

Official Minutes  
**Weld Re-3(J) Board of Education**  
Work Session Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2015

1. **Call to Order** by President Haffner @ 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 **Fiber Implementation**

The Board was given a lease agreement to review for the fiber implementation. Mr. Shahan as well as a representative from WANRack were present to provide the Board with details about the lease and implementation of the fiber, if approved. Administration investigated lease options, and the lowest cost option was recommended by administration. The lease was recommended for approval. Approval of the lease and fiber implementation plan was placed on the Special Meeting agenda following the work session.

5.2 **Community Focus Group Feedback**

The compiled feedback from all three of the focus groups was presented to the Board. The Board discussed having “round table discussions” with the community at future Board meetings. They agreed that the information can now go out to those who attended the meeting. Dr. Rabenhorst will place the presentation and feedback notes on the website.

5.3 **2015-2016 Budget Accommodation Proposal**

The updated Budget Accommodation Proposal was reviewed. The proposal has been updated since hearing the Board discussion at the February regular meeting. Included now are the recommended approval months for each item. Board members discussed components of the proposal and gave further direction to Administration. Many items from the Budget Accommodation Proposal will be on the March 25<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval, while others will be on the April and May agendas.

5.4 **MLO/Bond Planning Discussion**

Dr. Rabenhorst asked the Board to review the Pros/Cons list that was provided at the last meeting. The Board discussed the GK Baum presentation from earlier in the evening. Dr. Rabenhorst and Ms. Clark provided the Board with financial updates impacting a decision, such as funding projections for next year, assessed valuation predictions, and increasing expenditures. The Board meets with RBC Capital on March 12.

5.5 **CASB Training Follow Up Discussion**

Board members had the opportunity to discuss “next steps.” Director Veldhuizen suggested that instead of spending money on Board training that money be spent on a professional marketing or PR company to help the Board convey the message they would like the community to know. The Board agreed to have community open dialogue sessions at upcoming regular meetings in April and May. The Board is also interested in inviting PTO leaders to meetings next school year.

5.6 **Board Ends Discussion**

The Board discussed Ends 2-4 to decide if they need to be kept. Because the Ends are not measurable and are rarely referenced, Dr. Rabenhorst recommended that the Board Ends contain a statement such as: Board Ends are reflected in the District Strategic Plan which is updated annually with measurable action steps and objectives. The Board agreed with this statement. Dr. Rabenhorst will work with Ms. Monsey to update the Ends policy for Board approval.

**5.7 We Care Discussion** (EL-4: Communication and Counsel to the Board)

Board members discussed their participation in the We Care event scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Adjournment @ 8:29pm.**