

CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J MINUTES – BOARD  
OF EDUCATION MEETING – FEBRUARY 5, 2014

Members Present: Leif Berg, Matt Buhr, Patricia Florez, Daryl Geringer, Tyler Karney and Jody O’Leary.

Members Absent: Vice President, William Gray

Also Present: Scott Cuckow, Dawn Chavez

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| 1. Call to Order  | The meeting was called to order by President, Patricia Florez.  |
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| 2. Pledge of Allegiance   | All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.   |
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| 3. Roll Call  | William Gray was absent.  |
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| 4. Audience   | None  |
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| 5. Additions/Corrections<br>to the Agenda                           | None  |
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| 6. Approval of Agenda   | Motion by Mrs. O’Leary and second by Mr. Geringer to approve the agenda. All voted aye. Motion carried.   |
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| 7. Minutes  |   |
| 7.1 Minutes of the Regular<br>Board Meeting of<br>January 21, 2014. | Motion by Mr. Buhr and second by Mr. Berg to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.  |
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| 8. Business and Finance   | None  |
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| 9. Purchases  | None  |
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| 10. Communications  | None  |
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| 11. Principal’s Reports<br>High School – Lisa<br>Bauer              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Enrollment is 137</li><li>2. Callie Rusher is in the top 250 finalists for the Daniel’s Scholarship, 40 applicants will be picked. Kaycee Anderson won a ten day expenses paid educational trip to Washington DC, through an essay contest by Southeast Colorado Power.</li><li>3. Mrs. Anderson is working with OJC in an effort offer more college courses via video conference, we currently have 6 students in a College Algebra class. There are 108 students enrolled in concurrent courses this semester.</li><li>4. Upcoming Events:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• February 4<sup>th</sup> – District FBLA at OJC</li><li>• February 5<sup>th</sup> – FFA State Degree’s at Fowler</li><li>• February 7<sup>th</sup> – Regional Knowledge Bowl in Lamar</li><li>• February 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – Festival of the Winds at CSU-Pueblo</li><li>• February 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – National FFA Week</li><li>• February 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – Regional Wrestling at CSU-Pueblo</li></ul></li></ol> |
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Elementary – Pam  
Arbuthnot

1. Enrollment is 201
  2. The elementary was able to raise enough funds through the Chili Dinner to purchase 10 document cameras. Mrs. Arbuthnot thanks the community and staff for all of their donations and support!
  3. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Wise, Ms. Freyta and Mrs. Arbuthnot recently attended a CDE workshop on Basic Reading Skills – Building a Strong Foundation for Reading Success.
  4. The Wellness Committee has decided to send home monthly newsletters regarding health topics.
  5. Upcoming Events
    - February 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – Mrs. Arbuthnot and Mrs. Bauer will attend CASE Conference
    - February 24<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conference
    - Feb 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – Third grade with take TCAP's for reading
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12. Superintendent's Report

1. The Board Members and Mr. Cuckow reviewed the first chapter of the CASB Leadership workbook and will continue to review a chapter each subsequent meeting.
  2. Mr. Cuckow informed the board that he was recently appointed as the Chairman of the Superintendents Advisory Council of SouthCentral BOCES.
  3. Mr. Cuckow informed the Board of an invitation to join an Operation Coalition with other local school districts to combine in paying for a lobbyist to work towards better school funding solutions from the State. The Board did not accept the invitation. Mr. Cuckow explained that there also an option to attend the Capitol for a visit to get current information on key legislation and attend State Board of Education meetings with a representative from CASE. Available members and Mr. Cuckow will set up at date to attend one or more of the visits.
  4. Mr. Cuckow and Ms. Chavez will be providing information to the Board on budgeting concerns and possible spending freezes for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.
  5. Mr. Cuckow and Mr. Berg worked together in completing the application for the BEST Grant. It was finalized and sent to Colorado Department of Education on January 30, 2014.
  6. Ongoing conversations between specialized legal counsel, Mr. Shapiro, and Mr. Cuckow have been taking place in regards to the elementary roof.
  7. The Board agreed to change the next two board meetings to Wednesday, February 19 2014 at 7:00 pm with a work session at 6:00 pm and Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm with at work session at 6:00 pm.
  8. The Board reviewed staff absence data from the last two school years.
  9. Mr. Cuckow informed the Board members of the guidelines he follows before issuing a school closure or delay from severe winter weather.
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13. Old Business

13.1 Security

See Superintendent's report, the BEST Grant application was completed and sent to CDE on January 30, 2014.

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14. New Business

14.1 Executive Session

14.1.1 Superintendent's  
Evaluation

Tabled to next board meeting

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14.1.2 CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)  
Discussion of matters specific to particular employees, not general personnel policies. Does not include discussion of board members or appointments to the board.

Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Mr. Buhr to go into executive session at 8:09 p.m., under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss matters specific to a particular employee who gave prior authorization for the executive session. The Board went into executive session after item 14.3-Discussions on Bond & Mill Levy. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Back into regular session at 8:34 pm

14.2 Review District and Superintendent Goals

Tabled to next board meeting

14.3 Discussion on Bond & Mill Levy

Mr. Cuckow explained to the Board that policy states that if the board seeks to elect to raise additional local revenue the amount shall not exceed 7 ½ % of the district's equalization funding (from State of Colorado). Mr. Cuckow will contact Mr. Todd Snidow with George K. Baum Co., to ask for more guidance on bond and mill levy options.

14.4 Volunteers  
14.4.1 Assistant Wrestling Coach

Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Mr. Karney to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Clay Forgey as a Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach with a retroactive start date of November . All voted aye, motion carried.

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15. Future Board Agenda Items

1. Discuss Options for Old Administration Building and Sugar City Gym
2. Discuss Farm to School Nutrition Information

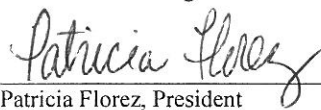
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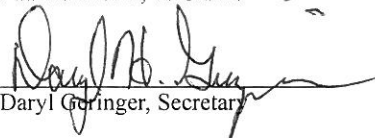
16. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Work session at 6:00 pm.

  
Patricia Florez, President

  
Daryl Gringer, Secretary