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Mission Statement

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

AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 9, 2009
6:30 P.M.
Central Administration – Board Room

- 1.00 Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2.00 Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**
Patriot Learning Center Presentation
- 3.00 Approval of Agenda**
- 4.00 Consent Agenda**
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- 9.01 Banning Lewis Ranch Academy Contract Revisions
- 9.02 Superintendent Search

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- 11.00 Other Business**
- 11.01 **Executive Session:** Discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or person involved as authorized by section 24-6-402 (4)(h) of the Colorado Revised Statutes - Student Issue

- 12.00 Adjournment**

DATE OF POSTING: April 6, 2009

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Consent Agenda

4.00



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 4.01

BOARD MEETING OF: April, 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Joleen Schaake, Chief Financial Officer

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: March, 2009 Monthly Financial Update

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Consent Agenda - Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION

Report to the Board of Education the performance of actual revenues and expenditures versus budgeted revenues and expenditures in all funds with comparison to prior year. Reference the attached spreadsheet: the first column is the list of each fund the District has. The 2008-2009 columns start with the approved budget for the whole year compared to revenues and expenditures through March. Percentages over 100% on a revenue line are good in that we received more revenue than we anticipated. If any of the expenditure lines were higher than the percentage of year concluded, that fund would be an area of possible concern depending on why it was high. Please note there are additional expenditure reports created from the accounting system showing detailed spending for each program page listed in the adopted amended budget.

The 2008-2009 Year End Fund Balance columns are required by statute. This is showing you the budgeted and anticipated end of year fund balance. The 2007-2008 columns are the prior year's total budget and the actual through March 2009. These amounts are there for comparison to the current year amounts.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

None

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

None

MOTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve the March 2009 monthly financial update of all funds as presented.

APPROVED BY: Eric Paugh, Acting Superintendent **DATE:** March 27, 2009

FALCON SCHOOL DISTRICT 49
MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY
As of March 28, 2009

75.00% of year concluded

Fund	Description	2008-2009			2008-2009 Year End Fund Balance			2007-2008		
		Budget	Actual	% of Budget	Budget	Anticipated	% of Budget	Budget	Actual	% of Budget
GENERAL FUND (10)										
	Revenue	\$77,553,089	\$53,794,302	69.36%				\$71,902,038	\$50,499,532	70.23%
	Expenditures	\$83,938,630	\$59,308,604	70.66%	\$10,630,653	\$10,630,653	12.66%	\$78,534,637	\$54,150,483	68.95%
MILL LEVY OVERRIDE FUND (16)										
	Revenue	\$7,239,531	\$3,436,221	47.46%				\$5,785,424	\$3,550,038	61.36%
	Expenditures	\$6,291,638	\$3,716,466	59.07%	\$9,148,728	\$9,148,728	145.41%	\$6,290,848	\$3,340,233	53.10%
INSURANCE RESERVE FUND (18)										
	Revenue	\$694,648	\$511,808	73.68%				\$676,153	\$506,850	74.96%
	Expenditures	\$783,888	\$61,711	7.87%	\$86,248	\$0	0.00%	\$718,500	\$84,645	11.78%
COLORADO PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (19)										
	Revenue	\$312,814	\$234,508	74.97%				\$223,671	\$205,866	92.04%
	Expenditures	\$462,694	\$210,950	45.59%	\$112,958	\$0	0.00%	\$223,671	\$135,168	60.43%
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (21)										
	Revenue	\$2,777,782	\$2,034,221	73.23%				\$2,724,863	\$1,937,825	71.12%
	Expenditures	\$2,772,045	\$2,039,125	73.56%	\$356,696	\$356,696	12.87%	\$2,701,822	\$1,615,688	59.80%
GRANT FUND (22)										
	Revenue	\$3,500,000	\$1,728,456	49.38%				\$5,000,000	\$1,215,717	24.31%
	Expenditures	\$3,500,000	\$2,233,616	63.82%	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$5,000,000	\$1,807,950	36.16%
BOND REDEMPTION FUND (31)										
	Revenue	\$7,363,738	\$3,293,909	44.73%				\$5,893,141	\$3,485,992	59.15%
	Expenditures	\$8,271,833	\$14,551	0.18%	\$5,502,530	\$5,502,530	66.52%	\$7,347,527	\$4,392,946	59.79%
BUILDING FUND (43)										
	Revenue	\$50,000	\$100,503	201.01%				\$50,000	\$111,951	223.90%
	Expenditures	\$400,000	\$116,173	29.04%	\$210,364	\$210,364	52.59%	\$400,000	\$85,157	21.29%
MLO BUILDING FUND (46)										
	Revenue	\$377,178	\$272,547	72.26%				\$40,000,000	\$42,819,122	107.05%
	Expenditures	\$8,222,416	\$4,684,793	56.98%	\$889,402	\$889,402	10.82%	\$49,563,295	\$31,139,196	62.83%
NUTRITION SERVICES (51)										
	Revenue	\$2,880,524	\$2,520,655	87.51%				\$2,480,225	\$1,921,062	77.46%
	Expenditures	\$3,473,893	\$2,338,995	67.33%	\$751,422	\$751,422	21.63%	\$3,083,928	\$1,914,655	62.08%
HEALTH INSURANCE (64)										
	Revenue	\$7,250,000	\$4,806,728	66.30%						
	Expenditures	\$7,250,000	\$4,259,100	58.75%	\$0	\$0	0.00%			
SCHOLARSHIP FUND (73)										
	Revenue	\$388	\$324	83.51%				\$408	\$285	69.85%
	Expenditures	\$1,000	\$1,000	100.00%	\$12,009	\$12,009	1200.90%	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
PUPIL ACTIVITY FUND (74)										
	Revenue	\$4,415,000	\$1,926,581	43.64%				\$3,000,000	\$1,985,702	66.19%
	Expenditures	\$4,415,000	\$1,806,223	40.91%	\$855,872	\$855,872	19.39%	\$2,970,000	\$1,681,174	56.61%



