

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
December 6, 2005

A worksession regarding Ends Policy Interpretations and Board appointments was convened at 5:00 p.m.

Campbell, Carson, Hansen, Panetta, Sherman and White were present. Also in attendance were Supt. Christensen, Asst. Supt. Hickey, Asst. Supt. Hodges, Asst. Supt. Sebring, Chief Financial Officer Stutler and V. Simonson, Secretary. Absent: Repella.

Repella arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Pres. White called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Campbell, Carson, Hansen, Panetta, Repella, Sherman and White were in attendance. Supt. Christensen, Asst. Supt. Hickey, Asst. Supt. Hodges, Asst. Supt. Sebring, Chief Financial Officer Stutler and V. Simonson, Secretary, were also present. Absent: none.

MOTION: By Sherman, seconded by Hansen, that the Board of Education accept the agenda as presented.

VOTE: Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Panetta, aye; Repella, aye; Sherman, aye; White, aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Recognitions: Supt. Christensen congratulated Sagewood Middle School 7th grader Martin Heany for winning first place in a National Major League Soccer Art Contest, sponsored by *Kidz Magazine*.

Supt. Christensen recognized Ponderosa High School social studies teacher and assistant wrestling coach Mark Thorsen for being named *Assistant Coach of the Year* by the National Wrestling Coaches Association with selection on the basis of tenure, coaching record, professional honors and service to the high school sport of wrestling.

Supt. Christensen commended the district's Finance Office, under Director Phil Onofrio, along with Denise Basden, Bookkeeper; Theresa Echols, Accountant; Jeanette Prock, Grant Accountant; and Trish Wilkes, Project Accountant for applying for and being awarded a *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* from the Government Finance Officers Association for the U.S. and Canada the past eighteen years.

Public Comment: None Heard.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Sherman, seconded by Panetta, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Minutes for November 15, 2005
- 2) Award of Contract: Geotechnical Services for Middle School #8
- 3) Personnel Changes

VOTE: Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Panetta, aye; Repella, aye; Sherman, aye; White, aye. Motion carried 7-0. (Copies attached to the official minutes.)

Decisions

Naming of School: High School #8: High School #8 Principal Lisle Gates and six future students, Michelle Marker, Gregory Chase-Czizik, Amanda Rowe and Holly Hedge, presented the top three recommended names in alphabetical order for the school scheduled to open summer of 2006. The students reviewed the process and criteria used to gather suggested names and the development of the recommendations through the narrowing of options to five and then to three finalists. The students requested ratification of their first choice selection, naming High School #8 as Castle View High School with the mascot of Sabercats and Red/Black/Yellow Gold as colors.

MOTION: By Sherman, seconded by Repella, that the Board of Education ratify the selected name of Castle View High School, mascot and colors for High School #8.

VOTE: Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Panetta, aye; Repella, aye; Sherman, aye; White, aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Electronic Board Packet: Pres. White stated the Board was requested to determine if staff should move forward toward gathering information on options for software programs to produce electronic Board packets. Following Board discussion, staff was directed by consensus of the Board to proceed with the exploration of options and to determine appropriate timing to bring the agenda topic back for Board consideration.

Legal Requirements

2004-2005 Audit Report: Chief Financial Officer Chris Stutler stated that in compliance with state statute and as a staff responsibility, audit results for fiscal year 2004-2005 are in order for presentation. Independent auditor Wendy Swanhorst summarized findings provided in the management letter to the Board, noting no material weaknesses were found and reported the district is in stable condition with no financial concerns. Swanhorst stated an automated process has been recommended for Nutrition Services and Onofrio confirmed the computerized program is underway. Onofrio followed up with information regarding instructional expenses at 66 percent of the total General Fund.

MOTION: By Campbell, seconded by Repella, that the Board of Education accept the audit report for the 2004-2005 Budget Year.

VOTE: Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Panetta, aye; Repella, aye; Sherman, aye; White, aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Policy/Executive Limitation Updates

Legislative Update: Communications Director Bruce Caughey provided review of last year's legislative matters in advance of what is hoped to be accomplished next session.

Board discussion followed. Caughey and Board Vice President Sherman, as Colorado Association of School Boards' Legislative Liaison, will work together to assure staff/Board dissemination and alignment on upcoming issues.

Board/Superintendent Updates: The Board discussed future agenda content and schedules. The Board discussed and through consensus, established that the meeting format would to return to one worksession and one business meeting each month, setting the first Tuesday as the worksession set from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with any emergency business items to be addressed

at 5:00 p.m. The third Tuesday is to start with the worksession at 5:00 p.m. and regular session at 7:00 p.m.

The Board heard updates on the District Advisory and Long Range Planning Committees. Supt. Christensen addressed the Board regarding upcoming School Accountability Reports/

A meeting evaluation was reported by Campbell.

Adjournment: Motion by Campbell, seconded by Sherman, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Victoria D. Simonson,
Secretary