

ENGLEWOOD SCHOOLS
Englewood, Colorado
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
September 4, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: MS. KAREN MILLER, Presiding
MR. SCOTT GORSKY
MS. HEATHER HUNT
MRS. SHERRY SCAGGIARI

ABSENT MS. SHELLEY THOMPSON

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. James McCabe, Superintendent
Ms. Gail Neubert, Director, Student Services
Ms. Peg LaPlante, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Chris Gramstorff, Executive Director of HR

OTHERS PRESENT: Vicki Howard Les Cowger
John Kunkel

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Miller, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Roscoe L. Davidson Administration Building.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Karen Miller introduced and welcomed Ms. Samantha Schaffer, CFAHS Representative for 1st semester 2007, to the Board. The Board voted to approve Ms. Schaffer as student representative from CFAHS and Ms. Shannon Eldridge, who is continuing as student representative from EHS. Ms. Miller invited Ms. Schaffer to take her chair at the Board table. Dr. McCabe and all of the Board Members said welcome and thanked Ms. Schaffer for volunteering to represent CFAHS at Board meetings.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Gorsky, Aye Mrs. Scaggiari, Aye
Ms. Hunt, Aye Ms. Thompson, Absent
Ms. Miller, Aye Motion Carried, 4-0

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Gorsky moved and Ms. Scaggiari seconded to approve the August 21, 2007, Regular Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Gorsky, Aye Mrs. Scaggiari, Aye
Ms. Hunt, Abstain Ms. Thompson, Absent
Ms. Miller, Aye Motion Carried, 3-0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS AND RECOGNITION

There were no special reports.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Ms. Hunt reported that she recently attended the Colorado Trust Bully-Prevention Conference along with Ms. Cathy Mandel. Ms. Hunt appreciated the invitation and learned a great deal. Reminding the Board that she will be attending the upcoming CASB Resolutions Committee meeting where she will submit the Board's recommended resolutions.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Dr. McCabe announced that the ballot draw, to determine the order the Board of Education candidates would appear on the election ballot, would be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5. The candidates were invited but not required to attend.
- Dr. McCabe asked Ms. Peg LaPlante to provide an update on the neighborhood legislative meetings. Ms. LaPlante told the Board that Littleton will use one of their locations for an event with Joe Rice and the League of Charter Schools to which Littleton and Englewood community members would be invited.
- Dr. McCabe mentioned that the Candidate Forums, when community members can come and meet the School Board Candidates and ask them questions, would be October 9th at Maddox Elementary and October 15th at Bishop Elementary, both would start at 7:00 p.m. The election this year is a mail-in ballot and Dr. McCabe noted that ballots will be mailed beginning October 12. The forums were planned to be close to this date, as many people will vote soon after receiving their ballot.
- The headcount for the schools currently are; down six at the elementary level, up nine at the middle school and up 43 at the high school level. This is approximately 46 more student than was budgeted for. The FTE count is 41 higher than the number used to determine the budget. FTE is slightly different due to the way kindergarten students are counted. These figures are based on what was used to determine the budget but do not necessarily indicate an increase in actual students. Ms. Hunt asked how they will know when the district is no longer declining and Dr. McCabe replied that Ms. LaPlante will track enrollment and when an upward trend is determined over time that would indicate a turn in enrollment. Ms. LaPlante stated enrollment would fluctuate so a turning point is hard to predict. Dr. McCabe added that a gradual pull out of decline is best for the economy of the district. Ms. LaPlante explained that when declining enrollment slows we actually lose more funds due to the averaging formula. Ms. Scaggiari added that is because the State uses a four-year averaging formula. Mr. Gorsky asked how much roster slip could be expected by the actual count day and Ms. LaPlante said EHS could slip but she expected the other schools to stay close to the current numbers.

X. ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS1. Handball Association Agreement

Ms. LaPlante presented the agreement between the Colorado Handball Association and Englewood Schools for Board approval. Stating that the handball association put money into the courts and they will have use of the courts, outside of school hours. Ms. LaPlante emphasized the school district maintains control of the courts and this agreement provides no certainty that the courts will always be there. If in the future Englewood Middle School would require the space for expansion of the building the courts could be eliminated. Ms. Miller asked about access control. Ms. LaPlante explained courts are locked and the school has control of the key however keys are provided to the handball association. Mr. Gorsky questioned if the agreement allowed for student intramural sports time and Ms. LaPlante said that was covered in item number seven of the agreement. Ms. Hunt said she has seen the students using the courts during school hours so she assumes handball instruction has begun. Ms. Scaggiari inquired if the school's attorney had reviewed the agreement and Ms. LaPlante stated Mr. Bernard provided an example of a standard contract and she developed this agreement based on that model.