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 4.02

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Mark McPherson, Executive Director of Human Resources

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Matters Relating to Administrative Personnel

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Consent - Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION

To gain Board of Education approval for personnel changes.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

None

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

None

MOTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve the recommendation of the administration for personnel changes listed on the attached sheet.

APPROVED BY: Mark McPherson, Executive Director of Human Resources **DATE:** March 27, 2008



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 4.03

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Mark McPherson, Executive Director of Human Resources

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Matters Relating to Licensed Personnel

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Consent - Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION

To gain Board of Education approval for personnel changes.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

None

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

None

MOTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve the recommendation of the administration for personnel changes listed on the attached sheet.

APPROVED BY: Mark McPherson, Executive Director Human Resources **DATE:** March 2, 2009



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 4.04

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Mark McPherson, Executive Director of Human Resources

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Matters Relating to Licensed Personnel INR Non-renewals

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Consent - Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION

By law, all individuals contracted with INR (Intent to Non-Renew) contracts must have Board Action to notify the individual of their lack of continued employment.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

None

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

None

MOTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve the recommendation of the administration so individuals on the attached sheet can be notified about their job status for the 2009-2010 school year.

APPROVED BY: Mark McPherson, Executive Director of Human Resources **DATE:** March 30, 2009



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 4.05

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Mark McPherson, Executive Director of Human Resources

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Matters Relating to Educational Support Personnel

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION

To Gain Board Approval for Personnel Changes

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

By addressing this action item, the Board allows the district to continue its function of hiring, and other personnel actions. By not addressing this action item, it would create problems with contracts and service being rendered.

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

None

MOTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve the recommendation of the administration for personnel changes for these persons listed on the attached sheet.

APPROVED BY: Mark McPherson, Executive Director Human Resources **DATE:** March 27, 2009



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 4.06

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Tom Seitz, District Athletic Director

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Matters Relating to Schedule B Personnel

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Consent - Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION

To gain Board of Education approval for personnel changes.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

None

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

None

MOTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve the recommendation of the administration for personnel changes listed on the attached sheet.

APPROVED BY: Tom Seitz, District Athletic Director

DATE: March 27, 2009

Consent Agenda Items

4.07 Approval of Regular BOE meeting 3/12/09

4.08 Approval of Special BOE meeting 3/17/09

4.09 Approval of Special BOE meeting 03/19/09

Board –
Superintendent
Update

Open Forum

Action Items



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 7.01

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Amber Whetstine, Principal of Evans Elementary

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Evans Elementary IB Name Change

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION:

Evans received formal notice of its International Baccalaureate Authorization in February 2009. In celebration of this achievement and in an effort to highlight Evans as a District 49 Focus School of Choice, Evans is proposing a name change. In accordance with the IBO guidelines the Evans staff, students and School Accountability Council is proposing to change the school's name to Evans International Elementary School. The Evans PTO has agreed to assist in the funding of a new school name sign which would be hung at the front of the school building. A name change celebration will include all Evans students, parents, staff, and community members.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

Pros: Changing the school's name to include "International" would highlight the school as a District #49 Focus School. The students, staff and parents have worked hard throughout the authorization process to fully implement the IB Primary Years Program and this name change would celebrate the success of the entire school community for this accomplishment.

Cons: Changing the school's name legally will need to involve communication and collaboration between the school and all district departments, and the Colorado Department of Education. We will also need to change all currently printed materials to reflect the school's new name.

