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MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 8, 2009
Central Administration – Board Room

- 1.00** President Bartha called the meeting to order at 6:37 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.

2.00 Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

President Bartha welcomed those in attendance and introduced Cindy Hardin, Director of Transportation; She introduced Buster The Bus (a robot bus). Buster is used at the elementary schools to focus on bus safety. He was introduced to the Board members and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board thanked the transportation for their efforts and the student safety program they have in place.

Presentation by Rocky Mountain Classical Academy,
Linda Stahnke, Director presenting introduced the advanced strings group from RMCA who played a song. They are directed by Mr. Ron Thasher.

Ms. Stahnke introduced their two new board members Eric Spopa, and Dr. Scott Cathy. Kelly principal of their elementary school and Dr. Wallie Anderson, head of student development services. Ms. Stahnke presented a power point to the Board. She reviewed the priorities of RMCA Character Education, Core Knowledge and Real World Skills. RMCA has grown from 373 students in 2006-2007 to 683 in 2008-2009. The new Pony tracks building should be ready for occupancy by March 1st; this building will hold 6 – 9th grade adding 10th graders next year. They had a “high” rating on their CSAP scores and are looking for ways to continue increasing these scores. They have received almost \$300,000 a year start-up grants each year from the Colorado Department of Education. They really enjoy their military partnership and have received two flags that were flown in Iraqi. The Motto for RMCA is “Charting the way to destinations of excellence in the real world”. She thanked the Board for the opportunity that they have to be a part of this district.

3.00 Approval of Agenda

President Bartha requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Director Martin moved to approve the agenda. Director Stark 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.

4.00 Consent Agenda

- 4.01 Approval of December Monthly Financial Update
- 4.02 Approval of Matters Relating to Administrative Personnel
- 4.03 Approval of Matters Relating to Licensed Personnel
- 4.04 Approval of Matters Relating to Educational Support Personnel
- 4.05 Approval of Matters Relating to Schedule B Personnel
- 4.06 Approval of Minutes for December 11, 2008 Regular Board of Education Meeting

President Bartha requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Director Martin moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Stark 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.

5.00 Board/Superintendent Update

Eric Paugh introduce Jerry Conklin and Erica Simino from the HOPE Foundation. They talked about building a partnership with the district to ensure student achievement. They provided book Failure Is Not An Option for each board member. Their goal is to support educational leaders over time in creating school cultures where failure is not an option for any student. The District will be hosting the National HOPE Institute in October of 2009.

Erica Mason, the Elementary Specialist gave Board member invitations to the Show Case of Schools which will take place from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. January 13 at Vista Ridge High School. The Showcase of Schools highlights programs and provides information from all of the Falcon School District Schools. This is a one stop shop to see all of the programs that are offered in the District.

Superintendent Grant Schmidt recognized Stetson Elementary and Ridgeview Elementary; they received certificates from the Colorado Legacy Foundation for closing the achievement gap. He also attended the El Paso County PTA Reflections Award Ceremony at Coronado High School; where we had 14 award winners that will go to the state level for judging.

President Bartha is looking forward to this new year and the exciting things happening in the district.

Director Clawson recognized a Boy Scout attending the meeting that is working on his Communication Badge.

Director Shook visited Springs Ranch Elementary, Horizon Middle School, Falcon Middle School and Patriot Learning Center this past week and will be joining the Aviation Foundation, talking to students at Falcon High School this next week.

6.00 Open Forum

President Bartha read the Open Forum Statement.

Elaine Olsen, teacher at SCHS and Co Chairman of FTEA, had questions about the DAAC bylaws and asked if the DAAC is an over site committee and wanted to know if the people on the list to be approved tonight are the same people that were on the committee at the beginning of the year and was informed that they are.

7.00 Action Items

7.01 Approval of Amendment #18 to the GE Johnson construction agreement for Contract Changes at New Falcon High School

Jim Walsh, Construction Manager presenting:

Subsequent to commencing construction of New Falcon High School, various Field Orders, Modification Orders and Requests for Clarification were issued for timely completion of the project. These Contract Changes (“CC’s”) are summarized in the attachment and represent required changes in response to field conditions or corrections in design discovered during construction; and sometimes involve changes that are not a part of the original contract.

Specifically, drainage improvements at the staff parking and main building driveway to alleviate ice hazards to staff and visitors.

President Bartha requested a motion to approve agenda item 7.01

Director Clawson moved to approve Change Order #18 with GE Johnson Construction, Inc., for \$16,504 for work at the new Falcon High School. Director Stark seconded the motion.

