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**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**August 27, 2008**  
**Central Administration – Board Room**

- 1.00** President Bartha called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.  
Roll call was taken with the following members present: President Anna Bartha, Director Kent Clawson, Director Dave Martin via audio, Director Mark Shook, and Director Dave Stark.
- 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.
- 3.00 Approval of Agenda**  
President Bartha requested a motion to approve the agenda.
- Director Clawson moved to approve the agenda. Director Stark seconded the motion.  
Vote: Bartha, aye; Clawson, aye; Martin, aye; Shook, aye; Stark, aye. Motion carried.
- 3.01 Executive Session: Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing 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 (b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. - Dealing with water damage.**
- President Bartha requested a motion to go into executive session – agenda item 3.01
- Director Stark moved to 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 24-6-402-(4) (e) of the Colorado Revised Statutes and to receive legal advice from our attorney, as authorized by section 24-6-402 (b) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. - Dealing with water damage. 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.
- The Board went into executive session at 5:36 p.m. with the following people present: President Bartha, Director Clawson, Director Martin via audio, Director Shook, Director Stark, Grant E. Schmidt, Superintendent, Jo Schaake, Finance Manager; Marian Nall, Director of Facilities; Paul McCarty, Chief Operations Officer; Jim Walsh, Construction Manager; Henry Reitwiesner, Director of Planning and Construction, Donald Harvey Jr. from Atkinson-Noland & Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers, and , Loretta Branham recording secretary. Sally Berg, from Caplan and Earnest came into the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Dave Martin left the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

President Bartha requested a motion to return to regular session.

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

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

The Board returned to regular session at 7:15 p.m.

By consensus the Board took a break at 7:15 p.m. coming back into regular session at 7:30 p.m.

#### **4.00 Consent Agenda - None**

#### **5.00 Board/Superintendent Update**

Director Dave Stark stated that he is pleased to see the progress that is being made putting resources in the classrooms; the administration has identified classes that are over crowded and he is looking forward to seeing information regarding classes that have the potential of becoming over crowded later in the year. He wants to make sure that these areas are identified and would like to see the opportunity taken to identify unnecessary operational costs; one instance is transporting children away from schools that they are within walking distance to.

Director Mark Shook reported on the many activities in the district that he had been involved in during his first two weeks as a board member.

Director Bartha and Director Martin took part in the 5K run that was sponsored by Sand Creek High School, Horizon Middle School and Remington Elementary School; it was a wonderful community event. She also encouraged parents and high school age students to attend "Rachel's Challenge"; a program that will be presented September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Falcon High School.

Superintendent Grant Schmidt reported on the Community Chats that he has had at Skyview Middle School, Falcon High School and will be having at Horizon Middle School. These chats are an opportunity for him to get to visit with the community; there will be other such meetings scheduled throughout the year. He released the first superintendent intranet presentation to staff; his plan is for this to be a month activity. The Executive Cabinet has looked at all the sites in the district to determine building space and student needs. At this time the current needs have been met and they are now looking at projections for the remainder of the year. He recognized Nora Coile a teacher from Odyssey Elementary; she has had lesson plans accepted for publication by Teachers First.com. Eric Russell is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher also from Odyssey Elementary; he has been recognized as the Air Force Association, Colorado Teacher of the Year.

#### **6.00 Open Forum**

There were no speakers listed with comments regarding the items on the agenda for this special Board of Education meeting.

#### **7.00 Action Items**

##### **7.01 Approval of Amendments – CBS Constructors C.O. #2 for extension of Grandstands and Press Box delivery date at Falcon High School**

Jim Walsh – construction manager presenting:

On April 28, 2008 the Board of Education approved CBS Constructors to provide grandstands at Falcon High School. The base bid required installation on/prior to August 1, 2008. Subsequent to this agreement the Vendor, CBS Constructors, Inc.; experienced delays in receipt of materials required for construction. CBS has provided in good faith, at no charge to the district, approximately 550 temporary seats in the mean time; and is continuing best efforts to complete the installation before the start of the Varsity Football season on September 5, 2008. The Vendor has requested an extension of delivery date to September 19, 2008.

President Bartha requested a motion to approve action item 7.01

Director Clawson moved to approve an Amendment to the CBS Constructors for Falcon High School press extension of contract date to September 19, 2008. Director Stark seconded the motion.

September 5<sup>th</sup> is the first football game for Falcon High School; at this time temporary bleachers are scheduled to be in place for that game. Permanent bleachers are scheduled to be in place by the second game.

Superintendent Schmidt reported that students, staff and community are excited to see the stadium coming together at the new high school site.

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

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

## **8.00 Informational Items**

### **8.01 2007-2008 Summary of District Performance**

Eric Paugh, Chief Academic Officer and the Learning Services Department presenting:  
Eric Paugh read the recognition that Mr. Eric Russell received for the record.