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

There will be no district cost. The reprinting of school publications will occur at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year so that there will be no additional costs beyond ordinary start up costs for the school. The Evans PTO will assist in funding the cost of a new building sign.

MOTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve changing Evans Elementary Schools name to Evans International Elementary School.

APPROVED BY: Eric Paugh, Acting Superintendent

DATE: March 16, 2009



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 7.02

BOARD MEETING OF: April 8, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Eric Paugh, Acting Superintendent

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: National Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-10, 2009

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION

The success of any community depends on the quality of its educational system. We are fortunate to live in a community that believes that the preparation for the next generation of leaders is the responsibility of the entire community.

Falcon School District 49 is grateful for the support of our community members and wants them to know that we believe we have the finest teaching professionals educating our children.

May 4 –10, 2009 is National Teacher Appreciation Week and we encourage community members and parents to let our teachers know how much we appreciate their commitment to ensuring the success of every student. Please take the time to say thank you. Send a card, make a phone call, or send an email.

Teaching is the most worthy of professions because teachers really do create the future and make it a reality for our students.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

Pros – Recognition of the importance of the work of educating the community’s children.

Cons – none

Alternatives - none

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

none

MOTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve the Resolution for National Teacher Appreciation Week as follows: (Read into the record the resolution).

APPROVED BY: Eric Paugh, Acting Superintendent

DATE: March 27, 2009



**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
HONORABLE PROCLAMATION
MAY 4th -10th, 2009**

WHEREAS, the Falcon School District 49 Teachers are an essential part of this District's education system; and

WHEREAS, teachers are dedicated to providing a quality education for the students of Falcon School District 49; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for Falcon School District 49 to recognize the role teachers hold in our education system and to salute them for the valuable service they provide to our students and to our community;

**NOW THEREFORE, WE THE FALCON SCHOOL
DISTRICT 49 BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROCLAIM
MAY 4th – 10th, 2000
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 7.03

BOARD MEETING OF: March 30, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Dr. John M. Weishaar, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: 9th Grade Geography Adoption

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION:

Textbook committees have met throughout the school year to evaluate sample materials using the district created textbook evaluation tool. Teachers, administrators and Board of Education members have also reviewed the textbook samples. Cost proposals have been received from the vendors and are currently being evaluated and compared.

The adoption of the 9th grade Geography textbook was postponed in order for us to explore all other options. Having not found any new titles to review, it is recommended that the Glencoe World Geography and Cultures book be reconsidered for adoption.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

Pros – The textbooks will provide our students with new resources and learning opportunities.

Cons – None noted at this time.

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

Costs involved with the adoption of new textbooks will be based on final selections by each curricular area and budget allocations.

MOTION REQUESTED:

I recommend the adoption of the Glencoe-World Geography and Cultures book for 9th grade Geography.

APPROVED BY: Eric Paugh, Acting Superintendent

DATE: March 30, 2009



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 7.04

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Tom Seitz, District Athletic Director

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Proposal to increase athletic fees

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION:

To gain Board of Education approval to increase student fees for sports participation for the 2009-2010 school year. The proposed middle school athletic fee increase would be from \$30-\$40 with an \$85 maximum fee per student. The proposed high school athletic fee would increase from \$65-\$85 with a \$175 maximum fee per student.

When VRHS opened last fall, the same operating budget that was allocated among two high schools was allocated among three high schools, thereby decreasing each budget. While the operating budget has decreased and the student fee has stayed the same for a number of years, the cost of fuel for transportation, official's fees and general operation costs have increased significantly. The District has also added several sports teams to make the programs consistent, which has also increased costs. Even with the proposed increase, D-49 fees are below most other districts in the state (see chart).

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

Pros: This increase in the athletic fees would allow District 49 to continue to provide the same level of service and support to our middle and high school athletic teams.

Cons: If this proposed fee increase is not approved, the board may have to look at one or more of the following options:

1. Reduce or eliminate team travel for sports other than football, i.e.-parents are responsible for providing transportation to and or/from games.
2. Travel outside of a 30/60 mile radius may need to be eliminated.
3. A higher fee may be required for football and other sports which have higher operation costs.
4. Participation in athletics for students that received free or reduced lunch would have a cost. All students would need to pay athletic fees in order to play.

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

Middle school athletic fees would increase by \$10 per student. High school athletic fees would increase by \$20 per student.

MOTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve the increase in the athletic participation fee at the middle and high school levels as presented.

