

Official Minutes
Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2014

1. **Call to Order** – by President Haffner at 7:01pm
2. **Roll Call** – Baumgartner, Haffner, and Veldhuizen present. Director Jensen participated electronically via phone. He was in Utah for work.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Veldhuizen moved to approve the agenda with the addendum as presented. Baumgartner seconded the motion.

Baumgartner –Yes	Gustafson –	Haffner – Yes	Jensen – Yes	Veldhuizen – Yes
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5. **Public Open Forum**
 - 5.1 **Recognition of Visitors**
 - 5.2 **General Public Comment**
Bob Grand of Keenesburg commented on the failure of the MLO election and the effect on the students of our district. He challenged the Board to provide more frequent and timely communication to the community.

- 5.3 **Correspondence**
6. **Special Reports / Recognition**
 - 6.1 **Colorado Measures of Academic Success and Upcoming PARCC Assessments**
Ms. Bracken presented information regarding the CMAS science and social studies results. She also showed examples of the PARCC online assessments.

7. **Board Consent Agenda**
 - 7.1 **Approval: October 22, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - 7.2 **Approval: Resignations/Retirements**
 - Renee Kirby – Substitute Teacher
 - Veronica Marquez – 6.5hr Cook @ Hudson
 - Jamie Byers – Substitute Teacher
 - 7.3 **Approval: Letters of Employment for Classified Personnel**
 - Rosa Olivias – Aide @ Hudson
 - Nicole Kunde – Aide Primary @ Hudson
 - Alicia Marseilles – Science Club @ Hudson
 - 7.4 **Approval: Contracts for Licensed Employees**
 - Tanya Best – Social Worker @ District
 - Monica Cook – .5 SPED Teacher @ WCMS
 - 7.5 **Approval: Additions to the 2014-2015 Coaching/Extra Duty Employment Agreement/Notice of Assignment**
 - Eileen Duncan – Teacher of Record – Science & Math @ WCHS
 - Lisa Neuberger – Teacher of Record – English & Electives @ WCHS
 - Brittany Turnbull – Teacher of Record – Social Studies @ WCHS
 - 7.6 **Approval: Additions to the 2014-2015 Substitute Teaching List**
 - Meredith Allen
 - Dawn Sharp

- 7.7 **Approval: Out of District Student Requests for 2014-2015**
Veldhuizen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented with the addendum. Baumgartner seconded the motion.

Baumgartner –Yes	Gustafson –	Haffner – Yes	Jensen – Yes	Veldhuizen – Yes
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8. **Action/Discussion/Policy 2nd Reading**

8.1 I-20 (IHAM) Health and Family Life/Sex Education

8.2 I-30 (IMB) Teaching about Controversial Issues and the Use of Controversial Materials

8.3 I-31 (IMBB) Exemptions from Required Instruction

The Board discussed this policy.

8.4 I-48 (IHCDA) Concurrent Enrollment

8.5 I-49 (IKFB) Graduation Exercises

8.6 I-53 (IHBK) Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success

Veldhuizen moved to approve, upon 2nd reading, action items 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, and 8.6 as presented.

Baumgartner seconded the motion.

Baumgartner –Yes	Gustafson –	Haffner – Yes	Jensen – Yes	Veldhuizen – Yes
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9. Information/Discussion/Policy 1st Reading

9.1 Administrative Policy: I-33 (IJOA) Field Trips

The Board discussed this policy and the update that is recommended. CASB has updated the language in this policy to better protect the district’s interests by ensuring compliance with applicable law concerning students with disabilities. Administration reviewed and compared to current policy and recommends the policy as presented. Board members recommended minor changes to the guidelines for second reading.

9.2 Administrative Policy: I-40 (IJNDAB) Instruction through Online Courses

The Board discussed this policy. The District’s policy regarding on-line instruction is outdated and not in line with current programs and practice. Administration reviewed and incorporated relevant components of existing policy into the CASB sample. Administration recommended the policy as presented and no additional changes were proposed by Board members.

9.3 District Facilities Report

Mr. Peterson presented the Board with a status update on District Facilities. He said that the current, most urgent need that needs to be addressed is the damage that the water is doing to appliances and plumbing throughout the district. The water quality has been tested, and it contains high alkalinity that is causing the damage. He also noted that preventive maintenance across the district has been neglected which has led to failure of many costly systems. Ventilation and roofing problems at Hudson are also significant issues the district is facing.

9.4 CASB Training Update and CASB Conference Attendance

The Board has selected training from CASB on Thursday, February 4 from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. The topic will include Board communication strategies. The Board will be attending the CASB Conference December 4-7.

9.5 Mill Levy Override Election Discussion

Dr. Rabenhorst provided the Board with a summary of votes cast. The Board discussed the results of the MLO election and future steps since the ballot question failed. The Board would like for the MLO committee to meet to debrief. They would like feedback and recommendations for future consideration. Dr. Rabenhorst was directed to call a meeting with members of the MLO committee.

9.6 Transportation Fees

Board members requested that Transportation Fees be included on the agenda for discussion following the failure of the Mill Levy Override. Because the current budget is set, the Board reached consensus on tabling Transportation fees. Administration will consider Transportation fees as a recommendation as part of the spring budget development process. A special meeting was scheduled in the event the Board wanted to hold public comment at the December 10 meeting. This special meeting notice was pulled because the Board decided not to pursue transportation fees at the present time.

10. Superintendent Reports and Presentations

10.1 Graduation Guidelines Committee Update

Dr. Rabenhorst provided an update on the work of the Graduation Requirements committee. Data was shared regarding the impact of the state guidelines if applied retrospectively to 2013 and 2014 graduates.

10.2 Strategic Plan Goals

Dr. Rabenhorst continued discussion of the strategic plan goals. He presented the draft goals on extra-curricular activities which were developed by middle school and high school staff. Dr. Rabenhorst suggested that this goal be withdrawn because of funding issues. Academic areas are more of a priority

and this should be reflected in the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan in its entirety will be present to the Board in December.

10.3 Budget Forecast & Reductions

Dr. Rabenhorst provided preliminary information on the upcoming budget development cycle. In order to move forward with district priorities, reductions and reallocations will be necessary. The Board reviewed the potential budget reductions and potential sources of revenue. Initial ideas developed from some district stakeholder groups were presented. This information will be used in the opening presentation of the Community Forum on November 19.

11. Board Member Reports/Discussion

Director Haffner – told the Board about attending the CCA carnival. He was a guest judge at their Chili Cook-off. He also discussed the MLO failure.

Director Veldhuizen – thanked Jen Forbes and Lochbuie students for the invitation to the Leadership Day. She also thanked the Board for the nomination, and receipt of the McGuffey Award that is given out by CASB. She is helping the SEWC Chamber sell raffle tickets that raise money for a scholarship for WCHS students. She notified the Board of the Home for the Holidays event that is happening at the high school on December 12th. It is an event that is sponsored by the Re-3J Foundation. Director Veldhuizen wanted to make known her concern about the phone system in the district. It does not consistently work, and that is concerning for parents. Director Veldhuizen turned in her letter of intent to CASB to run for the CASB Board seat, representing our region. She will be running against the incumbent.

12. Adjournment – at 9:11pm.