

**CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J  
MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – MARCH 10, 2009**

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

**Members Absent: Kay Markus and Orlando Terrones**

**Also Present: Lisa Bauer, Pam Arbuthnot, Jim Trainor, Cassie Gray, and Rhonda Bohlander**

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. Barber and second by Mrs. Florez to approve the agenda with the following additions. 12.7 Resignation. All votes aye. Motion carried.
5. Minutes 5.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2009	Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Mrs. Urban to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.
6. Business & Finance	Motion by Mr. Barber and second by Mr. Berg to approve the bills as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried. The monthly financial reports and the mileage reports were reviewed by the board and administration. The lights at the baseball field were hit by lightning some time after baseball season last year. We contacted the insurance company and they are going to reopen the claim from when the phone systems were hit by lightning so we will not have to pay the deductible again.
7. Purchases Requiring Board Approval	None.
8. Communications	A thank you was received from Sara Stokes from Renaissance Learning for the purchase of the NEO 2's.
9. Principal Reports Crowley County High School: Mrs. Bauer	158 students in grades 9-12. Recognition: Congratulations to Mrs. Cothren-McCleary and her World History students for a job well done at History Day at the CSU-Pueblo campus. She took 17 students and the following students will be going to State competition at the University of Colorado on May 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Brad Graham, Kaityln Smith, Shianne Manalatos, Kristina Bandimere, Shannon Huz, Zuriko Llaca. Congratulations to the band, choir, and jazz band for a job well done at the concert on March 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Congratulations to the athletes from the winter sports season. Billy Gray was awarded the outstanding sportsmanship award at the State Wrestling tournament this award is given by the Wrestling Officials. We will be taking the seniors on college visits when everyone else is taking CSAP tests. We will be going to UCCS, CSU-P, PCC, and OJC.
Ward Middle School: Mr. Trainor	108 students in grades 6-8. Recognition: Thanks to Theresa Hartley and Kathy Beyer in the library for the help during parent teacher conferences.  Mr. Hobbs is starting a Math Mates group after school one day a week to provide more accomplished students with more challenging work.

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Parent Teacher conference were successful last week. We had 75% of our students represented. The sixth grade had 80% participation. We had the evacuation drill this week and we had all students loaded on the buses in 3 ½ minutes. We are going to be working on improving this time during the next drill.

Crowley County  
Elementary: Mrs.  
Arbuthnot

211 students in grades K-5.  
Recognition:  
The second grade students traveled to Fowler Elementary to perform their music program called “Character Counts”. I would like to congratulate the students, Mrs. Wise, Miss Eagen, Mrs. Book and Mrs. Hudson for a job well done on a fine performance.  
Third grade reading CSAP’s are finished. Thanks to Mrs. Rusher and Mrs. Buhr for getting the tests ready to mail.  
We have acquired new technology for our primary students through the TANF funds. Kindergarten and first grade student will strengthen literacy skills through the implementation of Leapfrog. Second grade students received Neo2’s we now have Neo2’s in grades 2-5. We are very grateful for the new technology at our school.  
Summer school will be held June 8-11 and June 15-18, July 7-10 and July 13-16, July 27-30 and August 3-6.  
We have a few glitches we need to work out on the evacuation drill but the teachers have met and we will be ready for the next drill.  
During the evaluations of the Elementary teachers I am very pleased to say the teachers are doing a great job and I am very pleased with the use of technology in the classroom. I appreciate working with a great staff.

10. Superintendent’s  
Report

Mr. McCleary reported:  
  
1. Eugene, Rick, and Jim Adams from Country Plumbing have received the HVAC training.  
2. I met with Blaine Arbuthnot on the baseball field maintenance contract. It was a three year contract beginning in 2008 with the amount to be reviewed annually. We decided the amount would not be increased at this time but we could revisit it again in the new fiscal year.  
3. Jim Trainor has done a good job on the filtration system building. They are about ready to start installing everything. Our people will be trained on the maintenance of the system.  
4. We are not sure at this time what we will be funded on with Erate but we should have that information by May.

11. Old Business.  
11.1 Reports;  
SCORE  
SCBOCES

None  
Mr. McCleary reported that CDE denied Florence’s request to leave the South Central BOCES and they will now appeal to the State Board of Education.

12. New Business  
12.1 Approval of Exit  
Interview Document

Mr. McCleary presented an Employee Exit Survey to the board. He would like to implement this survey as another way to get feedback about our school district. Motion by Mrs. Urban and second by Mr. Berg to approve adding this Employee Exit Survey to our employee handbook. All voted aye. Motion carried.

