

CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE 1-J MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – FEBRUARY 7, 2018

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Members Present: Carl Acord, Leif Berg, Jerry Davis, Jennifer Morgan, Lisa Torgler, Chris Tuma

Members Absent: Bert Buhr

Also Present: Scott Cuckow, Dawn Chavez, Lisa Bauer, Deanna Brewer, and Fowler Tribune Reporter

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| 1.   | Call to Order  | The meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Davis.   |
| 2.   | Pledge of Allegiance                                     | All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  |
| 3.   | Roll Call  | Member, Bert Buhr was absent   |
| 4.   | Audience   | None   |
| 5.   | Additions/Corrections and Approval of the Agenda         | Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Ms. Torgler to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to add under item 13.2-Resignations, 13.2.1 Letter of Retirement and item 13.4 Approve Declaration of Transportation Surplus. All voted aye. Motion carried.  |
| 6.   | Minutes  |  |
| 6.1. | Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2018 | Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Mr. Acord to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 23, 2018. All voted aye. Motion carried.  |
| 7.   | Business and Finance                                     |  |
| 7.1  | Approve February Bills                                   | None   |
| 8.   | Purchases Requiring Board Approval                       | None   |
| 9.   | Communication  | Mr. Cuckow stated that during the work session, the Board participated in a practice interview for two students, Hayden Carter and Jacob Pitts, in the running for the Daniels scholarship. Both students spoke and interviewed exceptionally well.  |
| 10.  | Principal's Reports                                      |  |
| 10.1 | Mrs. Bauer – Middle/High School                          | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mrs. Bauer stated that the staff is working hard on interventions with the students before the state assessment.</li><li>2. Mr. Goettel was informed that the OJC Art Festival will continue this year, as it was in jeopardy. We have many students who will be displaying their projects during the festival.</li><li>3. Congratulations to the 15 FBLA students and Knowledge Bowl team who qualified to compete at their state level competitions. Mr. Provost recently took the FFA students to a conference.</li><li>4. Regional wrestling will be at OJC this year on Feb. 9-10, 2018</li><li>5. Mrs. Bauer recognized Mr. Roe as Athletic Director. With this being his first year, he did a tremendous job organizing the home wrestling tournament and was willing to try a new electronic system in posting the results.</li></ol> |

6. President Davis asked Mrs. Bauer how the moral is in the school with the boys basketball team doing so well? She explained that the coaches this year have instilled awesome values in the young men and they are being very respectful and humble with it all
7. Mrs. Bauer explained that if the Board decides to move the 6<sup>th</sup> grade back into the secondary building it would take some advantages away from both the Jr High and High School students, but she feels they can make it work no matter what decision is made.

10.2 Mrs. Brewer –  
Elementary School

1. Mrs. Brewer thanked the Board and Community members for supporting the bake sale held recently to help with medical expenses for the Medina-White family. With the hard word of the Ward Intermediate Student Council members, and Lisa Baugh as their sponsor, they were able to deposit \$600 into the White-Medina account set up at the First National Bank of Ordway.
2. Two teams will compete at the state Destination Imagination competition this year. This is a great opportunity for the students and quite an achievement to send two teams for the size of our school. Mrs. Brewer recognized Mrs. Cannon for being a great sponsor for the Gifted and Talented program.
3. The Bully Prevention Committee will be hosting another family night soon and showing the movie, Wonder.
4. Mrs. Brewer thanked Mr. Trujillo for all of his hard work in making sure that the intermediate school has enough chrome books to keep in the teacher's rooms along with an additional cart station. She also thanked the Board for approving the extra funds to allow Mr. Trujillo to purchase the extra chrome books and update our IT needs.
5. Mrs. Brewer stated that she was impressed by the two students who interviewed during the work session for the Daniels Scholarship. She felt that Mr. Pitts gave an excellent description on what it takes to be a leader, and is going to ask him to come and speak to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class about leadership qualities. Mrs. Brewer feels these students could benefit greatly by the power of his message.

