

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

PEYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 23-JT

Peyton, Colorado Board of Education Minutes October 21, 2013 Elementary School

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Nevills called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Bates, Mr. Bond, Mr. Frohbieter, Mrs. Lee and Mr. Nevills.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to put the budget adjustments to the end moving action item C to E. Change D to resignation approve the agenda was made by Mr. Bond seconded by Mrs. Lee. All members present voted "aye" motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of September 17th was made by Mr. Frohbieter seconded by Mr. Nevills. All members present voted "aye" motion passed.

V. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL ITEMS

A motion to approve the financial items was made by Mr. Frohbieter it was seconded by Mr. Bond. All members present voted "aye" motion passed.

VI. COMMUNITY INPUT- Elementary/JR/SR TCAP updates and adjustments. Amendment 66.

Mr. Rea and Mrs. Graham will provide a summary of the TCAP. Mr. Rea said that the school is making good movement on the growth. The areas showed increased achievement. One of the main areas that showed improvement were in 10th grade math and science. Mrs. Graham stated that they have some growth to do in 4th and 5th grades. They have some training set up to make those scores go forward. Math across the board is in need of some assistance. They are looking at their curriculum and goal mapping to get these scores up. Mr. Bates said that to him it looks like it's a curriculum issue that is impacting the students here. Ms. Graham said that they do believe that this may be the issue. The books are old and she has some trouble getting replacement books. They are looking at getting a new book adoption. They will drill down on the information to get mapping on what needs to be done to help the teachers, and help the students. The state has changed parts of the testing and the data that they are driving into. Mr. Bates said this should be reviewed and has an update before he leaves. Mr. Eckleberry did say that the DAC is looking at how to individualize these scores and putting the information into the hands of the teachers and the parents. The accountability in his opinion is really needing to look at the parents as well as the school and the administrators. There should be more parent accountability. Mr. Nevills said that the textbook issue is something he's concerned about. Mr. Bates said that growth is harder to show. Ms. Graham said yes it is. Mr. Kistler spoke about amendment 66. He said that what the state put together was that the state would have each school bring their mill levy up to a certain level to add the money to staff not to the administration. Mr. Kistler said that his understanding was that the district would be held harmless for 5 years. The other superintendents were told that the provision to hold the district harmless would be pulled. The district would have to assess a mill of 3.25 mills. The money would come to the district. However, adding taxes to the home in this area is not something our area would be happy about. The amendment holds that this income tax would levy a 5% tax on households of 75K or less. This tax goes to 5.9% on 75,001 or more. This is an income tax not a property tax. This is also targeting swing voting districts not typically the El Paso county area. Mr. Kistler said it would help the staff. However, this is a tax burden on the state. The money raised would directly go to education. This money is specifically meant to deal with the deficit that was created by the shortfall of the state. The burden on the paperwork would increase the reporting requirements for the district. This is not a performance based issue. The purpose is not to increase the administration its growth to at risk students, no standards. Mr. Eckleberry said that the funding directing towards the at-risk group and the GT students. He is concerned about the students in the middle. He asked if the district's hands would be tied with regard to these funds. The at-risk is not a special education classification. These could be tied together but they are not specifically special needs. It's meant to get extra attention to the kids that are struggling. He believes there may be some discretion it will just have to be recorded differently. Mr. Brown asked if there was a easy way to go see how the funds would be disbursed? Mr. Kistler said he can get some numbers. But, he invited Mr. Brown to come see what the amount would come to Peyton.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- Mr. Kistler pointed out that this is the last regularly scheduled board meeting with this group. Mr. Kistler said that it was a privilege working with all of the board members. He stated that they had done a good job with all that has been placed before them. Mr. Kistler reminded the board that Tuesday is "Meet the Candidate Night", it will be held at 7 p.m. at the high school. He hopes that the board will make the event. He also told the board about the new board member workshop that is scheduled for November. He believes that it would be very helpful to the new board members to get the insight on what they can expect. He has scheduled that meeting

for the 13th and hopes that they can prepare the new board as best as possible. Mr. Kistler expressed his gratitude for those members who responded to his email and gave advice as to what the meeting should cover. Mr. Kistler has been in talks with Mr. Shultz about potentially renting some of the middle school for working with his company. He needs more room and the board gave Mr. Kistler the task of leasing/renting out space. Mr. Schultz was a previous board member and he was trying to get an industrial arts program at the school. Mr. Schultz would like to work with the district to have a class in his shop and then he would do his work later in the afternoon. Mr. Bond was consulted on the cost and type of extra work that would be involved in updating the school for this purpose. Mr. Cole is the one who has the background however; he already does have a lot on the plate. Mr. Kistler also stated that they are talking with other companies and groups for a trade/group program so that they can have alternate options for students. This would be a great opportunity for the students that learn the trade and the companies can get apprenticeship. Other schools would be interested in this opportunity.