Mr. Gorsky moved and Ms. Hunt seconded, to approve the agreement with the Colorado Handball Association.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Gorsky, Aye	Mrs. Scaggiari, Aye
	Ms. Hunt, Aye	Ms. Thompson, Absent
	Ms. Miller, Aye	Motion Carried, 4-0

2. Five Attendance Policies 1st Reading

Dr. McCabe presented policies to replace the current policy 5111. The replacement policies are JEB Kindergarten Entrance Age, which states the new cut-off date for kindergarten will be attaining the age of five by September 15. This change will be implemented for the 2008-2009 school year. The Board Members had a brief discussion about the cut-off date selected and the reasons for selecting September 15, which will keep Englewood Schools, aligned with neighboring districts. The Board agreed if they wanted to evaluate the policy at a later time the issue could be reviewed. Recoding was the only change to Policy JFAB. Changes to Policy JFABD Homeless Students were made to make certain it followed legal requirements of the Federal Government. Ms. Neubert reviewed the homeless policy and offered to answer any questions, stating that Ms. Melanie Dressman is the designated district liaison for the homeless. JFBB-R is a regulation, which was based on information from CASB, to address the Open Enrollment Policy.

Mrs. Scaggiari moved and Ms. Hunt seconded, to approve for a 1st Reading policies JEB Kindergarten Entrance Age, JEA Compulsory Attendance Ages, JFAB Continuing Enrollment of Students who Become Nonresidents, JFBB and JFBB-R Open Enrollment, JFABD and JFABD-R Homeless Students, these policies replace policy 5111.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Gorsky, Aye	Mrs. Scaggiari, Aye
	Ms. Hunt, Aye	Ms. Thompson, Absent
	Ms. Miller, Aye	Motion Carried, 4-0

3. Board Goals for 2007-2008

Dr. McCabe presented the Board Goals for 2007-2008 for final approval. The first goal is Commitment to Student Achievement, which includes the district wide guaranteed and viable curriculum, the second goal is District Focus and Systems Alignment and the third is Planning for the Efficient Use of Resources. This document was essentially the same as presented for the Boards consideration at the August 21, 2007 meeting. The only change to the 2007-2008 Goals document is the renumbering of the outline for improved clarity and the inclusion of a sense of urgency and high expectation for every student, which Mrs. Sherry Scaggiari had requested. Mrs. Scaggiari thanked Dr. McCabe for the inclusion and praised the first sentence that included "commitment to achievement of all students."

Ms. Miller moved and Mrs. Scaggiari seconded, to approve the Goals for 2007-2008.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Gorsky, Aye	Mrs. Scaggiari, Aye
	Ms. Hunt, Aye	Ms. Thompson, Absent
	Ms. Miller, Aye	Motion Carried, 4-0

4. Consensus Items

Mrs. Scaggiari moved and Ms. Hunt seconded, to approve the consensus items as follows:

a. Personnel Recommendations

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Gorsky, Aye	Mrs. Scaggiari, Aye
	Ms. Hunt, Aye	Ms. Thompson, Absent
	Ms. Miller, Aye	Motion Carried, 4-0

5. Board Members' Choice

- Ms. Miller explained to Ms. Schaffer, the new student representative from CFAHS, that this was the time in the Board meeting when Ms. Schaffer would have time to talk about events at her school.
- Mrs. Scaggiari stated the school year seemed off to a good start and observed that the students at the new Englewood Middle School have blended into one student body and not separating based on their Flood/Sinclair past affiliation
- Ms. Schaffer said there seem to be a lot of new students at CFAHS.
- Ms. Miller announced the open house at EMS on Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. The next Board meeting will be September 18 at 7:00 p.m. with a Special Board meeting to adopt the Budget on October 9th at 6:00 p.m. The School Board Candidates Forum will follow at 7:00 p.m. at Maddox Elementary School. The CASB Regional meeting is October 10. Ms. LaPlante interjected that The City is having a ribbon cutting for the Basketball and In-line Skate courts, and possibly the handball court on September 13 at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Miller is on vacation the next two weeks and plans to visit schools.

XI COMMUNICATIONS

A list of upcoming Board events is provided in the agenda.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. McCabe provided these items in the form of a memorandum.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Ms. Karen Miller, President
Board of Education

Linda Felling, Secretary to the
Superintendent and Board of Education

Date Approved