

CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J MINUTES – BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING –SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

Members Present: Carolyn Beckett, Leif Berg, Patricia Florez Daryl Geringer, William Gray and Jody O’Leary.

Members Absent: Orlando Terrones

Also Present: Scott Cuckow, Dawn Chavez, Lisa Bauer and Pam Arbuthnot

Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by President Patricia Florez.
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Pledge of Allegiance	All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
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Roll Call	Orlando Terrones was absent
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Audience	None
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Additions/Corrections of the Agenda	Motion by Ms. O’Leary and second by Mr. Geringer to add under 14.4 Hiring of Elementary Custodian and 14.5 Sponsorship for FFA Conference and CHSAA Leadership Conference. All voted aye. Motion carried.
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6. Approval of Agenda	Motion by Mr. Geringer and second by Mr. Gray to approve the agenda as amended. All voted aye. Motion carried.
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7. Minutes	Motion by Ms. Beckett and second by Ms. O’Leary to approve the minutes of the
7.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2012	September 4, 2012 regular meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

8. Business & Finance	
8.1 Approval of Bills and Payroll	Motion by Ms. Beckett and second by Mr. Gray to approve the current bills and September payroll as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

9. Purchases Requiring Board Approval	None
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10. Communications	None
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11. Principal Reports Crowley County High School: Mrs. Bauer	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Current enrollment for the High School is a total of 134 students.2. Eligibility-Two weeks ago the first list was pulled and there were no students on the ineligible list, last week six students were ineligible and this week there is nine ineligible students.3. A new procedure has been set in place this year for the students that have received a zero grade in a class, detention will be served and they must complete their assignment within the same week. Midterm Mentors meet with the students each Thursday.4. NWEA tests have started and the K-9 unit from the private prison has been in a few times.5. In-Service on September 14th was used to decide which students needed more intervention, worked on mapping courses to state regulations, training was completed on the updates in the new GoEdustar program, and the teachers received AR and STAR training.6. Band students will attend band day on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at CSU Pueblo. Desktop Publishing students will be walking around town soon to ask the local business for advertising sponsorship. There will be an FBLA conference on Tuesday, September 25, 2012. Three students will soon be competing in Matchwits.
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7. Explained the need for financial support to help send members to the FFA Conference in October 2012, in which our chapter will be recognized for its Three Star Ranking. Ms. Ball, a male sponsor and three students will be attending. The majority of the funds have been raised by the students already and they plan to continue their efforts. They are asking the board to help with approximately \$700 to cover the cost of gas. Also, a group of six students along with Mr. Beaber will be attending a CHSAA Leadership conference in October 2012 and are asking for the amount of \$552 to cover registration and hotel expenses for the students.
8. Ms. Florez asked Ms. Bauer to comment on the locker situation and the necessity of it. Mr. Bauer stated that with the laptops being discontinued, it has changed the dynamics of the situation as the students now have more books to carry.

Crowley County Elementary:
Mrs. Arbuthnot

1. Current enrollment is 198 students.
2. In-Service on September 14th was productive. Staff were trained on the new Renaissance STAR programs.
3. Progress Monitoring-more involved this year with the monitoring of the progress of all students. Students that are at a lower level are monitored at a weekly rate and the medium level students, every two weeks. Ms. Arbuthnot commented that with the new progress monitoring growth has already been seen.
4. Gifted and Talented – Ms. Arbuthnot attended a BOCES training on September 17th, discussions were focused on getting all the programs aligned properly. Ms. Cannon will again be working with the Destination Imagination students at the Middle School and Ms. Anderson will be helping with the Gifted and Talented students as well. Staff is working hard to help continue the growth of the students.
5. Ms. Wise, Ms. Martinez, and Ms. Walter will be attending training next week that will focus on teaching the students syllable skills and reading techniques.
6. The Kindergarten class will be traveling to Fowler next week to visit an apple orchard.
7. Ms. Arbuthnot expressed her thanks and gratitude to high school student, Kaleb Bandimere. He dresses in a Captain America suit and visits the Elementary every Thursday to lead the whole school in exercises. This gives the students a great incentive to be active. Mr. Cuckow encouraged them to continue with the activity and to use it especially during TCAP testing.
8. Ms. O’Leary wanted to thank Ms. Arbuthnot and the Elementary Teachers for their attendance and support at Ms. Lola Peters funeral.

12. Superintendent’s Report

1. Unified Improvement Planning – Started working on a UIP plan, an online tutorial is being utilized with a step-by-step plan to help with completion.
 2. District Accountability Committee – A meeting will be held on September 26, 2012 at 6:00 pm. Mr. Cuckow asked to spread the word and to encourage parents and community members to attend. A representative from CDE, Tina Gore, will be attending to help guide the committee on how to properly align the meetings.
 3. School Performance Framework – The Elementary and High School are in the green area and the Middle School is in yellow.
 4. Middle School-Flooding time period has been successful and the staff has worked hard to align the program to help all students to push and help them grow in their academic abilities. Recently, three students served three days of In School Suspension for truancy. The students were found in a field by the Crowley County Sheriff’s Department. Mr. Cuckow stated that there has been several students struggling in one class but the communication between himself, the teacher, parents and students has been maintained properly to help them improve and start to correct the problem. Mr. Cuckow also commented that the Friday In-Service was a good experience for the staff, time was utilized to allow the teachers to communicate and discuss several topics.
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13. Old Business. None

14. New Business

14.1 Approval of Substitute Aide, Cook, Secretary and Teacher Motion by Mr. Geringer and second by Mr. Gray to approve the Superintendents recommendation to approve Rebecca Griffin as a Substitute Aide, Cook, Secretary and Teacher. All voted aye. Motion carried.

