



BOARD WRAP-UP

Board of Education Meeting
April 13, 2009
Educational Administrative Office Board Room

1. **BUDGET WORK SESSION** at 5:30 p.m. – Mark Kube, Independent Insurance Broker from Cook & Associates, reviewed insurance bid process and options for health insurance plans with the Board.
2. **ROLL CALL** – regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. – Hansen, Jackson, Mills, Reeder
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **RECOGNITION** – High School Knowledge Bowl Regional Champions – Matt Fouracre, Zach Gregory, Robert Jones, Tim Malouff, Molly Nielsen, Kaysie Walter
Primary School Jump Rope for Heart – Top Three Competitors
James Reeder – 1st place; Drew Sims – 2nd place; Jill Wallace – 3rd place
Sharing of Intermediate School Students Writing Projects
The Board presented certificates of achievement and gifts to the students for their hard work and accomplishments.
5. **AUDIENCE - None**
6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - a. Approve the following personnel:
 - Resignation of Shawndra Jones as 2nd Grade Instructor at the Primary School
 - Resignation of Brandon Laird as 4th Grade Instructor at the Intermediate School
 - Resignation of Amber Kreft as Playground Aide at the Intermediate School
 - Michael Torrez and Ryan Denahy as Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach at High School for 2009 season
 - Lacey Ehrlich as Volunteer Assistant Tennis Coach at High School for 2009 season

ADDITION:
 - b. Resignation of Gwen Guadagnoli as Business Instructor at the High School
APPROVED AS PRESENTED WITH ADDITION
7. **MINUTES** – March 9, 2009 **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
8. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - March, 2009 (Gustine) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
9. **PRESENTATIONS** -
 - a) SFTBOCES Update – Sandy Malouff
Sandy Malouff, SFT BOCES Director, explained collaboration action plan for 2007-2008 school year, along with 2008-2009 school year. She mentioned how each district has common needs and it is helping build partnerships between the districts. Next year, the schools have already agreed to develop and offer “modified” magnet programs. Those programs will be offered to junior and senior students during blocks of time in the afternoon. La Junta will offer a Fine Arts Program. There have also been discussions regarding the possibility of sharing teachers more amongst the districts. She gave a brief summary of Rtl work that is being done in the district. Board President, Bill Jackson, commended Mrs. Malouff for her help, expertise, and dedication to the district and presented her with a gift to show the district’s appreciation.

b) Middle School Reading Data – Jaime Bailey

Jaime Bailey, Instructional Resource Coach, presented reading data to the Board on Middle School students. The reading data showed a big increase from the year 2005 to 2009. The Board commended students and staff for their hard work in increasing student achievement.

b) 3rd thru 5th Grade Departmentalization at LJIS – Ellen Schreivogel

Ellen Schreivogel, Intermediate School Principal, commented on how each teacher needs to have proper classroom management, curriculum, and instruction in order to be effective. There are a lot of items on an elementary instructor's plate and she feels she needs to help support them better by prioritizing and helping them focus more on certain areas of instruction. She could accomplish this by departmentalizing in grade 3rd and 4th. Jace Bauserman, 5th Grade Instructor, mentioned that by departmentalizing he feels the students get a lot more out of the curriculum and teachers are able to focus more so the lessons are better. He stated it would work well at every level. Josie Salazar, 5th Grade instructor, said she feels there is better student achievement when teachers are focused more on one area of the curriculum. It was noted that it is important for students to have a strong bond with teachers, so the home room will be important. The teachers would rotate classrooms, rather than the students. Math, reading, writing, and science would be offered every day, with social studies a few days per week. It was mentioned that cross-grade collaboration and team building could be accomplished better. The Board asked Mrs. Schreivogel to give them a staffing plan for next school year so they can see how it will look. No action was needed or taken at this time.

Director Newby took her place at the table at 7:55 p.m.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Monday, April 27th at 11:30 a.m. – District Accountability Meeting
- Tuesday, April 28th at 5:30 p.m. – Special Board Meeting
- Thursday, April 30th – Budget Work Session at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast
- Thursday, April 30th at 4:00 p.m. – Recognition/Retirement Reception at the Primary School Gym
- Monday, May 11th – regular board meeting
- Monday, May 11th – Board Work Session at 5:30 p.m. to meet with BoardDocs representative for a training on paperless board packets
- CDE October Count Audit – district did have issues with some students, but some of those students have been recovered. The amount the district owed the state started out at \$150,000, but after additional documentation was provided it will be reduced to approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000.
- Updated Enrollment Count – as of March 2009, the student count is 1,345.
- Closing on Belmont Avenue lot with Vigil is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th. The annexation paperwork will be completed after the closing.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Tiger Field Facility Project Update (Sullivan) (Discussion) **Groundbreaking ceremony was held on Friday, April 3rd at 12:15 p.m. Dirt work is being done. Pictures are being taken of the different stages of construction project. The District is not soliciting funds for the Tiger Field project. No action was needed or taken.**
- b. 2009 – 2010 Preliminary Budget Update (Gustine) (Discussion) **To date, the district will have an increase in medical insurance coverage, worker's compensation will be have a slight modification, PERA will increase in January, and Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool Risk Insurance will increase slightly. No action was needed or taken.**

c. Approve 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 School Calendars (Sullivan) (Action) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve revised policy KDE – Crisis Management on first/revised reading (Sullivan) (Action) **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**
- b. Executive Session regarding personnel evaluations of principals, school nurse, transportation director, and central office administration per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) **MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:40 P.M. WITH SUPERINTENDENT SULLIVAN AND THE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Meeting reconvened at 9:24 p.m.

13. BOARD COMMENTS – there was a brief discussion regarding BOCES collaboration efforts and Sandy Malouff’s presentation.

14. ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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