

**CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J  
MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – May 20, 2008**

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

**Members Absent: Orlando Terrones**

**Also Present: John McCleary, Lisa Bauer, Jim Trainor, Pam Arbuthnot, Rhonda Bohlander, Vicki Powell, Becky Ball, Tad Banker, Rich Sumpter, Daneen Jostes, Gundy Allumbaugh, Karen Gleason, Kim Robinette, and Shaylee Robinette.**

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	<p>Shaylee Robinette was recognized for her accomplishments at the state track meet. Mr. Apker told Shaylee how proud the district was of her for her eleven state championships. He said she was an outstanding athlete, a great student and a wonderful person and thanked her for being such a great roll model for all students. He also thanked her coaches Mr. Sumpter and Mr. Banker for all their efforts and her parents for all of their support.</p> <p>Mrs. Allumbaugh and Mrs. Gleason’s fourth grade students wrote short stories with illustrations and had their books published. Jacob Bauer, Wendy Buford, Taylor Berg, Kori Beth Hudson, Chelsea Powell and Jessica Honebein read their stories for the board. Both teachers stated they were very proud of the students and the work they put into their writing. They also thanked Mrs. Arbuthnot for being supportive of this project and helping to find the funds to have the books published.</p>
3.1 FCCLA Presentation	Anthony Ferraro and Maura Jostes presented an overview of the 2007-2008 FCCLA year. The FCCLA members have participated in many community service projects, held fundraisers, and participated in several state and local meeting. One of their goals they accomplished was to increase membership. They have made the projects fun for everyone who is involved.
4. Additions/Corrections	12.7 Action on Asbestos Loan Renewal. Motion by Mr. Barber second by Mrs. Florez to approve the addition. All votes aye. Motion carried.
5. Minutes	Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Mrs. Urban to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2008 meeting as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.
5.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2008	
6. Business & Finance	Motion by Mrs. Markus second by Mr. Barber to approve the bills paid on May 20, 2008. All voted aye. Motion carried.
6.1 Approval of May 20, 2008 Bills	
6.2 Approval of payment for fire hours with hard check	Motion by Mr. Barber second by Mrs. Florez to approve the fire hour’s payment in the form of a hard check instead of direct deposit. All voted aye. Motion carried.
7. Purchases Requiring Board Approval	None
8. Communications	Gail Anderson and Cheryl Mason sent a thank you for the breakfast and goodies they received during staff appreciation week. A thank you was received from Sheila Thruston thanking the school for the plant she received when her mother passed away. A card was received from Carol

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Noll letting Mr. McCleary know that she was thinking of the school after the fire and if she could help in any way to let her know.

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9. Principal Reports  
Crowley County High  
School: Mrs. Bauer

Recognition:  
Newly elected FFA officers for 2008-2009:  
President – Cody Schwartz  
Vice-President – Quenton Sprosty  
Secretary/Treasurer – Angel Vowels  
Reporter – Nicole Turner  
Sentinel – Tate Fellhauer  
Executive Committee – James Rook  
District Officer – Jayde Ashida  
Students of the month:  
March - Ethan Gruntorad, Dianna Plawski  
April – Brandon Reeves, Patricia Blue  
Congratulations to the HS band and choir for a job well done at the spring concert.  
Congratulations to A. J. Allumbaugh for winning the Crowley County Heritage Society speech contest.  
Student count 139

Ward Middle School: Mr.  
Trainor

Recognition:  
Congratulations to Mrs. Wise for a successful performance by her middle school drama class.  
Thanks to all staff for help with field trips.  
RIF writing contest winners:  
1<sup>st</sup> – Becka Urban  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Brianna Honebein  
6<sup>th</sup> grade HM – Cora Baker  
7<sup>th</sup> grade HM – Sammie O’Leary  
8<sup>th</sup> grade HM – Chelsea Cannon  
There will be a dance at the middle school on Wednesday night.  
Student count 123

Crowley County Elementary:  
Mrs. Arbuthnot

Recognition:  
Sariah Berg for organizing the Junglemobile  
High School EPYCS team and WMS Student Council for presenting lessons during the Junglemobile.  
Larry Reeves for helping organize visits from the fire department, EMS team, Sheriff’s Department, Flight for Life, and the Crowley County Rescue truck. St. Mary Corwin for the bicycle helmets.  
Students from Swink School collected change for the students affected by the Ordway fire. They presented Mrs. Arbuthnot with a check in the amount of \$1,680.00. Mrs. Arbuthnot wants everyone to know how much the school appreciated their thoughtfulness.  
Student count is 224

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10. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. McCleary reported:

1. The students in Computer Presentation Graphics class Vicki Powell, and Gail Anderson have put out a newsletter that will be sent to all alumni.
2. We have been looking at a book binding machine which could be used to bind our own yearbook and several other projects. We are going to have a publications class that will be a vocational class so part of the expense would be reimbursable through CVA and

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some could be reimbursed through Carl Perkins. The total cost of the binding machine is \$6,100. More information will be presented at the June meeting.

