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**Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education**  
**Work Session Meeting**  
October 10, 2012

A Work Session meeting of the Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education was held at the District Administration Office on October 10, 2012.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice President Gustafson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Answering roll call were:

Deb Gustafson	Present	Bryan Haffner	Present
Cindy Hesse	Present	Candace Veldhuizen	Present

Vice President Gustafson asked for a motion for approval of the board agenda. Director Haffner moved to approve the board agenda with addition to add CASB discussion under Discussion/Action Item E. Director Hesse seconded the motion.

Deb Gustafson	Aye	Bryan Haffner	Aye
Cindy Hesse	Aye	Candace Veldhuizen	Aye

Vice President Gustafson asked for board members to review GP-10: Board Member Covenants as a means of monitoring GP-9: Board Member's Code of Conduct.

Vice President Gustafson asked if there were any comments from the audience. There were none.

Director Hesse made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items: A) September 12, 2012 Work Session Meeting Minutes; B) Additions to the 2012-2013 Coaching/Extra Duty Employment Agreement/Notice of Assignment: 1)Anthony Charterina, Head 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach at WCMS, 2)Timothy Housand, Asst. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach at WCMS, and 3)Todd Mettler, Asst. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach at WCMS; C) Request for Open Enrollment/Within District Transfer for 2012-2013; D) Out of District Student Requests for 2012-2013; E) Home School Requests for 2012-2013. Director Veldhuizen seconded the motion.

Deb Gustafson	Aye	Bryan Haffner	Aye
Cindy Hesse	Aye	Candace Veldhuizen	Aye

Board members discussed the upcoming 2012 CASB conference Thursday, November 29-Sunday, December 2, 2012. The importance and value of the conference was discussed. At this time, it was decided that the new member of the Board will attend Thursday-Sunday. The rest of the Board and Superintendent Townsend will attend Friday-Sunday.

Director Veldhuizen made a motion for the Board to attend the CASB Conference and reserve rooms for Friday-Saturday, except for the new Board member that will be included in the Thursday's session and will need a room for Thursday evening. Director Hesse seconded the motion.

Deb Gustafson	Aye	Bryan Haffner	Aye
Cindy Hesse	Aye	Candace Veldhuizen	Aye

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The Board continued their discussion with CASB from the Superintendent Focus Group held prior to the start of the evening's Board Meeting.

Discussion pertaining to the FFA request for additional money took place. The Board would like to make sure there is a balance of money between academic clubs and sports. The Board was informed that each club has the option to run concessions at activities and to do their own fund raising to earn extra money for their activities. The Board would like to make sure funding is fair and equitable for every student, and that requests go through the building principal.

The Board gave Ed Meier and Superintendent Townsend the directive to go back to the Athletic Director, Principals and Administrative Team and have conversations on the usage of general funds, money allocated for activities and sports, both academic and athletic. A consensus was approved by all Board members.

A great deal of discussion occurred concerning the amount of time it has taken to rewrite the August 22, 2012 Board minutes verbatim.

Director Veldhuizen made a motion to change the verbiage from verbatim to summarize discussion made on redistricting and appointment of Directorship A on the August 22, 2012 minutes and be brought back for approval at the next meeting. Director Hesse seconded the motion.

Deb Gustafson	Aye	Bryan Haffner	Aye
Cindy Hesse	Aye	Candace Veldhuizen	Aye

Superintendent Townsend introduced Mrs. Brigitte Gustafson, Executive Director of Resource Support Services, to discuss the need for a part time Certified Brailist Paraprofessional Position for the district.

Director Haffner made a motion to add the position State Certified Brailist. Director Hesse seconded the motion.

Deb Gustafson	Aye	Bryan Haffner	Aye
Cindy Hesse	Aye	Candace Veldhuizen	Aye

Correspondence to the Board consisted of a pamphlet from CASB about the winter conference in Colorado Springs. Director Gustafson noted that Tracie Rainey posted a draft of the financial budget on a web site.

Vice President Gustafson asked if there were any Superintendent Reports. Superintendent Townsend shared that Greg Dent, Principal at Hudson Academy, sent home a notice about the Board opening in Director District B, as well as other locations where the posting has been listed. Superintendent Townsend advised that the district has a plaque to give Dave Navarro for his years of service on the Board, and would like to know when the best time for Mr. Navarro to receive the plaque would be. She also spoke about a trip by the administrators to Lowe's to learn about a grant opportunity that they have available, and about the Expanded Learned Opportunity grant from the CDE.

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Vice President Gustafson asked if there were any Board Member Reports. Director Veldhuizen spoke about a parent that was excited about how well her child is doing in school and how the child would like to learn another language at school. The Board talked about getting name tags made for the Board members. Director Haffner talked about getting T-shirts made for interview committee. Director Hesse spoke about activities that were held during the Parents Teacher Conferences. Director Veldhuizen asked about the grading at the Middle School. Superintendent Townsend spoke about how the Middle School is catching students that have failing grades and the steps that are taken to bring the grades up. She also talked about how the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are doing in school, with the new seven period day and the required 28 credits necessary to graduate.

Each Board member completed GP-4-E: Board Self-Assessment Document.

The Board adjourned at 9:18 p.m. from the Business Section of this meeting and moved into the Work Session.

Each Board member looked over the Self-Assessment forms from past Board meetings that they have been filling out over the last several months. The Board is trying to improve their communication with each other and with Superintendent Townsend. After a lengthy, open and honest discussion, the Board agreed to try three things they would like to improve. 1) Focus on the Ends goal for the district, 2) Place all request and communications through the Superintendent, not directly to other staff members, and 3) Come prepared to meetings.

The Board discussed the section “in substantial compliance, with the following exceptions” statement that was taken out of the policies. They discussed the reasoning as to why it was taken out and why it should be reinstated. The decision to put the wording back into the policy was made, and is to appear in the consent agenda on the October 24, 2012 meeting.

There was a discussion about revisiting the redistricting maps. After much consideration and noting that there really was not much of a change from the 2005 District map it was determined that, there is no further discussion or action to be taken.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Vice President Gustafson declared this work session board meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deb Gustafson, Vice President

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Cindy Hesse, Secretary