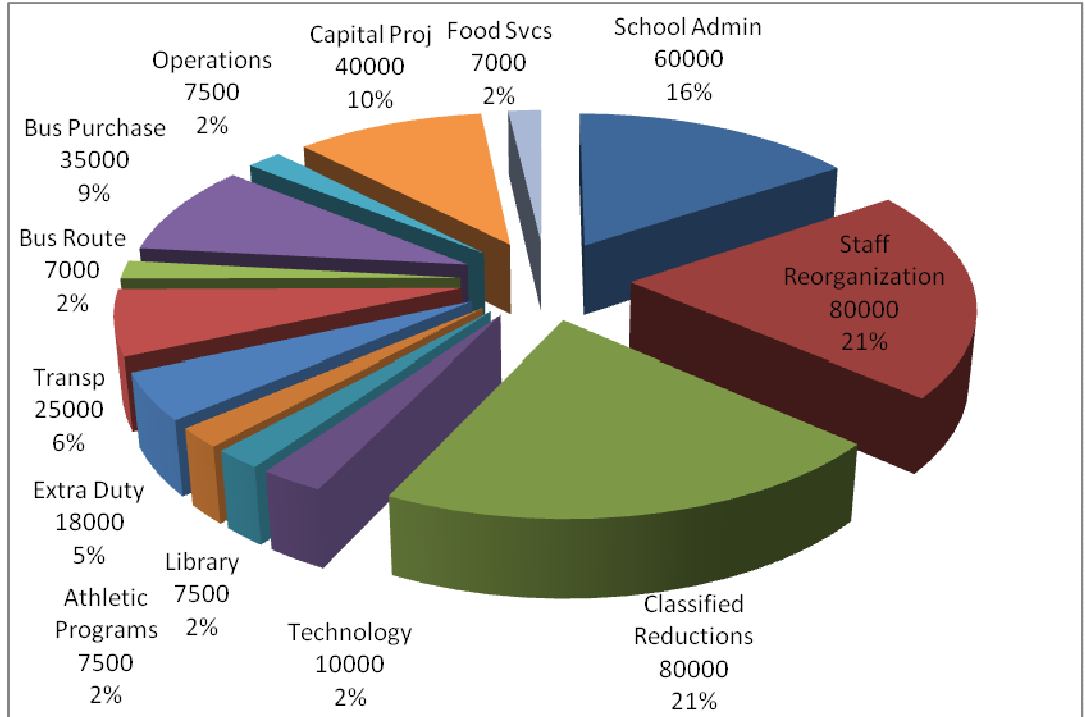
12.2 E-Rate  
Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Florez and second by Mr. Barber to approve the E-Rate Resolution that was sent to us by Kellogg and Sovereign. All voted aye. Motion carried

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12.3 Proposed 2009-2010 Budget – Discussion

Discussion was held on the proposed 2009-2010 budget during the work session. At the present time we are going to reduce spending by \$386,000. We will begin rolling out the cuts and discussing these cuts with the individuals involved. The district has prepared a position paper describing the cuts and the rationale behind them. The shrinking enrollment and the resulting loss of revenue is a major factor in the budget reallocations. The inability of the district to raise funds for transportation costs has a major impact in the new budget alignment. An example of the projected cuts is listed below:



12.4 LEAG/Why Try Program-Discussion

Mr. McCleary discussed the Latino Education and Achievement to Graduation program and the Why Try programs with the board. Both programs would focus on helping At-Risk students who have failed credit, struggling with grades, and/or have attendance issues. After discussing both programs our board felt the Why Try program would be more beneficial to our district. More information will be brought to the next meeting.

12.5 Summer Work Projects-Discussion

Our plans for summer projects will be very low grade. We are planning on doing maintenance and cleaning this summer. We do need to address the high school gym bleachers. We will have Shakespeare come and inspect the bleachers and give us a report on what they suggest we do with them.

12.6 Approval of Spring Volunteers

Motion by Mrs. Flores and second by Mr. Barber to approve Mr. McCleary’s recommendation to approve Seth Salzbrenner as a volunteer baseball coach. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Barber and second by Mrs. Urban to approve Mr. McCleary’s recommendation to approve Nathaniel Baca as a volunteer baseball coach. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Florez and second by Mrs. Urban to approve Mr. McCleary’s recommendation to approve Brogan Walters as a volunteer track coach. Mr. Barber voted nay. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

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12.7 Resignation

13. Future Board Agenda Items            Motion by Mrs. Urban and second by Mr. Berg to accept a resignation from Lori Gann as lunchroom cook effective March 5, 2009. All voted aye. Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Apker discussed the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Diploma program. The board has instructed the administration to continue to explore the possibility of our participation in this program with PCC representatives.

15. Board Evaluation and Review

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

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Next Board meeting will be April 7, 2009 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