APPROVED BY: Eric Paugh, Acting Superintendent **DATE:** March 23, 2009



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 7.05

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Philip Compton, Executive Director of Secondary Education

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Proposal to implement a consistent middle and high school academic fee schedule

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION:

To gain Board of Education approval to use one fee schedule for all of our district middle and high schools. Currently, all of our middle and high schools are charging different academic fees. Secondary principals met to decide on this unified fee schedule.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

Pros: This change would provide continuity in all of our secondary building academic fees. With school of choice, career academies and movement within the district, parents will know what to expect financially at the middle and high school level. The expectations will be district wide not building by building.

Cons: Each secondary building may see minor increases or decreases in their academic fees as compared with their current fees.

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

N/A.

MOTION REQUESTED:

I move to approve the district wide middle and high school academic fees schedules as attached.

APPROVED BY: Eric Paugh, Acting Superintendent **DATE:** March 23, 2009

Student Fees* – HIGH SCHOOL

Athletics/Activities/Clubs/Participation Fees												
	Sports *	Athletic Pass	Yearbook	Planner	Parking	I.D. (Replacement only)	Mock Trial	FBLA	DECA	JROTC	Student Council	Know Bowl
Falcon High	\$85	\$10	\$60	\$4	\$50	\$5	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0-\$253 uniform item costs	\$25	\$25
Sand Creek High	\$85	\$10	\$60	N/A	\$50	\$5	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0-\$253 uniform item costs	\$25	\$25
Vista Ridge High	\$85	\$10	\$60	N/A	\$50	\$5	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0-\$253 uniform item costs	\$25	\$25
Patriot LC												

*Maximum of \$175 per student per year

Music (activity)/Drama/Theater (activity)/Speech/Performance Arts-special costs						
	Musical/Drama/Tech Theater	One Act Play	Solo/Ensemble	Forensics	All-State Auditions	Chamber Choir
Falcon High	\$25	\$25	\$15	N/A	\$10	\$53 Dress \$15 or \$100 Rent/Own Tuxedo
Sand Creek High	\$25	N/C	\$15	\$25	\$10	\$40
Vista Ridge High	\$25	N/A	\$15	\$25	\$10	
Patriot LC						

Music/Music Courses							
	Band**	Marching Band	Bands	Choir	Beg./Jazz/Ensemble/Concert Choir	Guitar	Piano/Theory
Falcon High	\$40	\$85	\$30		\$25	\$20	
Sand Creek High	\$40	\$85	\$30	\$40	\$25		\$18
Vista Ridge High	\$40	\$85	\$30	\$40			
Patriot LC							

**Maximum of \$40 per student per year

Academics: Family and Consumer Studies/Business						
	Catering	Pro Start	Today's Food	Interior Design	Child Development	Accounting I & II
Falcon High						
Sand Creek High	\$20	\$25	\$15	\$20	\$20	\$20
Vista Ridge High						
Patriot LC						

Academics: English						
	Honors English I, II	American Literature	Honors American Literature	English Literature	AP Language & Composition	AP Literature
Falcon High	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8
Sand Creek High	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8
Vista Ridge High	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8

*Fees for Free/Reduced Lunch are as follows:

Free lunch: no fee

Reduced lunch: 50% of the fee

Student Fees* – MIDDLE SCHOOL

Athletics/Activities							
	Athletics	Activity	Planners				
Falcon Middle	\$40**	\$10	\$20				
Horizon Middle	\$40**	\$10	\$20				
Skyview Middle	\$40**	\$10	\$20				

**Individual maximum of \$85 per year

Academics							
	Art	Tech Ed/GTT	FACS	Industrial Arts	PE	Instrumental	
Falcon Middle	\$5/quarter	\$5/quarter	N/A	N/A	Optional	\$50/year (rental)	
Horizon Middle	\$5/quarter	\$5/quarter	N/A	\$10/semester	Optional	\$50/year (rental)	
Skyview Middle	\$5/quarter	\$5/quarter	\$5/quarter	N/A	Optional	\$50/year (rental)	

Clubs							
	Challenger	Engineering	Weight Lifting				
Falcon Middle							
Horizon Middle							
Skyview Middle	\$15	\$15	\$10				

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Free lunch: no fee

Reduced lunch: 50% of the fee



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 7.06

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Joleen Schaake, Chief Financial Officer

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Organization Resolution and Agreement

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION

This organization resolution and agreement gives the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance, by name, signing authority for the District's bank accounts.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

Adopting this organization resolution and agreement will provide the bank with the most up-to-date authorized signers, providing continuity in the banking services that are needed to keep the District's financial services operating smoothly and efficiently.

The board could choose to limit the number of signers or designate other people for this purpose.

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

None

MOTION REQUESTED:

Move to approve the Organization and Resolution and Agreement for Deposit Accounts and Related Services.

