

**CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J  
MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – APRIL 7, 2009**

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

**Members Absent:**

**Also Present: Lisa Bauer, Pam Arbuthnot, and Jim Trainor**

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 Mr. Berg to approve the agenda as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.
5. Minutes 5.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2009	Motion by Mr. Barber and second by Mr. Berg to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting as presented. All votes aye. Motion carried.
6. Business & Finance	None
7. Purchases Requiring Board Approval	None.
8. Communications	None
9. Principal Reports Crowley County High School: Mrs. Bauer	152 students in grades 9-12. Recognition: Thanks to the high school staff and students for their efforts during CSAP testing, ACT prep testing and college visits. The students worked hard to earn incentives and the seniors represented us well at UCCS, AFA, CSU-Pueblo, PCC and OJC. Jordan Hartley received a scholarship from the 2009 Otero Arts Festival held at OJC last week. The drama club will be presenting their play on April 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> .
Ward Middle School: Mr. Trainor	108 students in grades 6-8 Recognition: Thanks to Stephanie Rusher for her efforts to keep all of our CSAP testing organized and all of the WMS staff for keeping the test groups on task and running smooth. Several of Mrs. Williams' writing students received honors at the OJC Art Fair.
Crowley County Elementary: Mrs. Arbuthnot	212 students in grades K-5. Recognition: Congratulations to the staff and students for a job well done on the CSAP tests. Everyone took this test very seriously and tried their best. Also thanks to the cooks for preparing snacks for the students and Melissa Buhr for delivering those snacks.

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10. Superintendent's Report Mr. McCleary reported:

1. We will have our annual school board retreat on June 20 and Kathy Sullivan will be here to present it.
2. There will be a webinar held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon to discuss the stimulus money we will be receiving.
3. We submitted a letter to Michael Bennett concerning the regulations put on the stimulus money we will be receiving.
4. I will be on the committee helping to put together the summer CASB Conference.

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11. Old Business.

11.1 Reports;  
SCORE

None

SCBOCES

Florence is appealing Colorado Department of Education's decision to not let them out of the South Central BOCES. They are now asking the State School Board to override CDE's decision at their meeting on April 8th.

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12. New Business

12.1 Approve Early  
Dismissal on 3/26/2009

Motion by Mrs. Florez and second by Mr. Terrones to approve early dismissal of school on March 26, 2009 due to bad weather. All voted aye. Motion carried.

12.2 Approve 2009-2010  
School Calendar

Motion by Mr. Terrones and second by Mr. Barber to approve the 2009-2010 Calendar. All voted aye. Motion carried. The first teacher workday will be August 17<sup>th</sup> first day for students will be August 20<sup>th</sup> and the last day of school will be May 20<sup>th</sup>.

12.3 Executive Session CRS  
24-6-402 (4) (f)

At 8:26 p.m. Motion by Mr. Berg and Second by Mr. Terrones to go into executive session with Mr. McCleary Present to discuss personnel. All votes aye. Motion carried.

Back into regular session at 9:10 p.m.

12.4 Discussion of 2010  
Budget

The 2009-2010 budget was discussed. The declining student enrollment and resulting loss of revenue was discussed in regard to spending authorizations for the 2009/2010 budget. Staff and budget changes were discussed. President Apker requested the administration issue the position paper that details changes in spending priorities for the upcoming fiscal year be distributed to all staff after affected staff has been notified.

12.5 Out of District Student  
Requests

Mr. McCleary recommended approving out of district requests for Kevin Scott Vetere and Desirae Deweese. Motion by Mrs. Markus and second by Mr. Terrones to approve Mr. McCleary's recommendation to approve out of district requests for Kevin Vetere and Desirae Deweese. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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12.6 Discussion of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Diploma Program. Discussion was held concerning the benefits our students would have by allowing them to obtain an Associates of Arts degree or a Vocational Certificate while still attending high school. Board instructed Supt McCleary to proceed with the necessary steps for the implementation of this program including formalizing an agreement with PCC, revising graduation requirements, obtaining bids for student assessment software, establishing the required remediation steps and curriculum alignment. A community engagement meeting would be planned prior to the initial rollout in the fall of 2009.

13. Future Board Agenda Items None

14. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

15. Board Evaluation and Review None

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Next Board meeting will be April 21, 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