

Official Minutes
Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education
Work Session Minutes
January 14, 2015

1. **Call to Order** by President Haffner 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 Phone System Upgrade

Todd Shahan presented the proposals and administrative recommendation for a phone system upgrade. The Board is aware of the frequency of phone outages we have experienced in the past two years. The recommendation is based on quality of service with the vendor in addition to the cost.

5.2 Fiber Network Upgrade

Mr. Shahan provided the Board with some initial planning that has occurred with regard to getting fiber to District sites. Having fiber would dramatically increase network speed and capacity. Administration has investigated a lease option which would be comparable in price to what is currently paid annually for our wireless network. The Board directed administration to continue to pursue a fiber option and bring back more information at a later date.

5.3 School Performance Framework Review: WCHS

Mr. Fleming presented information on the WCHS SPF. Mr. Fleming provided a view of the CDE dashboard and discussed the trends of student achievement.

5.4 MLO Election Feedback and Future Planning

Prior to the meeting, the Board reviewed the PowerPoint presentation reviewed by the MLO committee in December. The Board discussed next steps with regard to options and timelines for a Mill Levy Override Election, and a Bond Election. Consensus from the Board was to pursue a Bond & MLO in 2015, and again in 2016 if needed. The Board also directed the Superintendent to arrange interviews with financial entities who can assist with the Bond and MLO process. The Board also directed the Superintendent to work with the district's current construction management firm as to what will be included in the Bond.

5.5 FY15 Adjusted Budget

The FY15 Budget must be amended at the January regular meeting. Lisa Clark provided information which included a description of anticipated major revenue and expenditure adjustments to the budget approved last June. Detailed changes will be provided in advance of the January regular meeting.

5.6 Budget Forecasting & Planning Process

Dr. Rabenhorst and Ms. Clark discussed the budget forecast for FY16. Most information is not yet known, so the discussion concentrated on planning and the timeline for making budgetary decisions. Revenue is anticipated to increase based on early political discussions; however, the amount of increase is unknown and could be quite small. Expenditures will increase dramatically in the area of benefits (due to anticipated renewal rates and the impact of the Affordable Care Act beginning in July). Discussion centered around district goals and how the budget should be allocated to reach these goals. Administration also provided an update to areas being investigated for budget reduction including, consolidated bus routing, increased fees, reductions in athletics, school reorganizations/closure, and outsourcing operational functions.

5.7 District Leadership Personnel Posting

Dr. Rabenhorst provided a timeline and general overview for the process of filling two major leadership positions in the district: Principal at Hoff Elementary and Executive Director of Achievement.

5.8 February Community Focus Group Planning

The Board discussed the format and topics for the February 25th Community Focus Group at Lochbuie. The same format as November will be used for this focus group. Dr. Rabenhorst will prepare a short presentation and offer discussion topics for community groups to give feedback on such as increase of fees, consolidated transportation services, athletic reductions, and facility/space needs.

- 6. Adjournment** by President Haffner at 9:01pm.