APPROVED BY: Eric Paugh, Acting Superintendent

DATE: April 2, 2009

Informational Items

8.00



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Joleen Schaake, Chief Financial Officer

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Financial Audit 2007-2008

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION

State law requires that all funds and accounts of the district be audited annually, following the close of the fiscal year. An independent audit of the school district's financial accounts for 2007-2008 was performed by Swanhorst and Company LLC.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

Board policy DIE and State law require that the audit be performed. This presentation is to discuss with the Board the findings of the audit.

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

None

MOTION REQUESTED:

N/A

APPROVED BY: Eric Paugh, Acting Superintendent

DATE: March 24, 2009



MONTHLY DEPARTMENT UPDATE 8.02

Department: Finance

Date: March 30, 3009

Prepared by: Joleen Schaake, Chief Financial Officer

Accomplishments:

- The Purchasing Card program is in place and training for our pilot group has been completed. We anticipate rolling out P-cards to the remainder of the departments and schools in July.
- Eric Paugh and I finished up our round of meetings to inform the staff in all of the buildings and departments about the economic situation the State is facing and to discuss both this year's and next year's budgets. We have been very clear that we are only alerting them to the possibility that we may not have enough or any increase in revenue from the State, so we may not be able to do salary increases next year. We explained that we are waiting for CDE to let us know what our revenue will be for next fiscal year before we discussions with EIC can take place regarding salary increases. This is due to the fact that it is impossible to plan on spending money until we know what we have to spend. We expect to get our revenue number (PPR) any time between now and the middle of May, rather than the end of March as was predicted earlier. Meetings were held to discuss a small number of additional staffing requests that were brought to the attention of the HR department. We have proceeded forward with those under the budget assumption that we will be able to fund those needs (per D49 staffing ratio guidelines).
- The latest from Vody Hermann on the current (08-09) budget year is as follows. "Please note that, once again, the Military 2nd Count funding has been recommended to be removed from the FY 08/09 budget. As before, this recommendation will proceed through the legislative process. CDE is working with the legislators and the Governor's office to restore this measure. However, given the need to further reduce the overall FY 08/09 budget due to the March 20th revenue forecast, this effort may prove more difficult than before. We will continue to keep you posted on our efforts and outcomes." (This amounts to approximately \$130,000 less in revenue this year for our district.)
- The FY08 audit was completed.
- 1839 people (including subs) we paid on the March payroll which totaled \$5,645,015 (including benefits). Last year's March payroll had us paying 1668 employees, and 10 years ago that number was 702.
- We paid out \$861,925 to vendors in March.

Issues we are currently addressing:

- Staying on top of next year's budget developments.
- Keeping a watch on expenditures in light of current budget cuts.
- Financial transparency and reporting continues to be one of our priorities. We have a searchable PDF posted for each month that is also available as an Excel spreadsheet. We have added a summarized accounts payable list for each month showing the top 70% of vendors receiving payments from us.
- Created a DAAC subcommittee and plan meet with them 5-6 times regarding budget development for next year.

Important upcoming events:

- We are looking into electronic time clocks as a possible option for next year in order to have more accuracy (fewer mistakes and supplemental payrolls) and control.
- We are undertaking a process, procedure and policy review for the Finance department.

Other:

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT UPDATE 8.03

Department: Human Resources Division

Date: 9 April 2009

Prepared by: Mark McPherson, Executive Director for Human Resources

Accomplishments:

- HR Staff members completed training on the new web-based sub system. This system is transparent to users, has more reporting capabilities, and virtually eliminates downtime experienced with local servers. Training for building staff occurred during the break.
- Falcon representatives attended several job fairs to include Colorado College, UCCS and the UNC job fairs. Online applications continue to exceed expectations.
- The new procedure for hiring principals established by Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) was used to select the new principal for Meridian Ranch Elementary School. Initial feedback is positive from all stakeholders in the process.

Issues we are currently addressing:

- We continue to work on staffing requirements and the district budget process for the next school year. We forwarded Initial numbers based on staffing guidance to the principals for review. Principals are meeting with HR representatives to reconcile and verify base numbers of staffing for 2009. In response to possible growth, HR is continually monitoring enrollments and is prepared to increase staff by grade as required.
- The hiring season has started. HR is reviewing staff requirements and transferring staff members as required by programs and enrollments. Vacancies will be posted as positions are identified.

Important upcoming events: Hiring season is the priority through the month of April.