The Board discussed various aspects of responsibility for this problem and who should be responsible.

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

Vote: Mrs. Bartha, no; Mr. Clawson, no; Mr. Martin, no; Mr. Shookno; Mr. Stark no.

Motion failed.

7.02 Approval of Amendments – LVW CCTV installations at HS #3 Vista Ridge

Jim Walsh, Construction Manager presenting:

Operational systems designed for installation at Vista Ridge were removed from the CM/GC contract with Nunn Construction and were bid separately “By Owner”. Substantial changes have been made to the building since original contracts were issued, including the addition of the “FCBC Wing”; plus additional computer and engineering programming, requiring more cabling and infrastructure

Subsequent to commencing construction of HS #3, Vista Ridge, various Modification Orders and Requests for Clarification were issued to provide timely completion of the project. These Contract Changes (“CC’s”) are summarized in the attachment and represent required changes in response to field conditions or corrections in design discovered during construction; and sometimes involve changes that are not a part of the original contract. A brief summary follows:

CO #2 LVW	CCTV	\$ (1,543.10)
CO #2 Heritage Security	Elevator Door Security	\$ 595.00
Total Deduct:		\$ (947.90)

President Bartha requested a motion to approve agenda item 7.02

Director Stark moved to approve Amendments to Owner-Installed Systems Contractors as listed above for HS #3 Vista Ridge for a net deduct of \$947.90, to be credited to the Owner’s Contingency Budget. 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.

7.03 Approval of Amendments – Golden Triangle Construction for Concessions at Falcon High School

Jim Walsh, Construction Manager presenting:

On April 28, 2008 the Board of Education approved Golden Triangle Construction of Southern Colorado for the Concessions building at Falcon High School. Subsequent to construction of the sewer lines to the standards of the Meridian District standards, a possibility of freezing was realized. The exposed portions of the line was buried and permanently marked for future maintenance.

CO #3	GTC of Southern Colorado	Lift station cleanouts burial	<u>\$1,325.00</u>
		Total:	<u>\$1,325.00</u>

President Bartha requested a motion to approve agenda item 7.03

Director Stark moved to approve an Amendment to the GTC contract for Falcon High School sewer line for \$1,325, to be paid from the MLO Contingency Budget. Director Clawson seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the need for these cleanouts and was informed that during construction MSMPD required two clean up stubs be put in.

President Bartha asked if there was any further 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 Wellness Guideline Revisions

Korina Lyons, District Wellness Advisory Council CO-Chairperson and Monica Deines-Henderson, D49 Nutrition Services Supervisor presenting:

Pursuant to Public Law 108-265, Section 204, the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 and Colorado Senate Bill 05-081, the D49 Board of Education approved a district Wellness Policy in June of 2006. This policy was developed and presented by a district Wellness Policy Committee. Below is a brief summary of the policy:

- The Board of Education recognized that students need to be physically active and eat nourishing food to grow, learn, and maintain healthy development. The Board adopted goals supporting proper nutrition, opportunities for students to be physically active, and a learning environment for developing and practicing lifelong wellness behaviors.
- The district was to establish and maintain a district-wide Wellness Advisory Council. The council monitors the implementation of the Wellness Policy and was to be comprised of representatives from various district departments, administration, students, parents, and community members. This council reports to the Board or through the Superintendent at least once a year.
- The Board adopted Wellness Guidelines that are frequently reviewed and revised by the Wellness Advisory Council. (These guidelines give specific direction for the district.) The guidelines are divided into three parts: Nutrition, Wellness Education, and Physical Activity. Within each part, there are three levels: Basic, Advanced, and Exemplary. The committee included a 5 year timeline for implementation of this policy, beginning in the 2006-07 school year and extending through the 2011-12 school year.

The district is in an ongoing process of implementing the Basic guidelines. Since Aug of 2008 the wellness advisory council has focused their efforts on modifying the Advance guidelines and site assessment tool, which is used to evaluate the District’s progress of the policy’s goals and

Wellness Guidelines. The plan mirrors the Wellness Guidelines (three parts) to accurately assess improvement or areas in which to improve. The council wanted to make sure all sites were aware of the changes made to the advance guidelines before the required implementation date of August 1, 2009. (Please see attached guidelines and Site Assessment Plans highlighting the advanced level for Nutrition, Wellness Education, and Physical Activity.)