3. CenturyTel was here today to give us a bid on a new phone system. The bid was for all phones in the district with updated lines and handlers. The total cost for the system would be \$26,740. We will be looking into a SOS Grant to help pay for this. More information will be brought back to the board after we find out more on the SOS Grant.
4. Capital Construction has approved adding the carpet for the high school hallway to contingency fund of the HVAC Grant. The grant should pay for 60% of the carpet. The district share should be around \$10,000. It was the consensus of the board to go ahead and get the carpet ordered for the high school hallway.
5. An addition to the summer maintenance list is clean up the grounds between the FFA farm and the maintenance shop.
6. Samantha Davis a junior at Crowley County High School scored a 36 on her ACT test.

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11. Old Business

11.1 Reports;

SCORE None

SCBOCES

They discussed the end of year revenue and expenditures and the budgeting process. Valerie Young is the new Special Education Director. They are conducting interviews for a school psychologist to take Valerie Young's place.

11.2 FFA Request

Becky Ball came to the board to request funding to cover the motel rooms for the FFA State Convention in Fort Collins in the amount of \$984. The FFA will be having a car wash/ burrito sale fundraiser on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Wal-Mart. On May 31<sup>st</sup> they will sell a calf at the Fowler Livestock Sale Barn. Ms Ball told the students they would possibly need to pay for part of their own meal for the convention. The money earned at the fundraisers will go to pay the balance of the State expenses and then to purchase supplies for the school farm.

Mr. Barber stated that he felt the students need to attend the State Convention as a reward for all their hard work through out the year. Motion by Mr. Berg second by Mrs. Urban to approve the administrations recommendation to fund the motel rooms in the amount of \$984. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. McCleary congratulated Ms. Ball on the FFA banquet he thought it went very well. He asked her to convey to the students that they did a great job. Our FFA chapter was in the top 15% for financial soundness and community service projects.

Discussion was held on getting guideline set up on which type of activities the district would help pays for as far as travel costs. This will be discussed at the budget workshop to be held in June.

