

Official Minutes
Weld County School District Re-3(J)
Work Session Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2016

1. **Call to Order** by President Haffner at 6:05pm.
2. **Roll Call** Baumgartner, Gustafson, Haffner and Veldhuizen present.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Review of Agenda**
5. **Discussion Items**

5.1 Unified Improvement Plan Review (MS & CCA)

Ms. Dowdy presented information regarding CCA improvement activities. She shared that they were able to adopt a new Math curriculum this year. She also noted that they are working on improving writing at all grade levels. Ms. Jeffery presented information on the Middle School improvement activities. She shared that the new math curriculum has increased rigor and both students and teachers are feeling it. Ms. Jeffery also noted that the MS is working on increasing the support of ELL students.

5.2 2015 State Assessment Results

Ms. Orbanosky shared a summary of results from the 2015 PARCC assessments, highlighting key elements to the data. The release of these assessments was quite delayed, and we are closer to the next round of assessment than the previous administration. As such, the results hold little instructional value at this time. This is baseline data for the new assessment, so no comparisons can be made to previous measures. Ms. Orbanosky and Dr. Rabenhorst shared thoughts on the need for increased understanding of the current academic standards and the depth/rigor of instruction needed to meet the standards. Introducing curriculum materials aligned to the standards has helped demonstrate just how rigorous the standards are. Further development through instructional leadership teams will be needed.

5.3 GK Baum Public Consultant Presentation & Discussion

Representatives from GKB, Paul Hanley and Todd Snidow, were present to answer questions and discuss next steps for a potential election in November 2016. They briefly reviewed the steps to public policy process, explained where we are in that process, and discussed details to our upcoming Task Force initiative. Mr. Hanley provided a handout for the process and discussion occurred around simultaneously engaging the Citizen Task Force and disseminating information to the full community. Dr. Rabenhorst also updated the Board on the progress of administrative work being done regarding proposed options that will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

5.4 Citizen Task Force Membership

A short list of individuals who have expressed interest in participating in the Citizen Task Force was reviewed. Dr. Rabenhorst has asked all administrators to reach out to three community members (with no duplicates) inviting them to participate in this process. He asked Board members to do the same and to provide names to Ms. Monsey. Board members discussed possible community members who might be considered 'key influencers' and that they could contact to participate in the Citizen Task Force.

5.5 2015-2016 Adjusted Budget

The FY16 Budget must be amended at the January regular meeting. Ms. Clark provided a handout with summary information which included a description of anticipated major revenue and expenditure adjustments to the budget approved last June. Dr. Rabenhorst and Ms. Clark also reviewed a spreadsheet which includes line items pertaining to use of the 'one-time' funds the district will receive this year. All expenditures are in line with priorities and needs. The recommended budget reflects a positive balance equivalent to the amount administration is recommending be held in reserve for use next school year.

5.6 WCHS Course Description Book for 2016-2017 School year

Mr. Kennedy provided a copy of the updated course description book. He noted some of the minor changes that have been made. Formatting will be finalized by the next meeting. The course book will

need to be approved at the January regular meeting in order for the course selection process by students to begin in February.

5.7 Consideration of Joint Resolution by the Board of Education of the Re-3J School District and the Towns of Hudson, Keenesburg and Lochbuie in Support of Local Schools

Town of Hudson officials have asked the Board to consider the joint resolution once again. The Hudson board did approve the resolution at one of their meetings last fall; however, the version approved was the original (non-revised) version. Keenesburg also acknowledged support for the resolution, while the mayor of Lochbuie has said they do not intend to approve the resolution. Ms. Veldhuizen indicated she had a conversation with a Lochbuie town council member who indicated they would likely support the revised resolution. The Board discussed an addition to the resolution that could possibly get all three towns to support the resolution. Dr. Rabenhorst will make the edit and send the new version to each of the towns. The Board plans to formally adopt the resolution at the January 27th meeting.

5.8 Parent Teacher Conference Attendance

Board members discussed their attendance at the February Parent Teacher Conferences.

Lochbuie: February 9 & 11 from 4-8pm (Director Veldhuizen will attend February 9 & 11)

Hudson: February 9 & 11 from 4-8pm (Directors Baumgartner and Haffner will attend February 9 & 11)

Hoff: February 9 & 11 from 4-8pm (Director Gustafson will attend February 9 & 11)

WCMS: February 10 & 11 from 4-8pm (Directors Baumgartner and Haffner will attend February 11)

WCHS: February 10 & 11 from 4-8pm (Director Jensen will attend February 11)

6. Adjournment at 8:36pm.