

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MS. KAREN MILLER, Presiding
MR. SCOTT GORSKY
MS. HEATHER HUNT
MRS. SHERRY SCAGGIARI
MS. SHELLEY THOMPSON

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. James McCabe, Superintendent
Mr. Chris Gramstorff, COO
Ms. Joan Diedrich, Director, Student Services
Ms. Peg LaPlante, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Dale Stout, Director, Technology

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Michelle Lee, EHS Student Representative
to the Board
Ms. Debbie Penn, Resident
Ms. Ramona Montano, Resident
Ms. Corey Dahl, *Englewood Herald*

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

Dr. McCabe said there would be a personnel addendum. The agenda was adopted as amended.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Thompson moved, and Mrs. Scaggiari seconded, to approve the May 2 Regular Meeting Minutes.

ROLL CALL:

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| Mr. Gorsky, Aye | Mrs. Scaggiari, Aye |
| Ms. Hunt, Aye | Ms. Thompson, Aye |
| Ms. Miller, Aye | Motion Carried, 5-0 |

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. SPECIAL REPORTS AND RECOGNITION

There were no special reports and recognition.

VII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Mrs. Scaggiari attended a recent Library Board meeting and reported the following:
 - They are starting their Strategic Planning process.
 - They are working in conjunction with the schools to offer summer reading programs at the elementary and teen levels.
- Ms. Miller attended a recent Athletic Advisory Committee meeting and reported the following:
 - She read off a list of recent EHS activities and upcoming graduation events. She noted that the EHS Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band recently performed at the UNC Jazz Band competition. Both bands received a 1, which is a Superior rating. This is the 19th consecutive year an EHS band has received a Superior rating at this competition.
 - Student Government elections were recently held. Ms. Miller received a list of the new student government representatives.
 - Spring Sports are wrapping up. Englewood is hosting Lacrosse Quarterfinals and Semifinals at the EHS Stadium. Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) is looking at using the EHS Stadium for State Soccer. They are very happy with the stadium upgrades, although, the press box is still a concern.
- Ms. Miller attended a recent Parks and Recreation meeting and reported the following:
 - They will spend the next meeting reviewing the recently completed Parks Master Plan.
 - They received a letter of apology from the Colorado Handball Association for putting up illegal fencing at Sinclair.
 - Parks and Recreation has a scholarship that was initially set up for Englewood residents to help resident students who could not afford to participate in sports programs. The committee voted to expand eligibility to include all Englewood Schools students as there are some students who are not Englewood residents.
 - Pirates Cove will hold a pre-season open house on May 25.
- Ms. Hunt attended a recent Health and Wellness Committee meeting and reported the following:
 - The new Health and Wellness policy will be presented to the Board in July.
 - They are looking at adding healthier options to vending machines.
 - By law, vending machines must be locked when food is offered at a school (starting 30 minutes before and extending until 30 minutes after).
 - The new policy will include the integration of Health and PE into other areas. Mr. Evans has some fun ideas on how this can be done. Chartwells has curriculum books that can also help with this.
 - They are looking at splitting the lunch program at EHS and reversing lunch and recess at the elementary schools, so that recess is offered before lunch.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. McCabe reported the following:

- He explained to the Board that the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) audits student counts every three years. For 20 years, they reported that our District did everything correctly, but are now changing the way the counts are done, retroactive to 2003-04. Because of the changes and the fact that we have one school on a trimester schedule, there may be problems with how they interpret recent counts. At this time, Dr. McCabe does not know how this may affect the District, but wanted to make the Board aware of the issue.
- Exit interviews have been received from all but two schools. The District has lost 139 kids since October, with 96 of the moves due to families moving. A question was raised as to if any of these families were moving because of the schools or for other reasons. Dr. McCabe said that the current exit interviews do not get to that level of detail.

IX. ACTION / DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS1. High School Athletic Fees

On behalf of Mr. Brent Getchel, EHS Athletic Director, Ms. Peg LaPlante presented a proposal to implement athletic fees at EHS. Englewood is the only district in the metro area that does not have athletic fees. Costs for supporting athletic programs continue to rise.

The proposal calls for fees to go into effect for the 2007-08 school year. Proposed fees are as follows:

Individual Fees

\$60.00—First Sport

\$20.00—Each Additional Sport

Maximum

If there are two or more athlete participants per family, \$60 for the first student; \$20 for second student for the first two sports of the year. A third sport would be \$20/\$20.

There would be possibilities for exemption in cases of financial hardship.

There was some discussion around how costs are being met now. Ms. Miller said uniforms are one way they are keeping costs down. They rotate which teams get new uniforms and Varsity uniforms are handed down to JV athletes. Fundraising is also a big piece of meeting needed costs and would not go away even if fees are implemented. Coaches' salaries were also discussed as salaries for Englewood coaches are notably higher than surrounding districts.

Ms. Thompson said she would like to go to a corporation and ask for this money as an alternative to implementing the fees. She already has an idea, but needs some time to pursue. The Board agreed to have Ms. Thompson pursue corporate support.

2. Review of Budget Reduction Process

Ms. LaPlante reviewed the annual budget process with the Board. She reviewed the budget chronological calendar, which is the same every year, and described how forecasting is done for the budget.