VIII. BOARD REQUESTS AND REPORTS

Jr./Sr. High School- Student count is 328, Mr. Rea presented a report that showed the upcoming events. The parent-teacher conferences were held on October 9th. The turnout was about 40%. He believes that the numbers are lower due to the parent portal and more usage. The parents are able to keep up to date and more real time information. PSAT testing was last Saturday. They had 28 students test. Mr. Rea said that the large benefit to the district is that the district covers the costs of the test. Mr. Rea said that we are one of the few districts that do pay for this test but it really pays off in the long run. Update on selection of social studies books- Mr. Rea said that the changing of the standards. He said that the samples are online and so much of the curriculum must have geography and economics to meet the state standards. Therefore, he's sent the task back to the textbook adoption group again so that they can meet the social studies standards. Mr. Rea said that there is a traveling trade fair. However, last year it was up in Adams County and it takes a while to come back to the area. Mr. Rea believes that the benefit of having this here would be that the at-risk program kids are stating that some of them have stated that sitting through a traditional educational environment isn't something they feel they can do. The fall drama performance is coming up on the 7th and the 8th of November. The veteran's breakfast is on December 5th. The winter concert will be December 10th. The veterans' breakfast is really for the students to showcase their service to the veterans and how the students are interacting with the adults. The district would like to maintain the school day in order to do this instead of going to a Friday event.

Elementary School- Student count is 278. Ms. Graham said that the cookie sales went well. She thanked the district for their support. The parent conferences were very well attended. The color copies were well received. The work day had a review of what they are doing, what they need from the district and where they see themselves going. The TCAP data was shared with the teachers and they are put into teams to discuss and evaluate the data. The work on ILP and LEP were worked on and were ready for the parent conferences. Ms. Graham has completed all the teacher evaluations. The classes had their awards ceremony. The coffee with Christy notes are on the back of the report. There have been some good feedback and suggestions for her. They are having a lot of parent interaction and offerings. The young Rembrandts will change their curriculum to pull in some new challenges that was a direct result of the coffee. The Spaulding representative came and had some observations. They were positive and had good feedback on where the district is and will pair with another district. Match-wits did very well and they finished 3rd and 5th in the Edison meet. The report also has a copy of the newsletter that was sent electronically. This is a plan to increase the communication piece. This was sent via infinite campus.

District Advisory Report- Mr. Eckleberry said they met on the 26th. They talked about TCAP and the survey follow-up that will be addressed after the TCAP. Mr. Eckleberry said that they need volunteers.

Boces Report- Mr. Nevills said that they had the first meeting at the new facility. There weren't a lot of superintendents at that meeting. The new EO and the new finance director are starting to show rewards for the new additions. These two women have a lot of experience in the education area. They will show a lot of good explanation. The new woman has a good sense of what's happening and can show the information and explain the information. The previous finance director didn't have the skills to actually provide the information to actually explain the information to the board and the superintendents. The department was in disarray. Ms. Joleen Shocky has a very good reputation and she's doing a great job of digging through the mess and putting it in order. The department will be heading in the right direction. There have been changes. There is a way to save the money and that in turn saves the districts money. The facility is a bigger operation. Next meeting is this Thursday and then the newly elected people will have a meeting on the 21st of November.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Quarterly Fiscal Update-** Mr. Kistler said that this is the 1st quarter update. The first quarter update does not have the budget that will be final that comes after the 2013 October count. A copy of this report is included in the board packet. Mr. Kistler broke down the report and explained the expenses and revenues. A motion to approve the quarterly fiscal update was made by Mr. Bates seconded by Mr. Frohbieter. All board members present voted "aye" motion passed.

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- B. School Accreditation-** A motion to approve the one year accreditation of the schools was made by Mr. Frohbieter seconded by Mrs. Lee. All board members present voted “aye” motion passed.
- C. Budget Adjustments- Moved to action item E-** Mr. Kistler tries to get as close to the budget as possible. This year we had extra revenue that we ended with. Mr. Kistler felt that due to the trend for this fiscal year. Mr. Kistler feels that since the board has stuck with him and the district finances are doing as well as it is. His recommendation is that the staff that was here with the district last year the staff would receive a raise. Then the new employees would get a raise for next year. A motion to approve the budget adjustments was made by Mrs. Lee it was seconded by Mr. Bates. All board members present voted “aye” motion passed.
- D. Letter of resignation of Certified Staff-** After speaking with the party involved it is Mr. Kistler’s recommendation that the district accept letter of resignation from the teacher Mr. Kenneth Delahoy. A motion to accept the resignation was made by Mr. Bond seconded by Mr. Frohbieter. All board members present voted “aye” motion passed.
- E. Change of December Board Meeting Date to December 11, 2013-** According to Mr. Kistler this is a floating date because of the mills. This year we will have to decrease the mills. We are unable to bring in more mills than we should. A motion to approve the change of the December board meeting was made by Mrs. Lee seconded by Mr. Frohbieter. All board members present voted “aye” motion passed.
- IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS-** Transportation participation report- Mr. Robbins prepared two participation reports for the board. A copy of those reports is included with the board packet.
- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION-C.R.S. 22-1-107. Mr. Bates motioned Mr. Bond seconded to go into executive session at 8:16 p.m. Returned at 8:23 p.m.**
- XI. ADJOURN-** Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Frohbieter it was seconded by Mr. Bond. All board members present voted “Aye”.
Meeting adjourned the meetings at: 8:36 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED November 19, 2013.

President

Secretary