President Bartha requested a motion to approve agenda item 7.04

Director Stark moved to approve the changes to the Wellness Guidelines as recommended by the administration. Director Clawson seconded the motion.

The Board wants to see accountability in the district regarding this; and wants to insure that students get their lunch time; fifteen minutes of uninterrupted lunch time. This could be dealt with as a part of the administration evaluations. They would like to see that everyone bringing food into the buildings are aware of the guidelines and that we are educating children to make healthier choices. A letter is being developed to inform the community of the guidelines. The directive from the Board is to have fifteen minutes uninterrupted time to eat their lunch.

Director Clawson moved to amend the motion to include the fifteen minute time to set and eat lunch be part of the school improvement plans for the 2009 -2010 school year. Director Stark seconded the motion.

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

President Bartha asked if there was any further discussion; hearing none she called for a vote on the motion as amended.

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

7.05 Approval of Changes in Social Studies Curriculum

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

The District 49 Social Studies Curriculum committee has recommended the following changes to the curriculum. First, the committee recommends that an Economics class (.5 credit) be added to the graduation requirements. This would increase the credits needed for required classes and decrease the number of electives needed by .5 credit. Second, the committee has recommended that the current American Society class be discontinued, but in its' place add Civics (.5 credit) and Geography (.5 credit) in place of the full year course. This change would be in place for the 2009-2010 school year. The required Economics course would be in effect for the graduating class of 2013.

President Bartha requested a motion to approve agenda item 7.05

Director Clawson moved to approve the addition of Economics to the graduation requirements for the Class of 2013; and, the addition of Geography (1/2 credit) and Civics (1/2 credit) to replace American Society. Director Stark 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.

7.06 Approval of District Accountability Advisory Committee Membership

Eric Paugh, Chief Academic Officer presenting:

The Falcon School District 49 District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Bylaws state that the membership of the DAAC will be appointed by or elected through a process created by the Board of Education.

The purpose of the DAAC is to institute an accountability and parental and community Involvement program to define and measure academic and safety quality in the district.

The enclosed membership roster is the listing of DAAC members for the 2008-2009 school year for your approval. At a minimum they are required to review the School Improvement Plans, and charter school applications, recommend the prioritization of expenditures of school district funds, review district assessments and report on the educational and safety performance of the district.

They have already committed to the responsibilities of their charge through state statute and will report out their accomplishments in June, 2009.

President Bartha requested a motion to approve agenda item 7.06

Director Clawson moved to approve the appointment of the members of the District Accountability Advisory Committee as recommended. Director Shook seconded the motion.

Director Shook stated that in supporting the bylaws that were adopted at the December 11, 2008 Board meeting this list represents members at large.

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

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

7.07 Approval of Amended Budget

Joleen Schaake, Chief Financial Officer presenting:

Colorado Revised Statute 223-44-110(5) allows the Board to “review and change the budget, with respect to both revenues and expenditures, at any time prior to January 31 of the fiscal year.”

Administration is presenting the proposed changes to the budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, which began on July 1, 2008.

An additional 201.5 FTE over anticipated/budgeted students were counted in our October 2008 count resulting in additional revenue in the amount of \$1,334,543. New teachers were hired at the beginning of the year to handle the unanticipated students and the amended budget allocates those expenditures, as well as other ongoing payroll costs that were unforeseen and therefore, unbudgeted. Besides payroll costs, the ongoing cost for the District’s expelled students to attend the New Direction’s program has been added to the budget. Other costs included are one-time costs that will be paid out of beginning fund balance. Those one-time costs include catch up math curriculum, utility costs above amount previously budgeted, and technology costs for SPED students to be in compliance with CDE standards.

New expenditures in the amended budget exceed new revenues by \$242,534, of which \$96,500 are one-time expenditures and \$146,034 are ongoing expenditures. These expenditures over new revenues will be paid out of beginning fund balance. The budgeted ending fund balance is 13.39%, which is still over the 10% of revenues as required by Board policy.

President Bartha requested a motion to approve agenda item 7.07

Director Clawson moved to approve the 2008-2009 Amended Budget as recommended by the administration. Director Martin seconded the motion.

Director Martin would like to see this come back, it will take more than two days to review this item. Director Clawson also has concerns about some of the ongoing costs and wants to take more time to review; this is a great responsibility to the Board.

Director Shook thanked Joleen Schaake for the time that she has taken to review items with him.

Director Stark asked about items that changed and was directed to the summary sheet that showed the changes and their amounts; most of the changes were in personnel.

