

Official Minutes  
Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education  
Work Session Minutes  
October 8, 2014

1. **Call to Order** – by President Haffner @ 7:01pm
2. **Roll Call** – Baumgartner, Gustafson, Haffner, Jensen, Veldhuizen present
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Review of Agenda**
5. **Discussion Items**
  - 5.1 **School Performance Framework Review: Lochbuie & Hudson**

Ms. Forbes presented information regarding the Lochbuie SPF. She shared examples of the changes in core instruction that are occurring, interventions they have in place, and the professional development her teachers are taking part in. Mr. Dent presented information regarding the Hudson Academy SPF. He shared that the math curriculum will hopefully help improve math scores. The teachers are working on writing, and have implemented reading interventions for students who need them. The Board and administration discussed the needs for a new reading curriculum for core instruction across the district.
  - 5.2 **Graduation Guidelines**

The Board previously reviewed information regarding the State adopted Graduation Guidelines. The Board is ultimately responsible for approving graduation requirements that meet or exceed the graduation guidelines. A stakeholder committee has been formed to develop recommended graduation requirements for Re-3J. Board members discussed topics they would like the stakeholder committee to consider throughout the process. The topics they want to see addressed are: sports participation in exchange for a PE requirement; civic responsibility as a requirement; the 28 credit requirement with only 28 credits available in a high school career; and differentiated diplomas.
  - 5.3 **Strategic Plan Goals**

Dr. Rabenhorst led discussion on Goals 3 & 4 of the proposed Strategic Plan. Goal 3 includes annual objectives and implementation benchmarks for decreasing college remediation rates. Goal 4 includes objectives and implementation benchmarks aimed at increasing on-time graduation rates under the current graduation requirements.
  - 5.4 **Board Training**

The Board has previously discussed a training retreat during the winter of 2015. CASB offers workshops/training on several topics such as listed below. The Board discussed and direct Dr. Rabenhorst and Ms. Monsey to investigate the following opportunities of interest to the Board.

    - Communication and public relations
    - Conflict resolution
    - Advocacy
  - 5.6 **MLO Planning**

The Board discussed progress to date. Dr. Rabenhorst reminded the Board that there is a Community Forum Thursday evening and the rally in Lochbuie on Saturday.
  - 5.7 **November Community Focus Group Planning**

The Board discussed the upcoming focus group scheduled for November 19 in Hudson. The Board discussed inviting those who participated in the community focus groups in the fall/winter of 2013-2014, the MLO Committee members, and the local Town Boards. The content of the focus group will include post-election results. If the MLO fails, focus will center around the anticipated budget shortfall and the reduction process. If the MLO passes, discussion will be around prioritizing the needs of the district based on the areas targeted for expenditure with MLO funds. Small groups will again be used to help gather information from the community members in a more open atmosphere.
6. **Adjournment @ 8:30pm**