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Mission Statement

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

MINUTES
Board of Education Work Session
November 18, 2008
Central Administration – Board Room

The Board of Education Work Session began at 6:42 p.m. with the following Board members present: President Anna Bartha, Director Kent Clawson, and Director Mark Shook and Director Dave Stark. Director Dave Martin was absent with prior notice.

The first item of information and discussion was the Planning and Construction Department Planning Process Overview. Henry Reitwiesner presenting: The Planning and Construction Department had been tasked by the Superintendent to give the Board an overview of the district planning process. This overview covered the past, present and future growth areas of the different areas of the district. The Sand Creek High School attendance area was reviewed in “The Past”; this enabled the Board to “walk through from the process of planning in the past. The overview of the “Present” was a review of the process used at Skyview Middle School. The overview also covered the induction of the Long Range Planning Committee, the direction this committee has taken has helped in directing the Planning and Construction Department in working towards the “Build-Out Plan” for the school district. This overview will also touched on the 5-year Facility Master Plan, the Capital Campaign Planning Process and the Financial Coordination Options which coincide with the Planning Process.

The next item of discussion was Changes in Social Studies Curriculum. The District 49 Social Studies Curriculum committee 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.

The depth of the course in Economics would provide students with an understanding of the complex world of finance, market analysis, credit/debt issues, investments, global monetary systems, and taxes. Dividing American Society into two distinct topics will also allow for more depth in a concentrated area.

A study of this proposal must be done to judge the staffing requirements needed to support this recommendation. This item will be part of the graduation requirement discussion.

The Board took a break at 8:00 p.m. The Board came back to the work session at 8:47 p.m.

The third item of discussion was Athletic/Activity Eligibility Standards. District 49 currently follows the Colorado High School Activity Association's guidelines for eligibility to compete in high school athletics/activities. If a student has more than one F at the designated grade check period (three weeks) he/she is ineligible until the next grade check. CHASAA sets minimum standards within the state.

CHSAA does not govern middle school eligibility. D-49 middle schools perform weekly grade checks. If a student receives an F on a grade check he/she is ineligible for the following week. If they are ineligible for any three weeks during the season they are dismissed from the team.

The Board was given information showing the effect of different eligibility standards on D-49 student-athletes from the first quarter grades of 2008.

The Board has an in depth discussion regarding the pros and cons of a no F's to be eligible to participate and also a 2.0 GPA. The direction from the Board is to bring this item back to the Board at the January work session as a discussion item.

Item number four was a discussion of Graduation Requirements. The focus of the discussion was around graduation requirements for District 49. An analysis and review of graduation requirements from the Pikes Peak region, Denver area schools, and nationally recognized schools was also discussed. New legislation that pertains to Colorado schools was also reviewed. Senate Bill 212 is going to have a huge impact on our state; it is a new accreditation process coming from the state. Suggesting developing the criteria for each

The Board would like to see the content and rigor that is behind the subjects that are offered.

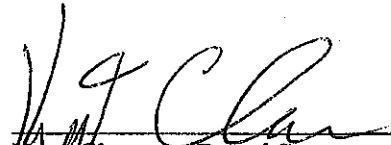
The Direction from the Board is to bring this item back to the Board at the January work session for a more in depth discussion. Come forward with information on exit exams, community service components for graduation, differentiated diplomas and information regarding the Cambridge Test. The current credits required to graduate is number of 27.5.

The Colorado State Board of Education has reviewed and approved the Induction Proposal of Falcon School District as submitted. Falcon School District 49 has been granted the authority to offer license holders the principal Induction Program.

The work session ended at 10:47 p.m.



Anna Bartha, Board President



Kent Clawson, Board Secretary