Dr. McCabe said he asked Ms. LaPlante to provide this overview to give Board members a starting point to critique the budget process. He asked them what changes they would like to see next year. Board members agreed that the administration does a good job explaining to the Board the budget process and any ramifications of proposed cuts. The area of concern is engaging the community in the process and in providing accurate, timely communications. Ms. Miller said she received positive feedback on the budget article in the recent District newsletter. She would have liked to have seen this information made available earlier. The Conversation with the Board sessions, Strategic Planning, and the Financial Advisory Committee, all just recently started, should also help with the communications process. A suggestion was made to create a communications plan well ahead of time next year. Ms. Thompson volunteered to do a draft of the plan.

There was a break in the meeting from 8:12 to 8:19 p.m.

3. Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Ms. Peg LaPlante reviewed the 2006-2007 Preliminary Budget with the Board. She shared a PowerPoint presentation covering the following topics:

- Budget Calendar for 2006-07
- Englewood Schools Enrollment—The District is still experiencing declining enrollment.
- Enrollment by Level (K-12)
- Projected Funded Pupil Count
- Englewood Schools Headcount vs. Funded FTE
- Board of Education Budget Priorities
- Revenue Facts and Assumptions in Proposed Budget
- General Fund Revenues
- Sources of Revenue
- Expenditure Facts and Assumptions in Budget Development
- Budget Reductions—Total of \$1,035,900 for 2006-2007
- General Fund Expenditures
- Where do we spend our money?
- General Fund Reserves
- All Funds-2006-07 Proposed Budget
- Recent Board of Education Action

There was some discussion around declining enrollment and the averaging formula that is used to help fund districts in declining enrollment. This same formula causes financial challenges when districts begin to climb out of declining enrollment. Dr. McCabe said that it is important to have the budget reflect declining enrollment as it occurs—making any needed cuts based on declining counts—to avoid bigger budget problems later.

There was also some discussion around the District newsletter and how the newsletter would go out with the elimination of the editor position. Dr. McCabe said that Mr. Gramstorff becomes the new editor. They will be reducing the number of times the newsletter is distributed, noting that it costs approximately \$1,000 to send out each publication. They will also combine a state required report with the December newsletter to reduce the need to send out the report separately. Ms. LaPlante added that Mr. Mark Hickethier, Print Shop Specialist, is a big part of the newsletter production and will still be a resource.

Ms. LaPlante noted that interest on the Trust Fund used for the Board Scholarship is doing well. This provides an opportunity for the Board to consider increasing the amount of the current scholarship or adding an additional scholarship.

Board members thanked Ms. LaPlante for all her hard work on the budget, noting that the budget documents were straightforward and easy to read.

Copies of budget documents are available at the administration building. A Public Hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the June 6 Board meeting. The 2006-2007 budget will be adopted on June 19.

4. Consensus Items

Mrs. Scaggiari moved, and Mr. Gorsky seconded, to approve the consensus items as follows:

- a. Personnel Recommendations & Addendum

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Gorsky, Aye
 Ms. Hunt, Aye
 Ms. Miller, Aye

Mrs. Scaggiari, Aye
 Ms. Thompson, Aye
 Motion Carried, 5-0

5. Board Member's Choice

Ms. Thompson said she was pleased to announce that the Englewood Education Foundation would be raffling off a new car, which will be a significant part of their fundraising. She thanked Ms. Lisa Schomp for the car and Mrs. Mary Dounay for all her work in making the raffle happen.

Mrs. Scaggiari passed.

Mr. Gorsky shared the following:

- He would not be at the June 20 Board meeting as he will be out of town. Ms. Thompson said she will also be out of town. After some discussion, the meeting was changed to June 19 to ensure that a quorum is present, as the Budget Adoption is an agenda item at this meeting.
- He said the Clayton group, Attitunes, performed at the Citizen's of the Year Award ceremony for Judy and the late Jim Cain. He added that there were a lot of positive things said about Englewood Schools at this ceremony.

Ms. Hunt shared the following:

- She went to see *Fiddler on the Roof* at Flood, which was Drama Teacher, Ms. Gilchrist’s last performance. Ms. Hunt said the play was awesome. She said the technical instructors, Mr. Raymond and Mr. Mebust did a great job and that the lead in the play was fantastic.
- May 8-12 was Arts Alive at Clayton, which was very successful. They had over 2000 pieces of art displayed throughout the building and assemblies almost every day. A local artist/illustrator visited and there were performances by Strings Attached; the Clayton singing group, Attitunes; and the Colorado Symphony Orchestra.
- She distributed Relay for Life flyers to Board members, challenging them to be a part of this event, either through participation or donations.

Ms. Miller shared the following:

- She also attended Arts Alive at Clayton and said the art work was phenomenal.
- She attended the first POPS certification ceremony, where several students received their GEDs. She said the ceremony was great and very emotional.
- She reminded Board members about the upcoming graduation events.

Dr. McCabe told the Board that the CFAHS Science Lab is gorgeous and they should visit it if they get a chance. The actual dedication will be in August.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Miller read a letter from Delta County School District 50J School Board, addressed to Dr. William Moloney, Commissioner, CDE. The letter urged CDE to consider reforming the current CSAP testing process, noting the long testing hours and the delay in receiving test results in the current process.

Mr. Gorsky moved, and Ms. Thompson seconded, to have Dr. McCabe draft a letter stating the Board’s support of the letter from the Delta County School Board concerning CSAP reform.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Gorsky, Aye
Ms. Hunt, Aye
Ms. Miller, Aye

Mrs. Scaggiari, Aye
Ms. Thompson, Aye
Motion Carried, 5-0

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Ms. Karen Miller, President
Board of Education

Jill Rogers, Secretary to the
Board of Education

Date Approved