

Official Minutes
Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2014

1. **Call to Order** by Mr. Haffner, President, at 6:30pm.
2. **Roll Call** –Baumgartner, Gustafson, Haffner, Jensen and Veldhuizen present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Special Meeting Agenda**
Veldhuizen moved to approve the Special Meeting Agenda. Gustafson seconded the motion.

Baumgartner –Yes	Gustafson – Yes	Haffner – Yes	Jensen – Yes	Veldhuizen – Yes
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5. **Action / Discussion Items**

5.1 Transportation Fees Discussion

Dr. Rabenhorst opened with an overview of the fees and a draft letter that would possibly be sent home to parents if the Transportation Fee is approved. As part of the budget reduction proposal, Administration has recommended that Transportation Fees be instituted with the start of the 2014-2015 school year. The Board is anticipated to vote on Transportation fees during the regular meeting.

6. **Public Open Forum**

6.1 Recognition of Visitors

6.2 Public Comments

Jerry Monsey, Lochbuie, CO – opposes the fee

Tammy Holman, Keenesburg, CO – opposes the fee

Justin Glenn, Roggen, CO – asked how the fee would be regulated

Kyle Kos, Hudson/Ft.Lupton, CO – asked how families will know if their student will be able to ride the bus; he also mentioned the cost of bus drivers skirting the RR tracks, and keeping busses at home.

Israel Becerra, Lochbuie, CO – doesn't want to pay the fee

Robyn Pederson, Lochbuie, CO – would possibly send her kids to another district where she could just drop them on her way to work – which would make the district lose out on funding for those students; she also said that she doesn't encourage her kids to play sports because of the commute out to the school and to the away games.

Larry Sims, Lochbuie, CO – mentioned that routing, and having 5 kids on a bus, and idle time is waste in transportation. He said that Lochbuie residents don't have any other option but WCMS & HS.

Angie Fresquez, Lochbuie, CO – says we always compensate for those on free/reduced lunch. She asked the Board if we verify ALL free/reduced lunch applications that come through.

Dawn Prickett, Hudson, CO – has 5 kids and asked if the Board thought about those who would opt out of transportation. She mentioned that the amount of revenue is an assumption that all those people would pay, that this fee would make the buses more inefficient and increase traffic at the schools.

Todd Schroeder, Hudson, CO – asked the Board about the student who only rides the bus on occasion.

Lorinda Morgan, Lochbuie, CO – works in Brighton and Brighton does charge a fee for transportation but the fee goes back into the transportation department. She said that the upkeep on buses is very expensive and the fee can save the district in the long run. She said there are ways to work around it – that change is hard but it is worth it in the end.

Kari Sims, Lochbuie, CO – understands the cuts. She asked the Board who would follow through on the fees. She said that the fee will impact many Lochbuie families. She also mentioned that the free/reduced lunch program is abused.

7. **Adjournment from Special Meeting** at 7:05pm.