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12. New Business

12.1 Renewal on CSDIP  
Rates

Motion by Mrs. Florez and second by Mr. Barber to approve the 2008-2009 renewal for our insurance with Colorado School District Insurance Pool. The renewal rate is \$30,815 which is down \$3,351 from last year. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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12.2 Change Meeting Dates for June	Mr. McCleary asked to have the June 24 <sup>th</sup> meeting changed to June 23 <sup>rd</sup> as he will be attending the TIE Conference on the 24 <sup>th</sup> . Motion by Mrs. Urban second by Mr. Berg to approve the date change to Monday June 23 <sup>rd</sup> . All voted aye. Motion carried.
12.3 Set public hearing date for budget	Mr. McCleary suggested we have a budget work session on June 12 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. A Public Hearing Meeting on June 19 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. and then adopt the budget at the Regular Board Meeting on June 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Motion by Mr. Berg second by Mrs. Urban to approve Mr. McCleary's recommendations on the above mentioned meeting dates. All voted aye. Motion carried.
12.4 Set HB1118 Community Meeting Dates	Mr. McCleary recommended that we set three meeting dates to meet the guideline of HB1118 which allows district to develop their own high school graduation requirements, but they must meet or exceed any minimum standards set by the state. The districts must have input from meetings with the community as to graduation requirements for students. We will incorporate this meeting with the meetings with Concerned Citizens of Crowley County. The meetings will be held on May 29 <sup>th</sup> in Ordway, June 11 <sup>th</sup> in Olney Springs and June 18 <sup>th</sup> in Sugar City. All meetings will be held at 7:00. Meeting locations and times will published in the local news paper. Motion by Mrs. Florez second by Mr. Berg to approve the above mentioned dates for the meetings. All voted aye. Motion carried
12.5 Personnel: CRS 24-6-402(4) (f)	At 8:45 P.M. Mrs. Markus made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Mr. Berg seconds the motion. All voted aye. Motion Carried.  Back into Regular session at 9:35 P.M.
Resignation:	Motion by Mr. Barber and second by Mrs. Florez to accept the resignation from Jennifer Gray as Middle School Science effective May 23 <sup>rd</sup> . All voted aye. Motion carried.
Hiring HS English Teacher	Mr. Barber was exempted from the vote on HS English Teacher because of a conflict of interest. Mr. McCleary recommended Annette Barber be hired as the High School English teacher. Step 18 BA. BA + will be decided once transcripts are received. Motion by Mr. Berg second by Mrs. Urban to approve Mr. McCleary's recommendation to hire Annette Barber. Mr. Barber abstained all other voted aye. Motion carried.
Cheerleading Coaches	Mr. Barber was exempted from the vote on Cheerleading Coaches because of a conflict of interest Mr. McCleary made a motion to hire Annette Barber and Rachel Martinez as co-cheerleading sponsors. Motion by Mrs. Florez second by Mr. Berg to approve Mr. McCleary's recommendation to hire Annette Barber and Rachel Martinez as Co-Cheerleading Coaches. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Head Football Coach	Mr. McCleary recommended Greg Wise for head high school football. (Step 10) Motion by Mrs. Urban second by Mr. Barber to approve Mr. McCleary's recommendation to hire Greg Wise for head high school football. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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Assistant Football Coach	Mr. McCleary recommended Randy Haynes for assistant high school football. (Step9) Motion by Mr. Barber second by Mrs. Urban to approve Mr. McCleary's recommendation to hire Randy Haynes for assistant high school football. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Drama Club Sponsor	Mr. McCleary recommended Amy Hobbs for Drama Club Sponsor. Motion by Mr. Barber second by Mrs. Flores to approve Mr. McCleary's recommendation to hire Amy Hobbs for drama club sponsor. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Athletic Director	Mr. McCleary recommended hiring Daryl Geringer for the High School Athletic Director position. Motion by Mrs. Markus second by Mr. Berg to approve Mr. McCleary's recommendation and hire Daryl Geringer for High School AD. All voted aye. Motion carried.
Substitute Teacher	Mr. McCleary recommended adding Larry Siegfried to our sub teacher list. Motion by Mr. Berg second by Mrs. Urban to add Larry Siegfried to the approved sub teacher list. All voted aye. Motion carried.
12.6 Approval of Extra Duty Positions	Mr. McCleary recommended the following extra duty positions for the 2008-2009 school year: Library Dept Chair – Dana Gibson Counseling Dept Chair – Gail Anderson FTA – Gail Anderson NHS – Gail Anderson EPSCY – Gail Anderson HS K-Bowl – Cassie Gray Elem Head Teacher – Deanna Brewer Summer Band – Kevin Beaber Fine Arts Dept Chair – Kevin Beaber HS Student Council – Kevin Beaber Instrumental Music – Kevin Beaber Voc/Tech Prep – Marilyn Hagans Contract Labor HS FCCLA – Daneen Jostes Publications – Becky Ball MS Head Teacher – Jody Smith FFA – Becky Ball MS Student Council Sponsor – Ryan Boyd SS Dept Chair – Duane Grasmick Senior Class Sponsor – Becky Ball Junior Class Sponsor – Deborah Cruz Sophomore Class Sponsor – Cassie Gray Science Club – Lindsay Walter Art Club – Tim Goettle Elementary Music – Kelly Wise FBLA – Vicki Powell Business Chair – Vicki Powell HS Head Teacher – Vicki Powell Data Entry – Vicki Powell Math Dept Chair – Cheryl Reeves Destination Imagination / GT – Donna Cannon/Mary Beth Puffer split HS Head Volleyball – Amber Eliot HS Asst. Volleyball – Misty Eliot HS Head Wrestling – Jeff Rusher HS Head Boy's Basketball – Duane Grasmick

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HS Head Girl's Basketball – Amber Eliot  
MS Wrestling – Jeff Rusher  
MS Volleyball – Ryan Boyd  
MS Volleyball – Tracy Eagan  
MS Boy's Basketball – Bret Rusher  
MS Boy's Basketball – Lucky Ashida  
MS Girl's Basketball – Bret Rusher  
MS Girl's Basketball – Tracy Eagan  
MS Track – Greg Wise

Motion by Mrs. Markus second by Mrs. Urban to approve Mr. McCleary's recommendations as listed above for the 2008-2009 extra duty positions. All votes aye. Motion carried.

12.7 Asbestos Loan Renewal  
First National Bank.

It was suggested that we break apart one of our CD's to use as collateral to cover the asbestos loan. By doing this our interest on the loan would be 3% and we would be able to reinvest the CD used for collateral at 1% making our interest paid only 2%  
Mr. Berg was exempted from this vote because of a conflict of interest.  
Motion by Mr. Barber and second by Mrs. Flores to break apart one of our CD's to use as collateral to cover the asbestos loan. Mr. Berg abstained all others voted aye. Motion carried.

13. Board Comment

Mr. McCleary shared with the board a letter that was received from our auditing firm Dixon and Waller. The letter was just letting the board know that there are concerns with our internal control. All small districts have the same issue and they understand that we do not have the funds to hire more people in the central office to correct the issue. This letter is to make the board aware of the problem but is not expected to be corrected.

Mr. Barber thanked all Principals for a great year. He stated that he appreciated their teamwork and efficiency in helping run the district.

14. Adjournment

At 10:00 P.M. the meeting was adjourned

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Next Board meeting will be June 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Work starts at 6:15.

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Michael F. Apker, President

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Jeryl Urban, Secretary