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MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
February 12, 2009
Central Administration – Board Room

1.00 Call to Order and Roll Call

President Bartha called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: President Anna Bartha, Director Kent Clawson, Director Dave Martin, Director Mark Shook and Director Dave Stark via audio from Germany.

2.00 Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

President Bartha welcomed those in attendance and invited them to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps from Vista Ridge High School presented the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance and then Brandon Lahrs did a drill team demonstration

Sandy Collins, principal at VRHS and April Jones, engineering teacher, presented a power point about the Marble Project students are doing in class. The purpose of the project is to sort ten marbles – three different colors into three bins. Students do chart sorting along with this project. Dave Knoche, vice principal, reported on the success of athletics this year at Vista Ridge High School: Football Pioneer League Champion eight wins – two losses; Conference Coach of the Year, Dean Huffman: Conference Player of the Year, Josh Buras; had six All Conference Selections. Volley Ball Pioneer League Champions, eleven wins – one loss Conference Coach of the Year, Devin Allen; Conference Player of the Year, Breanna Garcia; two All Conference Selections; Cross Country, Girls State Team Qualifier; Second Place Regional Finish, Conference Runner of the Year, Amanda McCann; Cheerleading - Pioneer League Champions. Girls Basket Ball - won the Pioneer League Championship, sixteen wins and two losses. They should get a birth in the state championships. Band Program - Rachael Mozzetta – All City Band. Adam Schaff, All State Band. Vista Ridge High School is having a great start up year in all areas.

3.00 Approval of Agenda

President Bartha requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Director Martin moved to approve the agenda. Director Clawson seconded the motion.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

4.00 Consent Agenda

4.01 Approval of January Monthly Financial Update

- 4.02 Approval of Matters Relating to Licensed Personnel
- 4.03 Approval of Matters Relating to Educational Support Personnel
- 4.04 Approval of Matters Relating to Schedule B Personnel
- 4.05 Approval of Minutes for January 8, 2009 Regular Board of Education Meeting
- 4.06 Approval of Minutes for January 14, 2009 Special Board of Education Meeting
- 4.07 Approval of Minutes for January 17, 2009 Special Board of Education Meeting
- 4.08 Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2009 Board of Education Work Session
- 4.09 Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2009 Special Board of Education Meeting
- 4.10 Approval of Minutes for January 30, 2009 Special Board of Education Meeting
- 4.11 Approval of Minutes for February 4, 2009 Special Board of Education Meeting

President Bartha requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Director Martin moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Clawson seconded the motion.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

5.00 Board/Superintendent Update

Eric Paugh, Transportation Department Audit – Their audit was stellar, congratulations to everyone involved in this process.

Special Education Audit regarding students with disabilities. The Colorado Department of Education recognizes that change is a process and requires on-going time, effort and professional development to improve outcomes of students with disabilities. The Colorado Department of Education applauds the work of the District in this area. Thanks to Dr. Wight and his staff for their hard work.

The Information Technology Department has finished the task of getting the new laptops to all teachers in the district; this was a huge project.

Bonnie Roberts, Falcon High School teacher presented Abram Archuleta, a Emergency Medical Technician student at Falcon High School, an appreciation certificate; he was the first responder at an accident Halloween night near the school. He was commended by the Falcon Fire Department and the Board of Education for his actions.

President Bartha commended Eric Paugh and the District staff for the fine work that they are doing in the district.

Director Clawson went to the parenting night at Odyssey Elementary; it was a great presentation. He also attended the Long Range Planning Committee meeting.

Director Shook has been working with the District Accountability Advisory Committee and Long Range Planning Committee and has visited Patriot Learning Center.

Director Martin recognized a Boy Scout from Horizon Middle School working on his Communications Badge.

6.00 Open Forum

President Bartha read the Open Forum Statement.

Mary Lougee, EIC member, speaking about the passing time resolution. She believes that it is a continuation of the teaching time; teachers use it as one on one time with students, answering questions, giving make-up work and also building relationships. It is very valuable to the teachers and the students.

7.00 Action Items

- 7.01** Approval of Sunflower Sundolier Day Lighting Demonstration Program at Falcon Elementary School, Paul McCarty, Chief Operations Officer Presenting
On Thursday, March 3, 2005, the Board of Education gave the administration direction during the Superintendent Update at the Regular School Board Meeting to pursue this agreement. The building administration is still excited about providing this in an interior classroom with no natural day lighting.
The purpose of this demonstration is to enhance the learning environment within our buildings. It provides the opportunity to reduce our electric light and cooling demands and related emissions. It will put natural light into the classroom. It will have a sensor to regulate the lights. Participation in this one-year demonstration is supported by the Colorado Governor's Energy Office (GEO). If approved, the Sundolier will be installed this spring 2009. The equipment is about 12 feet long and 2 feet wide.