#### **Congressional Record Proceedings and Debates of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, Second Session House of Representatives**

RECOGNIZING MR. ERIK RUSSELL AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2008 COLORADO AEROSPACE EDUCATION FOUNDATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD. Honorable Doug Lamborn of Colorado in the House of Representatives. Tuesday, July 29, 2008. Mr. Lamborn, Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the ongoing career of Mr. Erik Russell as recognized for the 2008 Colorado Aerospace Education Foundation Teacher of the Year Award. His commitment to education in the area of Science, Technology and Mathematics, (STEM) has made a tremendous impact on the 4<sup>th</sup> graders that he teaches at Odyssey Elementary School in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

As the program director for the Engineering is Elementary Program, Mr. Russell set the standard for future STEM educators. Mr. Russell's dedication to STEM education has garnered more than \$10,000 in grants and donations. From rocketry to Lego robotics and weightless flights to symposiums, his work to bring innovative ideas and real world applications to the classroom clearly ranks him among the best in the education profession.

Mr. Russell's work extends beyond the classroom to the local military, the aerospace industry, and the Air Force Association. His noteworthy accomplishments have also been recognized by the Wall Street Journal. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Eric Russell. I applaud his selfless dedication to students and to the future of STEM education.

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA In honor of Odyssey Elementary school teacher Mr. Eric Russell and is dedicated to his 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students who strive to excel in the studies of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This is to certify that the accompanying flag was flown over the United States Capitol on July 18, 2008, at the request of the Honorable Doug Lamborn, Member of Congress.

Pam Weir, Principal of Odyssey Elementary was also recognized for her support to her staff and students.

Eric Paugh introduced all of the Learning Services Department presenters; their goal is to lead all staff to Achieve, Collaborate, Think, Inspire, seek Opportunities and Nurture students for student success ACTION.

Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) tests are given to all Colorado students in grades third through tenth in order to assess knowledge of grade level standards. At third grade, students are assessed in Reading (one standard only), Writing, and Math. In grades fourth through tenth, students are assessed in Reading, Writing, and Math. Science standards are assessed in grades

fifth, eighth, and tenth. These tests are given in the spring of each year and the presentation covered the 2007-2008 school year. Additional data will include Advanced Placement, ACT, and Scantron assessments.

The Learning Services Department summarized district scores by grade level and content from a variety of assessments CSAP, Scantron, ACT and Advanced Placement (AP) Data, Focus Schools, Career Academies, Special Populations, Response to Instruction (RTI) and Celebrating Successes. As the Learning Services Department looked at these scores critically, they shared approaches that school leaders will be using to continue to increase student achievement within the district.

By consensus the board took a break at 10:07 p.m. coming back into session at 10:25 p.m.

## **9.00 Discussion Items**

### **9.01 Revision Proposal of Policy IGF- Curriculum Review**

Eric Paugh, Chief Academic Officer presented for Dr. John M. Weishaar, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment:

The District Curriculum Planning Council has developed a curriculum and textbook adoption chart which cycles every six years. Policy IGF indicates that the curriculum is reviewed every five years. This proposal is to adjust Policy IGF from a five year review to a six year review in order to align with the textbook adoption cycle.

The direction from the Board is to move Policy IGF forward. The regulation to this policy is in the process of being revised.

### **9.02 Revision of Board of Education Policy BE/BEA/BEB School Board Meetings/Regular Meetings/Special Meetings**

Mark Shook Board of Education Director presenting:

Due to technological advances and changes in the modern workplace, it now is feasible and increasingly necessary to adapt the conduct of School Board Meetings to include the use of electronic communications as an acceptable means of conducting public business. It therefore is recommended that the Board adopt a revision to its meetings policies to set forth the manner in which meetings by electronic communications may and may not be permitted.

Revision of Policy BE/BEA/BEB will promote the district's commitment to ensuring that all public business is conducted in a manner which affords full access and participation both to Directors and to the public.

Better align District Policy BE/BEA/BEB with state and federal statutes and to clarify any proscriptions against participation through the use of electronic communications.

Will provide a clear district definition of electronic communications.

Will clearly establish rules for conduct of meetings using electronic communications.

Forward thinking policy revision will permit District to adapt to future technological advances including the possibility of conducting meetings entirely by electronic communications.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the number of people that would need to be present at the meeting site. There are several items that could be addressed by a regulation for this policy including how many directors need to be physically present at the meeting site, whether a director attending via electronic means would be able to vote along with how many meetings a director can attend electronically.

The policy states that the meeting chairman must be present in person at the properly published meeting site.

Superintendent Schmidt would encourage that it be under extenuating circumstances that a director would have the opportunity to attend the meeting via electronic means. He does not believe that there would be community support to have several board members in attendance via

electronic means at the same time. Director Bartha agreed with this and that a quorum needs to be physically present; it is a disservice to the district and the community to not at least have a quorum present.

The direction from the Board is to move Policy BE/BEA/BEB forward.

**10:00 Open Forum**

Elaine Olsen, teacher at Sand Creek High School, expressed her appreciation to the Learning Services Department; they have made quality skills available to the staff of this district and their work to assist the staff at all levels in our education system.

**11:00 Other Business**

President Bartha asked if there was any other business; hearing none she requested a motion to adjourn.

**12.00 Adjournment**

President Bartha requested a motion to adjourn.

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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Anna Bartha, Board President

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Kent Clawson, Board Secretary