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11. Superintendent's Report

1. Transportation Proposal – Mr. Cuckow and Mr. Brubaker have assessed our transportation fleet and are suggesting that the Board declare three large busses and the white activity bus as surplus and place an ad in the paper to sell them. If a bid is not received, then they would like to sell them for scrap metal. The Board agreed that Mr. Cuckow can view the bids and make the final decision on if he would like to accept the amount or not. Discussion was held about the possibility of keeping the white activity bus and using it as a fundraising opportunity in the future to “beat up” the bus during the end of school and homecoming activities.
2. Superintendent Evaluation – Mr. Cuckow informed the Board that each February is the month of the superintendent's evaluation. He provided them with an evaluation form to fill out and return to President Davis by February 16, 2018 to be compiled and then discussed with Mr. Cuckow at the next meeting held on February 20, 2018.

3. La Veta's Request – La Veta's Board members have requested that Mr. Cuckow along with one or two of our Board members attend a meeting on February 12, 2018 to discuss our reasoning behind wanting to switch BOCES. Mr. Acord volunteered to go with Mr. Cuckow
  4. BOCES Update – Mr. Cuckow explained that he is frustrated with Mr. Plutt, the auditor hired to review the financial records for both us and South Central BOCES in regards to our request to switch BOCES. Mr. Cuckow has tried on numerous occasions to contact Mr. Plutt on submitting his final report to all parties and Mr. Plutt has not returned any calls or emails. When talking to Mr. Plutt's staff members, Mr. Cuckow was informed that Mr. Plutt has been very ill recently. Mr. Cuckow was also contacted by CDE in regards to the audit review, as they have been unable to get in touch with Mr. Plutt. The Board directed Mr. Cuckow to contact our attorney about giving Mr. Plutt a written deadline to submit the review and if not met, we would terminate our agreement with him and find a new auditor. Mr. Cuckow explained that his original choice was to use a different auditor, but they were unavailable till the end of January, 2018, CDE disapproved and suggested we use Mr. Plutt.
  5. BEST Grant – Mr. Cuckow explained that Johnson Controls completed a inspection of the district-wide and gave a quote of \$628,000 to upgrade our HVAC equipment and systems to brand new. The Board felt that was a low amount and wants Mr. Cuckow to confirm with Johnson Controls and also get Mr. Morgan's thoughts on their proposal and pricing. Mr. Cuckow asked for the Board's guidance as to whether or not they'd like him to continue to pursue the BEST Grant process for the HVAC upgrade. The districts matching portion would be approximately \$235,000 if the grant was approved. Mr. Cuckow stated that he is working on a second BEST grant application to replace several exterior doors, mainly at the primary and secondary buildings. He will be meeting with two contractors in the upcoming week to get quotes on the cost to replace the exterior doors. The Board directed Mr. Cuckow to continue with both grant applications.
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12. Old Business

12.1 Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
of Board Policy Updates

Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Mr. Tuma to accept the superintendent's recommendation to approve the second reading of the following board policy updates. All voted aye. Motion carried.

EEAEAA\* - Drug & Alcohol Testing for Bus Drivers

JKA-E-2 – Complaint Procedures and Regulations Regarding the Use of Restraint or Seclusion

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13. New Business

13.1 Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Mrs. Morgan to go into executive session at 8:00 p.m, under Colorado Revised Statues 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Back into regular session at 9:06 p.m.

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13.2 Resignations

13.2.1 Letter of Retirement

Motion by Mr. Tuma and second by Mrs. Morgan to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the letter of retirement made by Donna Cannon as our K-6<sup>th</sup> grade music teacher. Mr. Cuckow thanks Mrs. Cannon for her years of service and wishes her the best in future endeavors.

13.3 Hiring

13.3.1 Assistant Baseball Coach

Motion by Ms. Torgler and second by Mr. Acord to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Bill Meyer as the assistant baseball coach for the 2017-2018 season. All voted aye. Motion carried.

13.4 Approve Declaration of Transportation Surplus

Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Mr. Acord to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to declare bus number 8, 9 and 22 bus as surplus and not needed in the foreseeable future. Advertisement will be made to request a bid for purchase or sold for scrap metal, upon Mr. Cuckows decision. All voted aye. Motion carried.

15. Future Board Agenda Items

None


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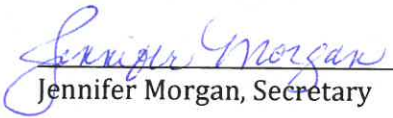
16. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm

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Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Work session at 6:00 pm.

  
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Jerry Davis, President

  
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Jennifer Morgan, Secretary