President Bartha requested a motion to approve action item 7.01.

Director Clawson moved to approve the installation of the Sunflower Sundolier Day Lighting Demonstration Program at Falcon Elementary School for zero dollars. Director Shook seconded the motion.

President Bartha asked if there was any discussion; hearing none she called for a vote.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

- 7.02** Course approvals and two course name changes from the District Curriculum Planning Council (DCPC) for school years 2009-2010. Jodi Fletcher, Teacher on Special Assignment presenting:
The following courses have been reviewed by the DCPC and were found to meet the requirements for adoption: Advanced Placement Economics, Life Long Fitness, Epidemiology, Genetics, Math Analysis, Principles of Finance I, Principles of Finance II, Game Design and Development, Guide to Computer Forensics, Principles of Information Security, AFJROTC Drill and Ceremony, Health Careers, Advanced Placement Computer Science, Catering II, Nutrition and Wellness, Science Foundations, Concept Math (Stinky Kid Math), Foundations of Personal Finance, Early Childhood Education I and II, Invitation to Languages, Journalism and Media, Self Defense and Karate, ACE (Alternative Cooperative Education) III (Replaces VOE – Vocational Occupational Education), Entrepreneurship, and Marketing Management. NAME CHANGES OF EXISTING COURSES: From Parenting to Child and Adolescent Development and from Introduction to Marketing to Marketing I.
The original proposal indicated AP Macroeconomics as a course to be approved. Upon further review this course needs to be changed to AP Economics since this course will prepare students for both the AP Macroeconomics and AP Microeconomics test.

President Bartha requested a motion to approve Action Item 7.02

Director Clawson moved to approve the identified classes to be added to the D49 course selection catalog. Director Martin seconded the motion.

President Bartha asked if there was any discussion; hearing none she called for a vote.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

- 7.03** Approval of Revision to Board of Education Policy GBEA - Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest Mark McPherson, Executive Director of Human Resources presenting:

Policy GBEA covers staff ethics and conflict of interest. Changes include:

- Defining confidentiality in a more strict sense and appropriate use of information
- Delineates supervisory lines and conflict of interest pertaining to employment of family members in the district.

The only change that was made to the policy since it was discussed by the Board is the word siblings was added to the category of immediate family.

President Bartha requested a motion to approve Action Item 7.03

Director Shook moved to approve the revision of Falcon School District 49 Board of Education policy GBEA, Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest as amended. Director Clawson seconded the motion.

President Bartha asked if there was any discussion; hearing none she called for a vote.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

7.04 Approval of Revision to Board of Education Policy GBEC- Drug-Free Workplace. Mark McPherson, Executive Director of Human Resources presenting:

Policy GBEC revision covers the Drug Free Workplace. Changes include:

- Defining sanctions to violations that include rehabilitation and random drug testing at the employee's expense. The district *does not* have to offer rehab.
- Formalizes an existing and in place drug awareness program through orientations, ongoing supervision and benefits presentations.

President Bartha requested a motion to approve Action Item 7.04

Director Shook moved to approve the revision of Falcon School District 49 Board of Education policy GBEC, Drug Free Workplace as amended. Director Clawson seconded the motion.

President Bartha asked if there was any discussion; hearing none she called for a vote.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

7.05 Approval of Resolution to Establish Passing Periods as Educational Time. Joleen Schaake, Chief Financial Officer presenting:

The current district policy states that passing periods between classes are included in the definition of "actively engaged in the educational process." In order for this policy to be recognized by the Colorado Department of Education for the purpose of their student count audit, this definition needs to be resolved by the beginning of each school year.

President Bartha requested a motion to approve Action Item 7.05

Director Clawson moved to approve and execute the attached resolution to include passing periods within the definition of "actively engaged in the educational process."

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Falcon School District No. 49 ("District") has a policy which considers passing periods between classes to be part of the "educational process";

WHEREAS the Colorado Department of Education has advised that the District needs to adopt a resolution officially defining the educational process to include passing periods between classes;

WHEREAS the District currently has in place policy IC/ICA, which defines what it considers to be time spent "actively engaged in the educational process";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Falcon School District Board of Education does certify that the passing periods between classes are within the definition of "actively engaged in the educational process," as defined in Board Policy IC/ICA for the 2009-2010 school year.

ADOPTED this 12th day of February 2009, by the Falcon School District Board of

Director Martin seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of counting passing time as educational time.

President Bartha encouraged BOE members to put this on a work session in the fall as a discussion item if this is a concern; stating that the district is not out of compliance with the state when passing this resolution.

Director Shook asked if this item could be tabled.

President Bartha polled the Board and the majority were ready for a vote.

President Bartha called for a vote.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, no; Stark, no. Motion carried.