Other: None



MONTHLY DEPARTMENT UPDATE 8.04

Department: Information Services

Date: March 30, 2009

Prepared by: David Bond, Chief Information Services

Accomplishments:

- We worked with Nutrition Services and their business system vendor to replace all the lunch room computers in the district to alleviate numerous problems the lunch room staffs were experiencing with their outdated computers
- We conducted further meetings of the IT Advisory Committee to determine the core technology set for the district
- A member of the IT Department, Mike Riggs, presented an overview of a major recent effort within the department at an industry conference in Denver. The presentation was very well received and generated numerous audience questions on our approach and experiences
- We completed an agreement with our cell phone service provider to install “building donor antennas” in several buildings to address cellular coverage issues in those buildings at no additional cost to the District
- We fielded a large number of media requests and facilitated numerous interviews with various district representatives
- We successfully placed numerous positive news stories with multiple media outlets

Issues we are currently addressing:

- We are in the process of soliciting bids for the sale of the telephone system that we replaced last summer
- We are near completion of the development of the online BOE agenda management system, which will save considerable time and cost in managing the agenda items for board meetings through their lifecycle
- Rollout of school web sites using the same technology and basic design as the new district web site

Important upcoming events:

- None

Other:



MONTHLY DEPARTMENT UPDATE 8.05

Department: Learning Services

Date: Monday, March 30, 2009

Prepared by: Learning Services Staff

Accomplishments:

- **Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**

- Professional Development Sessions provided by all Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSA's)
- TOSAs working on adding cognitive levels to all curriculum unit maps
- Elementary Foreign Language at a Glance Maps included on Intranet
- Members of the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment team (CIA) attended the Educating Hispanic Student Conference presented by the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB)
- Department of Defense Grant for at risk students submitted
- Corrective Action plan for Title I schools submitted
- Developed PowerPoint presentation for March 17 Board of Education (BOE) meeting
- Gathered Curriculum Audit information for Gazette article
- Worked on the plans for the David Faber presentations
- Completed the request for funds from Title I
- Staff attended the Title I Consolidated Grant Webinar
- Continue to work on the completion of the Unit Plans
- Working with the lead auditor to arrange for BOE presentation of the Curriculum Audit
- Began work on the District Improvement Plan (DIP) due to Colorado Department of Education (CDE) by June 1, 2009
- TOSAs and Specialist working on secondary literacy manual
- Completed the packaging of Colorado State Assessment Program for shipment to CDE
- Planned for April 3 Learning Services Retreat

- **Educational Opportunities**

- English Second Language Handbook 70% Complete
- Character Education Symposium
- Sprint Character Education Grant
- Positive Behavior Support Website on Intranet
- Parent Education Opportunities
- District-wide Behavioral Trainings
- Gifted and Talented Model to Personalize Education
- Grants and Fund Development Status to Date \$461,402 (92%)

- **School Support**

- Second Achievement Conferences at both Elementary and Secondary Schools
- Auditing Teacher Evaluations and Feedback given to Principals
- Developing Enrichment Teacher Evaluations
- Report Card Implementation and District-wide Staff Development
- School of Choice

-Standard Operating Procedures on Intranet

-Summer School

-Meridian Ranch Principal Interviews

- **Athletics and Activities**

-Negotiations and planning with Banning Lewis Ranch, Pride Soccer and private investors continued for a District Stadium/Sports Complex.

-We have determined a way to provide Vista Ridge High School (VRHS) lights and seating to complete its stadium at limited cost to the District.

-We have begun gathering statistical data on athletic participation which will be part of an Athletics/Activities Annual Report.

-D-49 Youth Basketball League completed the season with over 700 elementary kids participating throughout the District. Site Managers led to a much smoother year. A \$1,000 corporate sponsor was also secured.

-The D-49 Elementary Musical Festival ran this month.

-A no "F" policy for athletics/activities in the District has been approved by the Board for next year.

-An increase in fees for athletics/activities in middle schools (\$30-\$40) and high schools (\$60-\$85) has been approved by the Board for next year.

-The Schedule "B" policy is being updated to include administrators who coach.

-Several individuals participated in the State Wrestling Tournament and the Falcon High School (FHS) Boys Basketball Team is playing in the Sweet Sixteen of the State Basketball Tournament.

-The first-year District 49 Swim Team finished seventh in the Colorado Springs Metro League Meet and several individuals qualified for the State Meet.

-Spring sports practice began, including new soccer and tennis teams at FHS and pole vaulting as part of track and field.

- **Special Education**

-Inclusivity improving through Assistive Technology and Presentations

-Successful Completion of CDE Continuous Improvement Monitoring Process Audit

-Second Best in State in "Narrowing the Achievement Gap"

-CSAP above State Average

-Response to Instruction Reducing Referrals and Cost

-Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Recognized as Regional Model

-Parent Nominated to State SEAC

-Infinite Campus Training for Special Education Staff

- **Early Childhood Education**

-Updated Mission, Vision and Beliefs

-Piloting Curriculum

-Progress Monitoring

-Expanded Enrollment

Issues we are currently addressing:

-PDK Audit Recommendations

Important upcoming events:

-Learning Services Department Retreat in April



MONTHLY DEPARTMENT UPDATE 8.06

Department: Operations

Date: March 27, 2009

Prepared by: Paul McCarty, Chief Operations Officer

Accomplishments:

Bus evacuations for the Spring have been completed for every school as required by law.

