing to us by April 1? Everything else has been given to us. Mr. Hanks stated that he has approved the suppliers and he has gotten them on board. Mr. Frohbeiter is inclined to approve and verify he has everything for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Lee feels same way. Mr. Holmes agrees also. Mr. Matteson will be here next week to verify. Mr. Eckelberry wants make sure that they are following the contract. All goals are to be achieved as part of six-month period. Everything else has been done ahead of time since contract date is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Rea believes it is part of three-year plan. Mr. Eckelberry would like to verify this information. Mr. Frohbeiter would like Mr. Rea to call Mr. Kistler to verify the information. Mr. Eckelberry does believe it is happening; he just does not want to vote to approve without it being completed. A Motion to approve the Addendum was made by Mr. Frohbeiter and was seconded Mr. Hanks. Mr. Eckelberry voted nay, all other members voted aye.
- E. Certified Resignation-Desiree Floyd-Mr. Eckelberry stated what a loss to the District this is. Mr. Frohbeiter wishes her the best of luck. Mr. Eckelberry made a motion to accept Desiree Floyd's resignation. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. All Board Members voted "aye".

- F. Approval of Electrical Bid-Brent Mitchell, Director of Maintenance addressed Board. The bid was sent to three preferred contractors. Out of those three companies, only two companies supplied their bid on time. The bid deadline was 2pm. One company appeared at 2:11pm. This company also missed the mandatory preconstruction meeting at the building. The bids were open by Mr. Frohbeiter, Mr. Kistler, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Schultz and Mr. Gregg. Mr. Mitchell recommends Greiner Electric. They had the lower bid by \$34,000. They had cost saving ideas like running conduit differently. Mr. Hanks asked Brent if he was there for walk through? Mr. Eckelberry asked Mr. Mitchell if he had spoken with Ken Gregg about the changes. Mr. Mitchell said he had and some of the cost saving will be the ease of installation. Mr. Holmes same end result, but more efficient. If we change anything then Change Orders have to be submitted now. Brent Recommends. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Holmes and seconded Mr. Eckelberry. All Board Members voted “aye”.
- G. Approval of Construction Bid-Mr. Mitchell-Five preferred companies were invited to bid. Four companies showed up for the bid; three companies submitted bids. Two of the bids were really close in price a \$600 difference. The bid was awarded at \$106,000 to Elder Construction. Peyton has worked with Elder Construction for years. They have great ideas for cost savings. Mr. Mitchell recommends Elder Construction. A motion to approve the construction bid was made by Mr. Hanks and seconded by Mr. Holmes. All Board Members voted “aye”. Mr. Mitchell handed out a copy of additional cost savings. (See “value engineering ideas on woodshop”) Brent made suggestion to replace front doors, which is already included in Elder’s bid.
- H. CBA Contract-Mr. Eckelberry wanted to verify the wording under Section 8.10-Encumbrances in Borrowing had been updated. It was. A motion to approve the CBA Contract was made by Mr. Holmes and second by Mr. Eckelberry. All Board Members voted “aye”.

## **X. DISCUSSION ITEMS- no discussion items**

## **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel – C.R.S. 24-6-402 (I)-no Executive Items**

Persons desiring to address the Board about personal, personnel, or items the Board considers sensitive should **\*properly request** a hearing and be available at 7:00 p.m.

**XII. ADJOURN**-A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lee and seconded by Mr. Holmes. All Board Members voted “aye”. The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

\* To properly request an Executive Session Hearing or to address an item not on the agenda, the request should be made to the superintendent or his designee no later than **3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the regular Board meeting**. In order to be granted the request should include the subject matter and the name of the one person who will be addressing the Board. Persons desiring to address the Board about personal, personnel, or items the Board considers sensitive will be heard in Executive Session.