7.06 Approval of School Calendar for 2009-2010

Phil Compton, Executive Director of Secondary Schools presenting:

Due to a change in the October Count Window, it is necessary to adjust the Fall Break for October of 2009. The calendar committee that originally formed the 2009/2010 calendar was asked to attend a meeting to explain the necessity of the move and to provide input. The results of the discussion lead to the Fall Break being moved from October 5th -16th to October the 12th -23rd. Also, the October dates of the High School and Middle School Parent Teacher Conference Nights 9/9/09 and 9/10/09 were switched, the 2/02/10 Middle School Parent Teacher Conference Night was moved to the 2/04/10 and the 4/13/10 Middle School Parent Teacher Conference date was moved to 4/15/10. These moves were made to allow for fewer conflicts to occur between activities and athletics programs taking place during Parent Teacher Conferences. Also, Staff Development days were rearranged to better meet the needs of staff and students (to be explained at BOE meeting). Additionally; color and typographical changes were made to the calendar.

President Bartha requested a motion to approve Action Item 7.06

Director Clawson moved to approve the revisions to the 2009-2010 calendar. Director Martin seconded the motion.

The Board would like to see consistency in the planning and asked that the committee look at the model that Rocky Mountain Classical Academy and also Calhan School District use. The 2010-2011 calendar should come back soon to start the discussion.

President Bartha asked if there was any further discussion; hearing none she called for a vote.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, no; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

8.00 Informational Items

- 8.01 Finance Monthly Update
- 8.02 Human Resources Monthly Update
- 8.03 Information Technology Monthly Update
- 8.04 Learning Services Monthly Update
- 8.05 Operations Monthly Update

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- 8.06 Field Trips
- 8.07 Expulsion/ Suspension Information
- 8.08 Demonstration of Revised District Web Site

Dave Bond, Chief Information Officer, and Amanda Mountain, Communication Specialist, gave a power point presentation regarding the launching of the new district web site. The goal is to make the new web site much more inviting. The information has been organized in a more user friendly manner. The information from schools will also be in the same design and have easy access.

A suggestion from the Board would be to have information for community members regarding service opportunities that they could have in the district or their neighborhood school.

The check register is now on line. The Board recommended that this needs to be placed in a prominent place on the web site; it needs to be easy for the community to find and search.

9.00 Discussion Items

9.01 Boundary change consideration

Paul Fuschich, Chairman Long Range Planning Committee, Andy Holloman, Vice-Chairman Long Range Planning Committee presenting;

Paul Fuschich reviewed a power point presentation with the Board. The overall boundary goals were; to foster efficient use of existing schools, via careful boundary management, encourage safe pedestrian function and neighborhood schools and explore transportation savings where possible, given the budget challenges. The boundary change process is to form a team, gather data, review data, generate boundary scenarios, internal survey, present to the Board, public workshops, public surveys, present final options to the Board, implement approved changes. The Long Range Planning Committee findings are : two boundary maintenance changes affecting relatively small student populations are possible this year, timing for adequate public process is an issue, and long term board goals for efficient use of powers corridor elementary schools may be achieved. The recommendation of the committee is to ask the Board to let the Long Range Planning Committee complete the process and have the criteria in place for their recommendation for the total package.

President Bartha would like to see the complete change in boundaries and feeder patterns done at the same time; the cost savings is nice, but it is important for families to know what schools their children will be going to.

Director Stark believes that the Stetson, Springs Ranch change would be simple.

Cindy Hardin, Transportation Supervisor informed the Board that the city has already denied the crossing guards at Odyssey Elementary. She would ask the Board to allow her and Henry Reitwiesner to talk to the City Engineers about these crossings and putting in the necessary crossings.

Director Clawson would like to see this project finished by October of this year so that parents will have time to make decisions for the following year.

The direction from the majority of the Board is to continue the process and bring to the Board a complete project.

The Board thanked the community members that are involved in this committee for the work they are doing.

By consensus the Board took a break at 8:30 p.m. coming back into session at 8:52 p.m.

- 9.02 Revision to Board of Education Policy GBGA Staff Health (and Physical Examination Requirements), Board of Education Policy Regulation GBGA-R Staff Health (Staff Members with HIV/AIDS/Communicable Diseases), Board of Education Policy GBGB Staff Personal Security and Safety. Mark McPherson, Executive Director of Human Resources presenting.

Policy GBGA revision covers Staff Health and required physical examinations. Changes include:

- Allows the Board to require physical examinations as a condition of employment at District expense.
- Requires all employees with a commercial driver's license to maintain current medical examination at district expense. This formalizes in policy the requirement that is already in place.
- This policy has been approved by the Employee Improvement Committee. Recommend that this be placed for action on the next BOE meeting agenda.