Buster the Bus visited four elementary schools this month, Meridian Ranch, Stetson, Odyssey, and Ridgeview.

Bus #501 was retrofitted with new securements for a wheelchair and given to Sand Creek High School thereby allowing a student to accompany ambulatory students on Life Skills Training. This bus does not require a CDL so someone with a small vehicle permit is allowed to operate this bus.

To date, 371 field trips have been booked for the district for April and May.

Monica Deines-Henderson traveled to Washington DC to the Legislative Action Conference to discuss Wellness and Nutrition Services.

School Nutrition Association asked for an increase in reimbursement cost for producing school lunch plates.

Considering a remodel of the kitchen at Falcon Elementary and will be meeting with potential companies for ideas.

New Dietary Intern will be starting with Nutrition Services on 4/6/09

Three elementary schools (Springs Ranch, Remington, and Stetson) will become Coordinated Health Schools for next year. They will be attending training on April 16th.

Long Range Planning Committee leadership met to discuss ideas for upcoming year for committee with restructuring of department.

Melissa Andrews and Celina Thutchley met with neighbors surrounding the road project for Vista Ridge High School.

Visitation to all non-MLO schools for wish list items.

The state construction permit has been received for the shade structure and will be installed over spring break.

Floor tile repair is also happening over break at Meridian Ranch Elementary – ¼” floor levelers is de-bonding from concrete and causing cracking in the new floor tile.

Boiler at HMS is being evaluated by our insurance company – the heat exchanger is pitted and causing leaking in the boiler chamber. It will be replaced over spring break.

Grounds dept is charging the lines with water for irrigation at all schools.

Basketball backboards are being installed at Falcon Middle School.

Our MS4 Storm water management plan has been filed with the State. We will be adding Skyview Middle school to the plan because it now exceeds 1,000 students and meets the criteria.

We have been providing documentation to building principals for compliance to fire code requirements with regard to proper storage within 18" of the ceiling and how much of the wall can be legally covered in a sprinkled or non sprinkled building. We frequently find violations in these areas because staff are unaware of the requirements.

Safety and Emergency Services met with the district COOP(Coordinated Operation Plan) team to discuss completion of plans in case of emergencies that would cause a school or schools to be closed for extended time. Further work towards identifying processes and procedures is being done at this time.

Issues we are currently addressing:

Planning and construction continuing to work on demographic data and middle school educational specifications along with completion of necessary roadwork surrounding Vista Ridge High School and mold mitigation solutions.

Facility Department continues to work with the buildings to find additional ways of being more energy efficient.

Safety and Emergency Services is continuing to develop all of the necessary plans for schools and district emergency situations. Ongoing CPI training of staff.

Safety audits are being performed at the various sites. Facilities Department has made great progress in bringing the science labs within 90% compliance through the additional purchase of Flammable and acid cabinets, some additional signage and personal protective equipment for students and staff.

Facilities Department is performing their annual fire protection systems inspections over the spring break.

Important upcoming events:

Long Range Planning Committee Boundary Sub committee meetings 4/15/09 and 4/29/09 6pm at C.O.

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting 4/08/09 6pm at Patriot Learning Center

Transportation Advisory Committee 4/21/09 5:30 pm Auxiliary Conference Room

Wellness Committee Meeting 4/21/09 1:00 pm Auxiliary Conference Room

8.07

Information Item for Falcon School District 49 Board of Education

Travel Study Trip request:

DECA International Career and Development Conference, Anaheim, CA

Departing 4/28/09 Returning 5/3/09

2 students were invited to attend

Cost of \$835.55 per student plus cost of dinner (includes airfare-\$300, lodging-\$250, insurance, tickets to Universal studios & Disney-\$175, conference registration-\$110 and breakfast & lunch provided)

SCHS DECA was given 2 slots for the Leadership Development Academy at the DECA International Career Development Conference. There are only 30 students in the state of Colorado that were asked to attend this academy. This trip will allow the SCHS DECA students to meet DECA members from around the world and learn valuable leadership skills.

Fundraising is a necessary part of this program.

