

**CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – MARCH 4, 2008**

Members Present: Mike Apker, Gerald Barber, Leif Berg, Patricia Florez, Kay Markus, Orlando Terrones, and Jeri Urban

Also Present: John McCleary, Lisa Bauer, Jim Trainor, Pam Arbuthnot, Rhonda Bohlander, Becky Ball, Theresa Hartley, Vicki Powell, Sheila Baker, Betty Rogers, Bonnie Ramos, Cindy Karle, Bill O’Hare, Ginger Haskel, Cody Swartz, and Jayde Ashida

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by President Apker.
2. Pledge of Allegiance	All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Audience	Bonnie Ramos representative of the Crowley County Concerned Citizens addressed the board on issue of mutual respect. Mr. McCleary addressed several issues that were in the letter the Board and Administration received from the Concerned Citizen Committee. Some of the issues discussed included a parent handbook, professional development for teachers, orientations for students and hard copies of the Board Policy Manual. The Board thanked the committee for their ideas and assured and directed administration to look into possible implementation. The district will be having meetings later this spring to get input from parents on ways to improve Crowley County School District.
4. Additions/Corrections	Motion by Markus to add 12.4 Resignation second by Berg. All votes aye. Motion carried.
5. Minutes	Motion by Florez to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting as presented second by Terrones. All votes aye. Motion carried.
6. Business & Finance	A clarification was made on the new check signing policy that original signatures are not required on the checks over \$1,000 for on going or reoccurring bills such as utilities and Insurance.
7. Purchases Requiring Board Approval	John McCleary recommended the board approve the purchase of 2 RCB II plus babies for use in the Life Skills Class. Motion by Barber second by Terrones to approve the purchase of the 2 babies for Life Skill Class in the amount of \$1,806. All votes aye. Motion carried.
7.1 Vocational Purchase for Life Skills Class	
7.2 Basketball Uniform Purchase	John McCleary recommended the board approve the purchase of men’s basketball uniforms and shooting shirts as presented. Motion by Barber second by Berg to purchase the men’s basketball uniforms and shooting shirts as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.
7.3 Capital Reserve Expenditure Approval	John McCleary recommended the board purchase a bus from American Bus Sales. We will pay a down payment in the amount of \$30,000 now and then pay the balance of \$36,900 in July when we go pickup the bus.
8. Communications	A letter and petition was received from Crowley County Concerned Citizens. A thank you was received from Cheryl Mason thanking the board for the Chamber Bucks.
9. Principal Reports	Discipline is improving. CSAP Testing will take place the week of March 10-13 th
Crowley County High School: Mrs. Bauer	Recognition: The band for a job well done at the concert on February 28 th . The winter sports athletes for a job well done. Sam Davis and Philip Mayhoffer for being chosen by the leadership class to represent CCHS at the state capital to talk to legislatures about education reform. Congratulations to the following students on the Bookmark Contest: Grand Prize: Sandra Steel, Runner-Up Diamond Barbee, Akira Vaughn,

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and David White
Student count is up one from last month 147

Ward Middle School: Mr. Trainor
The locks have been installed in all classroom doors. CSAP testing will start right after spring break and will last two weeks. We will have SynerVoice training on Wednesday.

Recognition:
Theresa Hartley for the great job with the bookmark contest. Also congratulations to the follow student who won the bookmark contest: 1st Brianna Honnebein, 2nd Amanda Iler, and 3rd Roxanne Delatorres.
Student count increased by one from last month 120

Crowley County Elementary: Mrs. Arbuthnot.
Recognition:
The following students were the winners in the Bookmark Contest: Overall winner Shyin Pollard, Honorable Mention winners Ben Garcia, Jessica Honnebein, and Ann Brewer.

Thank the following teachers for demonstrating the Student Intervention Process for Ed Steinberg , the Assistant Commissioner to the Colorado Department of Education. Deanna Brewer, Chelie Hudson, Kim Robinette, Linda Jackson, Karen Reese, Kathy Marsh, Donna Cannon, Marybeth Puffer and Pam Arbuthnot.

Elementary Teachers have come up with a Standards-based report card that will be brought to the April meeting for approval.

Third grade has completed the reading portion of the CSAP tests
K-2 Music Program will be March 13th at 6:30 p.m.

10. Superintendent’s Report
Mr. McCleary reported that discussion was held during the work session on On-Line Education. He wanted everyone to know that in pursuing this option we want a rigorous and structured program and we want the students to receive a quality education with vocational connections. More discussion on this will be presented at a later meeting.

Mr. McCleary also discussed an independent audit company that would come into the district to assess overall efficiency for the district in terms of operations.

11. Old Business
11.1 Reports;
SCORE
None

SCBOCES
None

11.2 Eligibility Policy
Survey Results
After looking over the survey results. John McCleary made a recommendation that we go with a no pass no play policy. It was the consensus of the board to go with this recommendation. A policy will be worked up and brought back to the board at a later date.

12. New Business
12.1 Request for State
FBLA
Vicki Powell is requesting the district pay the lodging and registration fee for six people (4 students and 2 sponsors) to attend the State FBLA Conference at the cost of \$1,614.00. Motion by Florez and second by Terrones to approve the FBLA overnight and pay the lodging and registration expenses. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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12.2 FFA Farm Project Update	Becky Ball went over the proposed FFA Farm Project with the board and administration. Discussion was held concerning a list of duties and who would be responsible for them and the security of animals. A motion by Barber and second by Terrones to approve Phase I of the proposed project pending receiving a written copy of the variance from the city. All voted aye. Motion carried.
12.3 State Science Fair Request	John McCleary recommended the board approve the cost of the overnight trip for two middle school students to attend the State Science Fair. Motion by Terrones and second by Urban to approve the State Science Fair trip in the amount of \$613.00. All votes aye. Motion carried.
12.4 Resignation	Motion by Terrones and second by Urban to accept the resignation from Randall Reeves for Head Football and Asst. Basketball coaching. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Personnel: Executive Session CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) Principal Contracts	At 8:45 P.M. motion by Terrones and second by Berg to go into executive session with Mr. McCleary present. All votes aye. Motion carried. At 8:49 back into regular session Mr. McCleary recommended the board approve a contract for Mrs. Pam Arbuthnot Elementary Principal for the 2008-2009 school year with salary and benefits to be determined. Motion by Terrones and second by Markus to approve an Elementary Principal contract for 2008-2009 school year for Pam Arbuthnot. All votes aye. Motion carried. Mr. McCleary recommended the board approve a contract for Mr. Jim Trainor Middle School Principal for the 2008-2009 school year with salary and benefits to be determined. Motion by Barber and second by Terrones to approve a Middle School Principal contract for 2008-2009 school year for Jim Trainor. All votes aye. Motion carried. Mr. McCleary recommended the board approve a contract for Mrs. Lisa Bauer High School Principal for the 2008-2009 school year with salary and benefits to be determined. Motion by Terrones and second by Markus to approve a High School Principal contract for 2008-2009 school year for Lisa Bauer. All votes aye. Motion carried.
13. Future Board Agenda Items	Motion by Berg and second by Terrones to change the next board meeting date to March 24, 2008 instead of March 11, 2008. All votes aye. Motion carried.

Next Board meeting will be March 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Work session starts at 6:15 p.m.

Michael F. Apker, President

Jeryl Urban, Secretary