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Mission Statement

Together we are committed to graduating and preparing all children for success in college and careers.

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Education Work Session**  
**September 23, 2009**  
**Central Administration – Board Room**

The Board of Education Work Session began at 6:45p.m. with the following Board members present: President Anna Bartha, Director Mark Shook and Director Dave Stark.

**1. 2010-2011 School Year Calendar**

The calendar committee has come up with two options for the 2010-2011 school year calendar. The two options have been posted to the district website along with a survey. District staff and the community have had an opportunity to complete the survey and vote on the calendar option that they prefer. The data from the survey is being presented to the Board.

Each calendar has different benefits.

Option 1 has a one week fall break, one week Thanksgiving break with school ending on May 20, 2011. Graduation would be May 21, 2011 with this option.

Option 2 has a two week fall break, three day thanksgiving break with school ending on May 27, 2011. Graduation would be May 28, 2011 with this option.

Mr. Phil Compton stated that two options were put on the district web site as a survey; about 1,200 people that took the survey. There are coding corrections that needed to be made so the coding has been changed to reflect teacher in-service days. This does not change the overall calendar it changes days from teacher work days to staff development days, September 3<sup>rd</sup> was originally set as a middle school literacy day and it has been changed to a secondary literacy day, December 16<sup>th</sup> is an early release day for secondary to give time for grade input and final. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is a day that could be used as a snow day make up if necessary; the calendar for 2010-2011 has 6 days built into it at this time and this would give a 7<sup>th</sup> day. May 26<sup>th</sup> is the summation of second semester and would give report card time.

Director Bartha asked how the impact of the two days with students before Thanksgiving impacts student achievement; will students attend school those two days or not? The answer to that question is not known at this time; in the 2009-2010 calendar students do not attend school that week.

Director Stark asked if these calendars include passing time as instructional time and was told that they do. The district would need to add about ten days to the secondary calendars if passing was not counted.

President Bartha stated that the Board had asked that the 2010-2011 calendar be discussed at the beginning of the year. She asked now that Dr. Schoeppey and his staff investigate this issue and

come back to the board a recommendation. She also asked that he investigate whether other districts use passing periods as contact time.

Director Shook and President Bartha stated that they are most interested in student achievement not the number of days or hours.

2. **Review of Board Policy, BBA – Board Powers and Responsibilities, BBBA – Board Member Qualifications, BC – School board Member Conduct, BC-R – School Board Member Financial Disclosure, BCA-E – Board Member Code of Ethics, BCB – School Board Member Conflict of Interest, BDA – Board Organizational Meeting, BDB – Board Officers.**

The Board of Education is responsible for reviewing all policies; many policies have not been reviewed for several years and need to be reviewed and approved as they are, revised or deleted. Colorado Association of School Boards releases updates and revisions to policies as new laws are enacted and as procedures change across the state. Several policies are for review only since there have been no revisions recommended by CASB and the district policies align with state.

Board of Education Policy BBA – Board Powers and Responsibilities is for review only; there are no recommended changes.

Board of Education Policy BBBA – School Board Member Qualifications is for adoption. The Board follows these state statutes and this puts it into a written policy

Board of Education Policy BC – School Board Member Conduct is for review only; there are no recommended changes.

Board of Education Policy BC-R – School Board Member Financial Disclosure – Regulation that goes with Policy BC would be reviewed and put back into the policy documents

Board of Education Policy BCA-E – Board Member Code of Ethics is for review only; there are no recommended changes.

Board of Education Policy BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest is for review only; there are no recommended changes.

Board of Education Policy BDA – Board Organizational Meeting is for revision; the change would permit the vote for president and vice president by secret ballot.

Board of Education Policy BDB – Board Officers is for revision; stating that the main contact between the Board and the superintendent is the board president.

The recommended revisions are in line with the CASB sample policies. No further action would be needed for policies that are for review only. Those that have revisions would come back to the board for action.

President Bartha asked Dr. Schoeppey for his recommendation on each policy being brought forward for discussion.

Board Policy BBA is a review only; there are no recommended changes.

Board Policy BBBA follows state statutes and is what is practiced in the district.

Director Shook would like to have the last paragraph deleted from this policy; it is not measurable. He would also like to have language added to the policy stating that a candidate cannot have been convicted of a felony “Any person who has been convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to a felony is ineligible for election to a school district board of education.”

Legal Council, Brad Miller will investigate the legality of adding the stated paragraph and will report his findings.

Board Policy BC no change it is review.

Board Policy Regulation BC-R changes have been made to this, the state law has changed regarding this policy.

Board Policy BCA-E no changes it is review.

Board Policy BCB no changes it is a review also.

Board Policy BDA – change – make some clarification that the majority of the Board would need to approve a secret ballot.

Board Policy BDB – this is for revision and there is the person other than the superintendent is to be the deputy superintendent.

The work session ended at 7:20 p.m.

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Anna Bartha, BOE President

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Andy Holloman, Secretary