8.08

Expulsion/Suspension Information

Discussion Items

9.00



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 9.01

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Dr. Chad Wight, Director of Special Services

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Banning Lewis Ranch Academy Contract Revisions

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Discussion

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION

Banning Lewis Ranch Academy (BLRA) School Board of Directors submitted a proposal for contract revisions pertaining to Special Education (SPED) Services and other related matters. In the cover letter dated March 16, BLRA states that the “intention” of this proposal is to “better serve our students” (paragraph one). The letter further states that the “proposal is modeled after that already agreed between the District and Rocky Mountain Classical Academy (RMCA)” in July 2008. Representatives from BLRA and the District met to discuss the proposal on March 17 and 24. Issues that have not yet been fully resolved are: 1) What is the evidence that BLRA can “better serve our students” with disabilities than the District; 2) What is the financial impact on the District of allowing BLRA to manage their own SPED services; and 3) What is the liability to the District for audit sanctions and/or legal actions for non-compliance with federal and state regulations?

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

Pros—1. BLRA administration (Eric Dinnel) has established positive communication and cooperation with District central administration and SPED. It is predicted that BLRA’s proposed model will provide “quality control” assurances to reduce the District’s exposure to liability.

2. BLRA student achievement for students without disabilities is similar to District averages except in math where it is lower.

3. BLRA student achievement for students with disabilities is unknown. However, the Mosaica Corporation which runs 35 charter schools including BLRA reports improvement for students with disabilities in two of its schools in Michigan and Pennsylvania.

4. BLRA believes they should have the same opportunity afforded to RMCA to manage their own SPED services.

5. District SPED could benefit from seeing a model at BLRA that resulted in better achievement for students with disabilities for application to other District schools.

Cons—1. BLRA has not provided evidence that Mosaica-managed charter schools can “better serve our students” with disabilities. Mosaica runs two other schools in Colorado, but did not provide data on achievement for students with disabilities. Data from the Pennsylvania and Michigan Mosaica schools show 31% and 29% (respectively) of students with disabilities (unknown grade) are proficient or advanced in reading compared to 44% of D49 3rd graders with

disabilities. In math, 28% and 40% of Pennsylvania and Michigan (respectively) Mosaica school students with disabilities (unknown grade) are proficient or advanced compared to 46% of D49 3rd graders. Furthermore, according to published Colorado Department of Education “Growth Model” data, BLRA students are not growing academically as fast as the average D49 student in 4 out of 6 categories. Conclusion: The achievement data available for BLRA for students with disabilities and without disabilities does not indicate better achievement overall or the ability to “better serve our students” with disabilities than D49-run schools.

2. Regulatory compliance is a risk with charter schools that have self-managed SPED. RMCA’s audited IEP error rate, for example, has increased to 92% since the approval of its contract amendment for SPED in July, 2008. Furthermore, the Charter School Institute does not give Mosaica a favorable reference for SPED service management in Colorado schools.

Alternatives-- 1. If the agreed goal of both parties is improving achievement for students with disabilities, SPED Administration suggests a “pilot program” for BLRA to demonstrate the effectiveness of its model in the 2009-10 school year. BLRA and the District would continue to negotiate equitable sharing of financial and legal responsibilities while BLRA would be allowed more freedom to self-manage SPED to demonstrate superior performance for possible amendment approval in the following year.

Note: The financial impact of the SPED funding and operational revisions is yet to be fully assessed. It is anticipated that the proposed revisions will have an impact on the District’s financials. However, the Board approved a similar proposal by another charter school (RMCA) in 2008. The full results of that previous approval are yet to be determined. However, it appears that the results are mixed. Finally, as the Local Education Administration (LEA), the District has ultimate financial and operational responsibility for the performance and any liabilities resulting from the provision of SPED services at BLRA, thus insurance coverage issues may be key to this decision.

COST OR COST ESTIMATION: It is anticipated that approval of these contract revisions will result in some changes to the current cost/revenue models. Preliminary estimates project a net loss to the District of approximately \$224,000 in FY 2009-10 if this proposal is approved.

MOTION REQUESTED: I move not to approve the proposed revisions to the Charter School Contract with Banning Lewis Ranch Academy.

APPROVED BY: Eric Paugh, Acting Superintendent **DATE:** March 30, 2009



BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 9.02

BOARD MEETING OF: April 9, 2009

PRESENTED BY: Board of Education

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: Superintendent Vacancy

ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Discussion

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND RECOMMENDED COURSE(S) OF ACTION:

- The Board of Education will discuss options open to them in filling the position of Superintendent for Falcon School District 49.

PROS/CONS AND ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION

COST OR COST ESTIMATION:

MOTION REQUESTED:

N/A

APPROVED BY: Anna Bartha, Board of Education President

DATE: April 6, 2009

Open Forum

10.00

Other Business

11.00

11.01

Executive Session: Discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or person involved as authorized by section 24-6-402 (4)(h) of the Colorado Revised Statutes - Student Issue

Adjournment

12.00