14.2 Approval of Resolution for HVAC Lease. Motion by Mr. Geringer and second by Mr. Gray to approve the Lease-Purchase Re-Financing for HVAC Equipment as listed below. Four different lease options were presented to the board, and the decision to finance the lease for a total of \$475,000.00 will pay down approximately \$32,000 in principal this fiscal year will create a savings of approximately \$30,000 as well. Five members voted aye and Mr. Berg abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2
Fiscal Year 2012-2013

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE 1-J
AUTHORIZING COLORADO PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICT LEASE-PURCHASE RE-FINANCING
HVAC LEASE**

WHEREAS, Crowley County School District RE 1-J (“School District”) is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado and a duly organized and existing school district pursuant to Title 32, Colorado Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the School District is authorized to acquire, dispose of and encumber real and personal property, including without limitation rights and interest in property and leases necessary to the functions and operation of the School District; and

WHEREAS, THE Board of School District Commissioners (“Board”) of the School District hereby finds and determines that the execution of one or more Colorado Public School District lease-purchase agreements for the purpose of leasing with the option to refinance HVAC Lease in a principal amount not-to-exceed \$475,000.00 is appropriate and necessary to the function and operation of the School District; and

WHEREAS, First National Bank of Las Animas shall act as Lessor under said lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the School District as follows:

1. **Authority to Enter into Lease Purchase Financing.** The Board President is authorized to execute such contracts and supporting documents with First National Bank of Las Animas, in substantially the form set forth in the document presently before the School District Board, for the acquisition and lease-purchase financing of the Equipment, in a principal amount not-to-exceed \$475,000.00. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Lease are hereby authorized.

2. **Lease Subject to Annual Appropriation.** The School District’s obligations under the Lease shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the School District Board as set forth in each Lease and the School District’s obligations under the Lease shall not constitute general obligations of the School District or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State.

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3. **Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation.** The School District reasonably anticipates to issue not more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (other than “private activity bonds” which are not “qualified 501(c) (3) bonds”) during the fiscal year in which each such Lease is issued and hereby designates each Lease as a qualified tax-exempt obligation for purposes of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
 4. **Severability.** If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.
 5. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced immediately upon its approval by the Board of School District Commissioners.

ADOPTED by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ against, this 18th day of September, 2012.

BY: _____
Patricia Florez, Board President of Crowley County School District
RE 1-J

ATTEST:

By: _____
Daryl Geringer, Board Secretary of Crowley County School District
RE 1-J

14.3 Executive Session
CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)
Discussion of matters specific to particular employees, not general personnel policies. Does not include discussion of board members or appointments to the board.

Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Ms. Beckett to go into executive session at 8:06 p.m., under CRS 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss the hiring of the Elementary Custodian. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Back into regular session at 8:30 p.m

14.4 Personnel
Resignation:
Senior Class Sponsor

Motion by Ms. O’Leary and second by Ms. Beckett to accept the resignation of Senior Class Sponsor from Becky Ball. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Hiring:
Senior Class Sponsors

Motion by Mr. Geringer and second by Mr. Gray to approve the Administrations recommendation to approve Amy Margolies and Greg Wise as Senior Class Sponsors. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Elementary Custodian

Motion by Mr. Gray and second by Ms. Beckett to approve the Administration recommendation to hire Edu+-ardo Garcia as the Elementary Custodian. All voted aye. Motion carried.

14.5 Sponsorship

CHSAA Leadership Conference Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Mr. Geringer to approve the Superintendents recommendation to fund the students going to the CHSAA Leadership Conference in the amount of \$552 which will cover the cost of registration fees and hotel rooms. All voted aye. Motion carried.

FFA Conference Motion by Mr. Berg and second by Mr. Geringer to approve the Superintendents recommendation to pay up to \$700 to cover expenses for an FFA Conference in Indianapolis. All voted aye. Motion carried.

15. Future Board Agenda Items Mr. Berg requested an update on the energy savings from the solar panels.

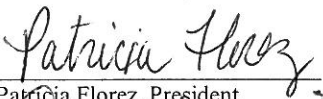
Mr. Geringer and Mr. Berg are working on raising funds to purchase a trailer to be used to haul extra bulk items which will be available for use by all departments.

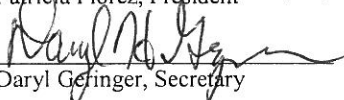
Vicki Powell is close to finishing the gym signs.

16. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

17. Board Evaluation and Review

Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Work Session 6:00 p.m


Patricia Florez, President


Daryl Geringer, Secretary