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						<p>MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ELIZABETH C-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT SINGING HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL October 1, 2009</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">AGENDA ITEMS</p> <hr/> <p>CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Director Yancey at 6:05 p.m. Directors Arellano, Lyons, and Yancey were present. Director Stone was absent. Director Hill was going to be 30 minutes late.</p> <p>Talking Point – Homework policy discussion. Principals Hiatt and Wieman started the discussion with a framework about homework. There are arguments for and against homework. Overall research suggests a positive correlation and impact of homework and achievement levels. Also it encourages parental involvement/support. Gives an opportunity to complete curriculum objectives and enhance instruction. Cons to homework are that extracurricular and family activities may be compromised. Economically challenged students can be penalized by not having the technology or tools.</p> <p>The middle school philosophy: Practice – to internalize skills and introduce knowledge. Prepare – increases background knowledge for more in-depth learning. Extend – to extend learning beyond the school day. Display – longer term projects require work outside the school day to complete the product and presentation.</p> <p>Administration’s Responsibility: Support students with guidance and support Encourage students/parent communication with the school when issues arise. Support teachers with knowledge of best instructional practices. Continue to keep homework in the discussion of our overall assessment of student achievement. (Is the homework meaningful?)</p> <p>There was some discussion about meaningful homework or busy work.</p> <p>There was some discussion about a concern that new teachers often seem to overload students with homework. The principals encouraged that parents have that communication with teachers, and also to mention it to administrators so that it can be monitored. Parents are sometimes reluctant to complain to teachers and administrators but would like to see the ebbs and flow of homework more managed. Principal Wieman explained that in elementary school it is much easier to control but especially in high school it does become more difficult to coordinate between departments. This is where it becomes even more important to have the communication with the teachers. If administrators do not hear from the parents they cannot know if there is an issue in particular departments, or classes. Also they cannot know if a student is really struggling unless the parent does call – it may be that a student is taking a couple of hours when other students are only taking half an hour – the administrators like to know those things as it is good educational data.</p> <p>Supt. Bissonette added that we as a district must work on improving the quality of our conversations with parents so that parents feel comfortable with coming to teachers and administrators and that they will not feel like there may be retaliation, or a stigma or being judged. We need to change that culture.</p> <p>Director Arellano suggested that perhaps we could put something on the website a couple of weeks before we have a discussion at a Board Meeting inviting the parents’ opinion on a particular subject.</p> <p>The Superintendent and the Board did not think we should have a district policy on homework.</p> <p>4.0 Approval of Agenda/Additions/Deletions/Blanket Motion Director Arellano suggested postponing the approval of minutes until a meeting when Director Stone is here.</p> <p>4.1 A motion to approve the Regular Board of Directors Meeting Agenda, for the October 1, 2009 meeting, amended as above.</p>	
Motion	X						
Second			X				
Aye	X		X		X		Motion Carried

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						<u>New Hires</u> C. Darla Muckley, 6 th Grade Computer T.A., EMS D. Danielle Gregory Turner, SpEd Para, SHE	
						<u>Changes</u> E. Richard Kolms, Trip Driver, Transportation F. Tawnja Harty, Pre-K Para, SHE	
						<u>New Hires (Re-Submittal)</u> G. Mary Teeters, SpEd Para Attendant, RCE H. Melody Kilpatrick, SpEd Para, RCE (0.28) I. Melody Kilpatrick, SpEd Para, RCE (0.71) J. Heather Ashton, Para-Playground, RCE K. Tiara Noe, Para-Playground, RCE L. Vicky Rambo, Para-Lunch Room, RCE M. Wendy Hiserote, SpEd Para, RCE N. Jeannine Mosier, SpEd Para Attendant, RCE	
Motion Second Aye	X X	X X	X		X	A motion to approve Personnel 9.1A through N, as presented.	Motion Carried
						9.2 Additions to the Substitute List The Board was asked to approve the following additions to the substitute list: Kiley Noakes, Para-Professional Tracy Bleier, Para-Professional and Teacher Kristinas Sears, Para-professional Shirley McIntosh, Health Aid Rachel Borntreger, Health Aid Darci Beddia, Health Aid Vicki Kitchens, Health Aid Stephanie Rodvold, Kitchen Ernest Robinson, Custodian Deb LaMantia, Kitchen Gary Opfer, Long Term Sub at EMS Georgiana Desaire, Kitchen	
Motion Second Aye	X X	X X	X		X	A motion to approve the additions to the substitute list, as presented.	Motion Carried
						9.3 EMS & EHS Coaches & Sponsors <u>EMS Coaches & Sponsors</u> Amy Lute, Volleyball Assistant Cassandra Stackis, Cross Country Assistant Nick Bidinger, Marching Band Elyse Coberly, German Club Tiffany Khoury, FCCLA Melanie Darter, FCCLA Craig Blackham, Student Council Corinne Kindoll, Winter Color Guard Justina White, Cheerleading Lori Laskowski, Cheerleading Assist. Coach Terry Bonewell, Golf Assist. Coach Jim Wilson, Boys Basketball Assist Coach	
Motion Second Aye	X X	X X	X		X	A motion to approve EMS & EHS Coaches & Sponsors, as presented.	Motion Carried
						9.4 Disposition of District Property The Board was asked to declare a 27 year old salad bar as obsolete and approve of its disposal.	
Motion Second Aye	X X	X X	X		X	A motion to declare the salad bar as surplus, as presented.	Motion Carried
						10.0 Information Items	
						10.1 Miscellaneous Policy Section The Board would like to table 10.1 until the next meeting.	

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						10.2 Class-size Report Director Lyons stated that there are 52 classes with 27 or more students at the high school and that is not band or choir. She asked why this is. Supt. Bissonette commented that with the cutbacks in the foreseeable future with regards to budgets, we have not hired more teachers and we may see ourselves in this kind of situation for the next couple of years. Director Hill added that he would like to see what these numbers mean. How many students were in a particular class last year and also what kind of grades did students get in these classes. Director Arellano added that our policy is 30:1 in high school and we only have 8 classes at or above that level. Next steps: Our policy for FHS should be consistent with the teaching practices there. Principal Wilson asked that if the Board is going to look at student ratios, would they look at the elementary ratios also. The Board will look at the ratios across the board at their planning session on December 2 nd .	
						11.0 Executive Session There was no Executive Session.	
						12.0 Adjournment	
						A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.	
Motion Second Aye	X X	X X	X	X	X	Respectfully submitted,	Motion Carried
						<hr/> Laura Yancey, Vice President	
						<hr/> Daniel Hill, Secretary	
						<hr/> Marcia Beach-Lyons, Treasurer	
						<hr/> Randy Arellano, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	
						Recorded by: J. Aquino	