

Official
Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education
Regular Meeting
August 28, 2013

A Regular meeting of the Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education was held at the District Administration Building, on August 28, 2013.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Haffner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Answering roll call were:

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

President Haffner asked for a motion for the approval of the Board agenda. Director Veldhuizen moved to approve the Board agenda as presented. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

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

Superintendent Dr. Greg Rabenhorst introduced Jamie Jeffery, the new Weld Central Middle School principal to the Board. Ms. Jeffery shared some of her background to the Board.

President Haffner asked if there were any comments from the audience. Frosty Bortz stepped forward to address the Board. Mr. Bortz then read a prepared statement.

Correspondence to the Board consisted of a letter to the District from the Samaritan's Purse, and two letters from Dr. Rabenhorst written on behalf of the Board regarding donations from two different companies to the school district.

Director Gustafson made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda Items. 6.1) August 14, 2013 Work Session Meeting Minutes; 6.2) June Financial Reports; 6.3) Letters of Employment for Classified Personnel: 1) Billie Stam, Computer Aide at Hudson, 2) Makenzie Blake, 3 hour Cook at Hoff, 3) Krista Martinez, Office Aide at WCMS to Library Aide at WCMS, 4) Maribel Duran, Substitute Custodian to Evening Custodian at Hoff, and 5) Rosalie Martinez, Substitute Custodian to Evening Custodian at Lochbuie; 6.4) Contracts for Replacement Licensed Employees: 1) Jody Auer, Substitute Teacher to Social Studies Teacher at WCMS, and 2) Sara Wade, SPED Teacher to Instructional/SPED Aide at Lochbuie; 6.5) Resignations/Retirements: 1) Susan Copeland, SPED Aide at WCHS; 6.6) Separation of Employment: 1) Scott Andrews, Social Studies Teacher at WCMS; 6.7) Additions to the 2013-2014 Coaching/Extra Duty Employment Agreement/Notice of Assignment: 1) Brittany Wright, Co-Head and Co-Asst. FFA, 2) Aaron Wulf, Music/Band & Vocal/Instrumental, and 3) James Harris, Asst. Softball Coach; 6.8) Additions to the 2013-2014 Substitute Teacher List: 1) Ubaldina Prince, 2) Abbey Dean, 3) Laura Knudson, and 4) Kathy Jones; 6.9) Request for Open Enrollment/Within District Transfer for 2013-2014; 6.10) Out of District Student Requests for 2013-2014; 6.11) 2013-2014 Coaching/Extra Duty Employment Agreement/Notice of Assignment List; 6.12) Monitoring Board Governance Process and Board-Superintendent Relationship Policies: 1) B/SR-1: Governance-Management Connection, 2) B/SR-2:Unity of Control, 3) B/SR-3:Accountability of the Superintendent, 4) B/SR-4:Delegation to the Superintendent, and 5) B/SR-5E: Superintendent Formal Summative Evaluation; 6.13) District Policies: Monitoring Review Cycle: 1) EL-6: Educational Program; 6.14) Valley Bank Signature Changes/Additions for School Activity Funds: 1) Add Claudia Marvin to Hudson Activity Fund, and 2) Add Jennifer Forbes to Lochbuie Activity Fund. Director Hesse seconded the motion.

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

Roxie Bracken, Executive Director of Achievement Support Services presented an overview of the 2013 district TCAP data results. Mrs. Bracken highlighted areas of growth and areas needing improvement. The Board will go into a more in-depth details of the data at the September 11, 2013 Work Session meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Greg Rabenhorst, provided handouts to the Board stating his strategic entry plan. He spoke about areas of comprehensive assessment within his first year, methods to conduct the assessment, ways to engage the community and stakeholders through focus groups, potential changes to the districts mission statement and goals, and the development of a strategic plan.

A brief discussion took place pertaining to a Resolution in Support of the Ballot Initiative (Amendment 66) to Increase Funding for Education.

Director Veldhuizen made a motion to approve the Resolution #2-2014 supporting the ballot initiative, Amendment 66, to increase funding for education. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

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

Director Gustafson nominated Director Veldhuizen as the delegate for the CASB conference this fall. Director Jensen seconded the motion.

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

A brief discussion on time and location changes to the Board of Education Calendar occurred.

Director Hesse made the motion to accept the calendar as presented. Director Gustafson seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Rabenhorst introduced Meleia Monsey, Secretary to the Board of Education. Ms. Monsey will be the new Board Secretary after some training. Ms. Monsey gave the Board some background information on herself.

The first reading and discussion pertaining to revisions to B/SR-5: Monitoring Superintendent Performance took place. The Board accepted the first reading with no additional changes.

Dr. Rabenhorst advised the Board pertaining to his recommended appointments for the District Accountability Committee (DAC).

Director Veldhuizen made the motion to approve the 2013-2014 District Accountability Committee appointments with the inclusion of Frosty Bortz as an additional parent member. Director Hesse seconded the motion.

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

First reading of several Administrative Policies took place next.

The Board suggested a change to Gb-15: Evaluation of Licensed Staff, on page 5 to remove that arrow that appeared at the end of a sentence.

The discussion on Administrative Policy: B-1: School Board Meetings occurred. There were some suggested changes to some of the wording; however, Dr. Rabenhorst is to check with the Colorado Association of School Boards on the possible changes to verify if there are any legal reasons to keep them as presented.

Administrative Policy: B-2: Agenda was discussed. Suggested changes are add the wording “items” and “may include but are not limited to:” in the Agenda Format section and remove the wording “order” and “shall be as follows” from the same section. Reorder the Agenda Format section to follow the present agenda as presented by Dr. Rabenhorst. Add the wording “The agenda format shall be established by the Superintendent and Board President, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Education.” directly before the Legal Refs section.

The Board discussed B-3: Electronic Participation in School Board Meetings. They voiced some concerns pertaining to some of the wording; however, no changes were recommended.

There were no suggested changes to GP-8: Governance Agenda Planning.

There were no suggested changes to Administrative Policy J-31: Weapons in School, J-56: Disciplinary Removal from Classroom, J-61: Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students, and J-68: Expulsion Prevention.

President Haffner presented a handout to the Board members he received from the Districts Attorney Daryl Farrington concerning steps and possible cost to start an Education Foundation.

President Haffner asked if there were any Board Member Reports. Director Veldhuizen advised the Board members she would like to have a tree and plaque dedicated to staff members and students if they pass away while they are a teacher or a student in the district. The Board directed Dr. Rabenhorst to check into the cost of a tree and plaque. Director Jensen expressed his concerns with the change to the incentive program at the high school. Director Gustafson spoke pertaining to the back to school night she attended at Hoff. She mentioned that the people from Aims Community College had several names on a list they are putting together for future adult ESL classes they will be hosting. Director Haffner spoke in regards to Holyoke and Harrison school districts’ Board of Education. The Board determined not to proceed with visiting or consulting with these districts at the current time.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, President Haffner declared this regular session Board meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Haffner, President

Cindy Hesse, Secretary