Policy GBGA-R revision covers Staff Health (Staff Members with HIV/AIDS/Communicable Diseases). Changes include:

- Minor verbiage changes
- Adds a requirement for the district to consider the most recent medical information available and the dangers of transmission to others.
- This policy has been approved by the Employee Improvement Committee. Recommend that this be placed for action on the next BOE meeting agenda.

Policy GBGB revision covers Staff Personal Security and Safety. Changes include:

- Minor verbiage only. Requirements for reporting remain the same.
- Approval indicates that this policy is to remain in force and is current.
- This policy has been approved by the Employee Improvement Committee. Recommend that this be placed for action on the next BOE meeting agenda.

The process for policy review is to receive recommended updates from Colorado Association of School Boards, review through Employee Involvement Committee, department input, and a legal check. The policy is then brought to the Board as a discussion item.

The recommendation from the Board is to bring these policies forward as action items at the March 12th Board meeting.

10:00 Open Forum

President Bartha read the Open Forum statement.

Margaret Graham, parent of students in the district, spoke about the African American Youth Leadership Conference, March 7 and 8 at Colorado College from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. She is requesting that the district promote this conference.

Mary Lougee, FTEA co-president, asked if there is a timeline for resolution on the superintendent situation? She was told that as soon as information can be presented the Board will do so. The passing periods, fifteen minutes of instructional time could be saved with the removal of Chanel One.

Elaine Olsen, FTEA co-president, asked about the communication program at Sand Creek High School; they do not want to see that program cut; would like to see the Board find a way to keep this program moving forward. She was informed that this program is being looked into.

Ann Buttermore, parent, expressed her appreciation to the district for the autism program at Meridian Ranch Elementary School and for adding the autism consultant; she is a tremendous help in shaping the program for the district.

Emily McMorran, parent, thanked Joleen Schaaake, Chief Financial Officer, for getting the check registry back on line. When the Mill Levy Over-site committee gave their report in January there seemed to be a rather large amount of money remaining in the fund; she would like to see it spent on a large project not on a lot of little one. It is easier to find smaller chunks of money than larger ones; finish out Vista Ridge first. She believes that academic standards to participate in activities needs to be C's in core classes; she hates to see us sell the students short. Mr. McMorran gave a presentation at Odyssey Elementary regarding the robot that is used by the police department for bomb scares.

Tammy Harold, parent, thanked Eric Paugh for getting calculators from the Coke Fund for the secondary schools. She is all for saving money in moving boundaries, but parents have a lot of passion for the schools their students attend now. She hopes that there will be a lot of choice applications for students to complete so that they can choose whether they want to go to the new home school or stay where they are.

By consensus the Board took a recess at 9:20 p.m. coming back into session at 9:44 p.m.

11:00 Other Business

11.01 Executive Session: Personnel matters – discussion of matters specific to particular employees, not general personnel policies. Does not include discussion of board members or appointment to the Board as authorized by section 24-6-402 (4)(f) of the Colorado Revised Statutes and to receive legal advice from our attorney, as authorized by section 24-6-402 (4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. –Building Administration

President Bartha requested a motion to go into executive session 11.01.

Director Clawson moved that we go into executive session for the purpose discussion of matters specific to particular employees, not general personnel policies. Does not include discussion of board members or appointment to the Board as authorized by section 24-6-402 (4)(f) of the Colorado Revised Statutes and to receive legal advice from our attorney, as authorized by section 24-6-402 (4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. –Building Administration Director Shook seconded the motion.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 9:46 p.m. with the following people present: President Bartha, Director Clawson, Director Martin, Director Shook, Director Stark, Eric Paugh, Acting Superintendent, Brad Miller, BOE Legal Counsel and Loretta Branham recording secretary.

President Bartha requested a motion to return to regular session.

Director Clawson moved to return to regular session. Director Shook seconded the motion.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 11:22 p.m.

- 11.02 Executive Session:– for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators; as authorized by section 24-5-402 (e) and to receive legal advice from our attorney, as authorized by section 24-6-402 (4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

President Bartha requested a motion to go into executive session 11.02.

Director Clawson moved that we go into executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators; as authorized by section 24-5-402 (e) and to receive legal advice from our attorney, as authorized by section 24-6-402 (4)(b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Director Shook seconded the motion.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 11:22 p.m. with the following people present: President Bartha, Director Clawson, Director Martin, Director Shook, Director Stark, Brad Miller BOE Legal Counsel.

President Bartha requested a motion to return to regular session.

Director Clawson moved to return to regular session. Director Shook seconded the motion.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 12:32 a.m.

President Bartha asked if there was any other business.

12.00 Adjournment

President Bartha requested a motion to adjourn.

Director Clawson moved to return to adjourn. Director Shook seconded the motion.

Vote: Bartha aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 a.m.

Anna Bartha, Board President

Kent Clawson, Board Secretary