

*Official Minutes*  
Weld RE-3(J) Board of Education  
Work Session Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2014

A Work Session Meeting of the Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education was held at the District Administration Office on March 12, 2014.

1. **Call to Order** by Mr. Haffner, President, at 7:01pm.
2. **Roll Call** – Baumgartner, Gustafson, Haffner, Jensen and Veldhuizen present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Review of Agenda**
5. **Discussion Items**
  - 5.1 **Education Foundation Discussion**

The Board discussed the leadership meeting that occurred earlier in the evening. A Steering Committee was formed, and Pat Craig was chosen as the chairperson of the Steering Committee. The group also identified a name for the foundation as the Weld Re-3J Education Foundation.
  - 5.2 **ASCENT Information**

Ms. Gustafson and Ms. Bracken presented information regarding the ASCENT program. The current recommendation is for our district not to pursue this and wait for more long term data regarding the program. The Board supported this recommendation based on information presented.
  - 5.3 **Facilities Planning**

Neenan presented two options for potential additions to Lochbuie Elementary School. One version included a five classroom addition, and the other included a 10 classroom addition. These additions would allow for 600 and 750 student capacity, respectively. The Board discussed the two options and how it will play into the possible Mill Levy Override this year. The Board directed Administration to provide the information to RBC in order to begin financial analysis. It was stated that there is no current plan to add on to Lochbuie elementary; rather, the Board would like to be aware of facilities options especially considering that Lochbuie is nearly at capacity.
  - 5.4 **Mill Levy Override**

The Board discussed the option of COPs in the Mill Levy Override election. The next step in the process is for the Board to identify and reach out to individuals who would be willing to lead or serve on the election committee. Board members will send 5 names to Dr. Rabenhorst by March 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5.5 **Budget Update**

Board members viewed the power point presentation that Dr. Rabenhorst and Mrs. Clark presented to the staff last week. The Board agreed that Dr. Rabenhorst could add notes to the power point and then post it on the district website for the community to view. Board members discussed at length the scope of the budget reduction proposal. Feedback from the community and staff was considered in the process. Administration recommends the full scope of reductions in order to potentially balance the budget for Fiscal Year 2015. By consensus, the Board agreed to leave much of the proposal as presented but asked that some items be removed based on staff and community feedback. In addition to budget reductions, the Board was given salary and wage information to look over for the future.
  - 5.6 **Strategic Plan Development**

Due to time, the Board will brainstorm core values and phrases for a mission statement on their own and send an email to Dr. Rabenhorst by March 21<sup>st</sup> with their ideas.
  - 5.7 **We Care Follies**

Mr. Haffner led a discussion around BOE members participating in the We Care Follies event in April. Consensus was that the Board would participate in some way, and would discuss this prior to the upcoming meeting.
6. **Other Business / Discussion**
7. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 10:38pm.