

**CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J  
MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2008**

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

**Members Absent:**

**Also Present: Mrs. Bohlander**

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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	None
4. Additions/Corrections	Motion by Mr. Terrones and second by Mr. Barber to approve the agenda with the following additions. 12.6 Hiring Special Education Para. All votes aye. Motion carried
5. Minutes 5.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2008	Motion by Mrs. Florez and second by Mr. Terrones to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2008 meeting as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.
6. Business & Finance	Motion by Mr. Barber and second by Mr. Terrones to approve the bills as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried. The board and administration reviewed the High School activity fund report and the November revenue and expense reports. The board was given a breakdown on the Auditorium Project to date we have expended \$114,411.00 and collected donations of \$112,817.00. Total district dollars put into this project is less the \$1,600.
7. Purchases Requiring Board Approval	None.
8. Communications	Mr. McCleary gave the board a copy of the article that was published in The Pueblo Chieftain on December 9 <sup>th</sup> recognizing Crowley County High School as making the bronze list in the U.S. News & World Report's ranking of U.S. high schools.
9. Principal Reports Crowley County High School: Mrs. Bauer	149 students in grades 9-12. Recognition: The six high school girls who got up in front of a crowd to sing at the Choir Concert on the 9 <sup>th</sup> . Thanks to everyone who took an ornament off of the tree at The First National Bank of Ordway to support needy kids through the CSO gift give-away. The gifts were delivered on December 16 <sup>th</sup> .
Ward Middle School: Mr. Trainor	112 students in grades 6-8. Recognition: Thanks to Eugene Franklin for all of his hard work to keep things running smoothly during the transition we have had with our maintenance staff.
Crowley County Elementary: Mrs. Arbuthnot	211 student count in K-5. Thanks to Melissa Buhr for her hard work in making the Secret Santa Shop a success. We raised \$770.78 for the RIF book distribution.

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10. Superintendent’s Report      Mr. McCleary reported:

1. They are ready to start installing the insulation in the high school attic.
2. Heat at the Elementary was shut off for a short time last week. They called the gas company because of a suspected gas smell and the gas company shut off the gas and filled the lines with air to check things out. When they turned the gas back on we had a few problems keeping the older heating systems running because of the air in the lines. Everything is fine now and all heaters are running properly.
3. We have received a grant from Family Preservation to hire a part-time tutor for our students who are ineligible and also for our On-Line Academy students. This grant can cover expenses for transportation cost to meet with On-Line Academy students in their homes weekly for tutoring and for transporting On-Line students to receive other services they need.
4. The windows above the doors are in at the high school and they look great. With this accomplished the HVAC Project with EMC is complete.

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11. Old Business.

11.1 Reports;  
SCORE  
SCBOCES

None

Mr. Terrones gave a short report on the outcome of the BOCES meeting held last week where Florence School asked to be let out of the South Central BOCES. The BOCES board voted 12-1 to have them stay in the South Central BOCES due to the hard ship it would put on all of the other schools left to pick up their share of the expenses. Florence is going to take their request to leave the South Central BOCES to Colorado Department of Education and ask them to make a ruling. Mr. Apker thanked Mr. Terrones for representing our school very well on this issue.

11.2 Third Reading –Policy  
IJOC-School Volunteers

Motion by Mr. Terrones and second by Mrs. Urban to approve third and final reading on Policy IJOC-School Volunteers. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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1 2. New Business

12.1 Certification of Votes  
Cast from November Election

The following votes from the November 4, 2008, election were certified by the Crowley County Schools Board of Education:

Ballot Issue 3A (Mill Levy Increase)	
Lincoln County	Crowley County
Yes – 2	Yes - 693
No - 16	No - 721
Ballot Issue 3 B ( At-Large Directors)	
Lincoln County	Crowley County
Yes- 2	Yes -748
No – 15	No - 628

For the 2009 election we will have five At-Large seats open four seats for four year terms and one seat for a two year term.

12.2 Approval of 2 hour  
delay on 12-9-2008

Motion by Mr. Barber and second by Mr. Terrones to approve the two hour delay due to adverse weather on December 9<sup>th</sup>. All votes aye. Motion carried.

12.3 Adoption of District  
Goals

Motion by Mr. Terrones and second by Mrs. Urban to adopt the Crowley County School District Board Goals and Objectives as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried. (see attached list)

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- 12.4 Executive Session CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) Superintendent Evaluation      Item 12.6 was moved up before executive session was held.  
At 7:55 PM, Mr. Barber made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Superintendent Evaluation. Motion was seconded by Mr. Berg. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
  
The board went back into regular session at 9:12 PM
- 12.5 Approval of Superintendent Contract      Motion by Mr. Berg and Second by Mrs. Florez to offer Mr. McCleary a three year extension to his contract subject to annual renewal. The term of the contract extends from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2012 The contract amount will be \$85,000 and benefits same as the current year. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- 12.6 Hiring Part-Time Custodian      Mr. McCleary recommended Louis Varela for the part-time custodian on step 1. Motion by Mr. Barber second by Mrs. Florez to approve Mr. McCleary’s recommendation to hire Louis Varela for the part-time custodian and to place him on step 1. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Approval of Substitute Teacher      Mr. McCleary recommended adding Sandra Rusher to our sub teacher list. Motion by Mrs. Markus and second by Mr. Terrones to approve Mr. McCleary’s recommendation of adding Sandra Rusher to our sub teacher list. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Approval of Substitute cook/custodian      Mr. McCleary recommended adding Dionisia Suher to our sub cook/custodian list. Motion by Mr. Barber and second by Mr. Terrones to approve Mr. McCleary’s recommendation of adding Dionisia Suher to our sub cook/custodian list. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Approval of Elementary Para      Motion by Mr. Terrones and second by Mrs. Markus to accept the recommendation from the administration to hire Ortencia Garcia for the Elementary Para position. She will be placed on step one. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- Volunteer Middle School Coach      Mr. McCleary recommended approving Shana McSweeney as a volunteer Middle School Basketball Coach. Motion by Mrs. Florez and second by Mr. Terrones to approve Mr. McCleary’s recommendation to approve Shana McSweeney as a volunteer middle school coach. All voted aye. Motion carried.
13. Board Comment      None
14. Adjournment      The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.
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Next Board meeting will be January 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Work session starts at 6:15.

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Michael F. Apker, President

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Jeryl Urban, Secretary