

**Minutes of the
Special Board Meeting
Elbert School District #200
July 13, 2011**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** –President Olkjer called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:02 p.m. **Roll Call** – Brown, present; Franek, present; Olkjer, present; Rohleder, excused absence; and Williams, present. Also present were Ms. Loflin, Mr. Beebe, Travis Guerette, Owners Rep, Dan O’Connell, Bond/Financial and Secretary McGuire.
- II. NEW BUSINESS** –
DISCUSSION
1. **BEST Grant Award-** Ms. Loflin gave a summary of the 3 days at the Grant selection and how our grant was selected and the waiver requesting to use \$500,000 toward the match was approved. The mill levy will be for 3.1 million and instead of the taxpayer contribution of 18 cents on the dollar as last year it will be 16 cents on the dollar. Until the election in November the Board will meet twice a month, the second Wednesday of the month will be for grant information and the regular meeting will be as usual on the fourth Tuesday of the month.
 2. **Timeline and next steps** – There is a 100 + page check list that is the first immediate item to deal with, as well as, getting some architectural/engineer items in the works for idea of school design, etc. Since an architect/engineer search had been started last fall the district will short list from the original list of architects who submitted at that time. The Building Committee will select from the short list. Discussion took place as to who should be on the Building Committee. It was decided that the committee should only be 5 to 6 people. A board member, the maintenance supervisor, Administration and then a couple of construction professionals from the community.

The registered voters list will be compared to the list of all the voters who voted in the last election to begin to determine geographic areas for dividing areas for neighborhood visits.
 3. **Campaign Plans** – The major campaign strategy will be for approximately 15 selected people to canvas the entire school district door to door. Also, possibly do some neighborhood school board meetings. The school newsletter will be the main print media that will be used to

get the facts out to the community. Possibly a mailer will be sent out prior to mail-in ballots going out. Mrs. McGuire will check into whether we could run a poll election at the hall or at the school. Signs will be posted throughout the school district boundaries. Students will be included in community service areas for visual campaigning. Mike Franek will check hits on the campaign website to determine if the website will continue as a campaign tool. Mrs. Zion has volunteered to organize a float for the county fair with children on the float, themed "Elbert's Past to the Future." Dan O'Connell indicated that for the campaign committee a full set of officers is not needed, just mainly a treasurer. Wendy Rohleder will be the Treasurer.

- III. ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.
a. Next Regular Meeting – July 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.