

Official
Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education
Regular Session Meeting
January 23, 2013

A Regular Session meeting of the Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education was held at the Hoff Elementary School on January 23, 2013.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Haffner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Answering roll call were:

Deb Gustafson	Present	Bryan Haffner	Present
Cindy Hesse	Absent	Fred Jensen	Present
Candace Veldhuizen	Present		

President Haffner asked for a motion for approval of the Board agenda. Director Jensen moved to approve the Board agenda and the Addendum with the removal of items XIII (A), X, and XII to be moved to the February 13th meeting. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

Deb Gustafson	Aye	Bryan Haffner	Aye
Cindy Hesse	Absent	Fred Jensen	Aye
Candace Veldhuizen	Aye		

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

President Haffner asked if there were any comments from the audience. Susie Townsend, Superintendent, shared information received from Tom Beech pertaining to the possible reconstruction of the intersection of State Highway 52 and County Road 59. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will be covering a portion of the cost. However, the remaining portion of the cost will need to come from Weld County, the School District, or both. There are several options being discussed to change the intersection to make it safer for the community. There is a request to have the Weld County Commissioners attend a School Board meeting to discuss all options available to the District for financing the cost.

Linda Chapman from Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) spoke to the Board concerning setting up a time and location to work with the Board on some training. Ms. Chapman stated several different topics they could discuss during the training session to help bring the Board to a better understanding of what the Boards rolls are in the District.

The Board discussed several questions Denise Jakel, Human Resource Specialist, had pertaining to the Superintendent interview planning. They stated how many committees there should be, how many staff members and community members to have on each committee.

Dave Miller, Principal of Hoff Elementary, gave a brief statement indicating that writing is still the focus this year for the students. He then had the Board watch a video done by a fifth grade class. In the video the students are sing and dancing, the video shows how music and action can help the brain retain what it has learned. He then introduced four students who read the paragraphs they had written using the four star paragraph method. Two students read their paragraphs using the short format, one student read using the extended format, and one student read her paragraph using the essay format.

Dale Fleming, Principal at WCHS, spoke about the changes in the Course Description Book the High School team is putting together. Modifications were needed to assist students in understanding the matrix and making it easier to read. Also added was a framework for alignment with standards so students are better prepared for

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any exams or state tests that are given. They are also investigating giving more credit to students that participate in sports and take them out of P.E. class.

Dale Fleming, Principal at WCHS, spoke about how credit recovery works and what students need to do in order to pass a class. He wants students to understand that an F grade is not ok, and try to change the students thinking. There was a short discussion regarding if a student should have to pay for the recovered class if the student receives an F in a class.

Hoff staff members in attendance engaged in a conversation with the Board regarding the school district efforts on what is going well and what needs some improvement. A couple of staff members stated that the District needs to try and engage the Spanish speaking community better. Also discussed were activities the schools might do to help bring in senior citizens to help students.

Director Veldhuizen made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items: A) December 12, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes; B) December Financial Reports; C) Letters of Employment for Classified Personnel: A) Diane Najr, Substitute Custodian for the District, B) Christina Pink, Intermediate Aide at Lochbuie; D) Resignations for 2012-2013 Coaching/Extra Duty Employment Agreement/Notice of Assignment: A) Todd Mettler, Co-Asst. Baseball Coach, Asst. Football Coach, and Asst. 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at WCMS; E) Out of District Student Requests for 2012-2013; F) Home School Requests for 2012-2013, and with addition of EL-13, EL-16, EL-17. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

Deb Gustafson	Aye	Bryan Haffner	Aye
Cindy Hesse	Absent	Fred Jensen	Aye
Candace Veldhuizen	Aye		

Ed Meier, Director of Business Services, presented the 2012-2013 adjusted budget to the Board. He spoke in detail concerning the spending balance, capital projects, and food service.

Director Veldhuizen moved to approve Resolution #11 authorizing the use of the portion of beginning fund balance as authorized by Colorado Revised Statute 22-44-105, in the amount of \$679,795.00. Director Jensen seconded the motion.

Deb Gustafson	Aye	Bryan Haffner	Aye
Cindy Hesse	Absent	Fred Jensen	Aye
Candace Veldhuizen	Aye		

Ed Meier, Director of Business Services, spoke pertaining to the Appropriation Resolution. He advised the Board of the totals on items that changed from the productions that were made.

Director Veldhuizen made a motion to approve Resolution #12 Appropriation Resolution, State Statute 22-44-106(2) and the amount of appropriate fund shall not exceed the amount therefor, specified and adopted budget 22-44-107(2) for the amount of \$22,818,024 in revenue and \$34,339,319 in expenditures. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

Deb Gustafson	Aye	Bryan Haffner	Aye
Cindy Hesse	Absent	Fred Jensen	Aye
Candace Veldhuizen	Aye		

This is the first reading of the new policy J-33: Canine Searches and Drug Detection Sweeps Policy, some discussion occurred pertaining to the new policy.

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Correspondence to the Board consisted of two magazines. CASB 2013 Winter Legislative Conference, and District Administration Magazine.

Superintendent Townsend spoke about what the teachers will be looking at during the February inservice. She also explained the Attendance Policy wording is changing and that is why it was taken off the agenda. The policy should help guide and support the students and staff.

President Haffner asked if there were any Board Member Reports. Director Jensen requested more community involvement, by posting available activities on the District website parents will know what is going on around the District and become more involved. Director Haffner asked the Board members what topics they would like to work on with Linda Chapman. Each Director gave their input as to the topics they would like to cover in the training session. Director Haffner stated he went to the Brighton's School Board meeting, he would like to try a new way of doing a couple of things to make it better for the Board. Director Gustafson spoke about upcoming Legislation.

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

There being no further business to bring before the Board, President Haffner declared this regular session Board meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Haffner, President

Cindy Hesse, Secretary