Superintendent Schmidt said that we are going to use a new budgeting process this next year. As we are creating the 2009-2010 budget, programs will be looked at and there will be a lot of people involved; it will be a completely different process. This new budgeting process will take a couple of years to fully implement.

President Bartha stated that in these lean times we need to really look at this amended budget and it is important to take the time to review it.

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

Vote: Mrs. Bartha, no; Mr. Clawson, no; Mr. Martin, no; Mr. Shook, no; Mr. Stark, no.
Motion failed.

By consensus the Board took at break at 8:17 p.m.

8.00 Informational Items

8.01 Mill Levy Over-site Committee Presentation

Gave an overview of what was built; what was spent to date, and the cost of projects still being undertaken.

The information from the MLO committee will be considered by the Board within the new Capital Regulations policy.

8.02 Field Trip Information

9.00 Discussion Items

9.01 Course approvals and two course name changes from the District Curriculum Planning Council (DCPC) for school years 2009-2010.

Dr. John Weishaar, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment presenting:

The following courses have been reviewed by the DCPC (see attached checklist) and was found to meet the requirements for adoption: Advanced Placement Macroeconomics, 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.

These courses meet the state standards. The committee meets again next week and will further filter these courses.

Dr. Weishaar reviewed the course concepts for the Stinky Kid Math. This is a different way to present algebra.

The direction from the Board is to make sure that these courses are the very best that they can be and to proceed with bringing it back to the Board.

10:00 Open Forum

Karen Hobson, PTA Chairperson, spoke about the county Reflections Award Ceremony and the top winner from each category will go on to the state level with the winners then going to the national level. The judges come from throughout the county and are experts in their field. It is a great way to recognize the positive things students do.

Elaine Olsen, teacher Sand Creek High School, wants to know when the District Accountability Advisory Committee bylaws were an action item; it was December 11, 2008. She thanked the Board for taking a hard look at the budget and would like to see the money to be about kids.

Tammy Harold, parent of students in the district, ask about priority of the mill levy money and is glad to see that the Board is going to use the new policy for priorities next year. There are still startup costs that need to be looked at when they add the eleventh grade next year at Vista Ridge High School. VRHS parking lot is also icy. Thank the Board for recognizing the fact that kids need to have more time to set down and eat; what is going to be looked at to see that these kids get the time to eat.

11:00 Other Business

By consensus the Board took a break at 9:30 p.m.

The Board came back into session at 9:55 p.m. and went to executive session 11.02

11.01 Executive Session: Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; develop strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators, as authorized by section 24-6-402 (4)(e) 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. – Employee Involvement Committee

President Bartha requested a motion to go into executive session.

Director Clawson moved that we go into executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; develop strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators, as authorized by section 24-6-402 (4)(e) 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. – Employee Involvement Committee. 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 10:26 p.m. with the following people present: President Bartha, Director Clawson, Director Martin, Director Shook, Director Stark, Grant E. Schmidt, Superintendent, Mark McPherson, Executive Director of Human Resources; Paul McCarty, Chief Operations Officer, BOE Legal Counsel Brad Miller and, Loretta Branham recording secretary.

President Bartha requested a motion to return to regular session.

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

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

The Board returned to regular session at 9:43 p.m.

11.02 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. –Personnel Issue

President Bartha requested a motion to go into executive session.

Director Clawson moved that we go into executive session for the purpose of 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. –Personnel Issue
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 9:57 p.m. with the following people present: President Bartha, Director Clawson, Director Martin, Director Shook, Director Stark, Grant E. Schmidt, Superintendent, Joleen Schaake, CFO; Brad Miller BOE legal counsel, and Loretta Branham recording secretary.

President Bartha requested a motion to return to regular session.

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

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

The Board returned to regular session at 10:42 p.m.

Director Clawson moved to approve Brett Ridgway as Director of Finance for Falcon School District 49 starting February 1 Director seconded the motion

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

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

11.03 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. –Personnel Issue

President Bartha requested a motion to go into executive session.

Director Clawson moved that we go into executive session for the purpose of 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. –Personnel Issue
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 10:44 p.m. with the following people present: President Bartha, Director Clawson, Director Martin, Director Shook, Director Stark, and Brad Miller, BOE legal counsel. Loretta Branham, recording secretary, came into the meeting at 10:47 p.m. to give the Board requested documentation and left.

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 12:22 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 12:22 a.m.

Anna Bartha, Board President

Kent Clawson, Board Secretary