

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District No. RE-1 Valley, Sterling, Colorado

Administration Center

May 21, 2007

Spotlight on Schools At 6:15 p.m., the Board met with staff of the RE-1 Valley Learning Center.

Opening of the Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:03 p.m., President Brom called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Directors Breivik, Brekel, Brom, Ferkovich, Northup and Patten were present.

Director Windom was absent.

Board Meetings

June 4, 7:00 p.m.-Board Meeting, Administration Center

June 18, 7:00 p.m.-Board Meeting, Administration Center

Consent Agenda

AMENDED AGENDA: Added Capital Reserve Expense to Consent Agenda.

MINUTES: Minutes for the May 7 regular meeting were approved as written.

POLICY REVISIONS: Policies GCCAA: Instructional Staff Sick Leave and GDCA: Classified Staff Sick Leave, were presented for second reading.

2007 GRADUATING SENIORS: Lists of 2007 graduating seniors from Caliche High School, Darrell Smith High School and Sterling High School were presented for approval.

PERSONNEL ITEMS: Resignations from Sharon Collier, Music Teacher at Stevens Elementary School, Tricia Etl, Speech Teacher, District-Wide and a new hire, Cury Burtard, General Maintenance at the Caliche Schools were approved.

CAPITAL RESERVE EXPENSE: Payment from the Capital Reserve Fund to CGRS Environmental Services, Inc., in the amount of \$190.63, was approved.

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Consent Agenda

Director Breivik moved to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Director Northup seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Absent

Adoption of Agenda

Director Northup moved to adopt the agenda.

Director Brekel seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Absent

Open Forum

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were no comments from citizens.

Action Items

NJC GED AGREEMENT: The Board was asked to determine if the 2007-2008 GED agreement with Northeastern Junior College (NJC) should be renewed for next year. It was reported NJC would receive 80% of the October 1 PPOR. It was also noted GED students would count as completers for the district, but not as graduates on the completion report for the Colorado Department of Education.

Director Northup moved to approve the 2007-2008 GED Agreement with Northeastern Junior College.

Director Patten seconded the motion.

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NJC GED AGREEMENT: Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Absent

KINDER CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL

CLUB BUDGET: Mrs. Kathy (Kissler) Brautigam, Kinder Club/After School Club Director, presented the program's 2007-2008 Budget for approval.

Director Breivik moved to approve the Kinder Club/After School Club Budget as presented.

Director Ferkovich seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Absent

DAAC 2006-2007
CHARGES:

Recommendations from the District Accountability Advisory Committee generated from this year's charges were reviewed. The charges included making recommendations to the Board of Education relative to high school curriculum and graduation requirements; to share specific considerations for alternative instructional programs like schools within a school, gender based programs, K-12 counseling, charter schools, school safety, drug/alcohol programs and/or other matters that might positively impact student achievement like dress code modifications; to make recommendations to the Board of Education relative to prioritization for expenditures of school district moneys by House Bill 92-1344.

Director Ferkovich moved to accept the DAAC Report and recommendation from the 2006-2007 Board Charges.

Director Brekel seconded the motion.

The Board will examine the additional questions asked by the committee at a later time.

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DAAC 2006-2007
CHARGES:

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Absent

DAAC BUDGET
RECOMMENDATION:

Sandy Acre presented the following recommendations from the District Accountability Advisory Committee regarding the FY2008 Budget:

1. to support the proposed budget with step increases as eligible and the 3% increase on the base salaries.
2. to encourage consideration of an additional increase for all staff if additional funds become available.

Director Northup moved to accept with appreciation the District Accountability Advisory Committee's recommendations and thanked them for their efforts this year.

Director Brekel seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Absent

SCIENCE
FRAMEWORKS:

Members of the Science Frameworks Committee presented and reviewed the newly created frameworks which are aligned with the Colorado State Standards.

Director Northup moved to accept the public display of the Science Frameworks with appreciation to the committee for their work on these.

Director Ferkovich seconded the motion.

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SCIENCE
FRAMEWORKS:

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Absent

READING RECOVERY
PROGRAM SUMMARY:

A summary of the 2006-2007 Reading Recovery Program in the district was provided by Rece Herboldsheimer, Ellen Lippstrew, Michelle Long and Nena Russell. Stevens Elementary School received an excellence award during their recent program graduation. It was also shared that Rece Herboldsheimer donated the \$1500 award she recently received to the libraries at Caliche Elementary School and Caliche Junior/Senior High School.

Director Breivik moved to accept the 2006-2007 Reading Recovery Program summary as presented.

Director Northup seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Absent

It was decided to address Action Item J at this time.

SALE OF PROPERTY:

At 8:39 p.m., the following action was taken.

Executive Session

SALE OF PROPERTY: Director Breivik moved to convene in executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding sale of property as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a).

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Executive Session

SALE OF PROPERTY: Those attending will be 6 Board members, superintendent, assistant superintendent and executive secretary.

Director Northup seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Absent

At 8:40 p.m., Director Windom joined the meeting.

At 8:44 p.m., Melissa Hummel and Orville Stewart joined the executive session.

At 8:46 p.m., Larry Fetzer joined the executive session.

At 8:47 p.m., the group returned to the open session.

At 8:48 p.m., a break was called. At 9:03, the meeting reconvened.

Director Patten moved to authorize the administration to proceed with developing a valid and mutually acceptable contract for the sale of the block of district property that includes the Franklin Center and Administrative Center at 415 Beattie Street for the price offered by the First Assembly of God church.

Director Breivik seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Aye

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Returned to Action Item F.

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**CASB MEMBERSHIP
AND DUES:**

The Board was asked if they wished to continue their Colorado Association of School Boards membership for the 2007-2008 school year.

Director Breivik moved to approve payment of the 2007-2008 annual membership dues to the Colorado Association of School Boards in the amount of \$9,252.

Director Windom seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Aye

**BUDGET
RESOLUTIONS:**

The following Budget Resolutions were presented for Board approval.

- Bond Redemption Fund-Attachment A
- Capital Reserve Fund-Attachment B
- General Fund-Attachment C

These resolutions are attached to the official copy of the minutes on file in the superintendent's office.

Director Northup moved to adopt the Bond Redemption Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, and General Fund Resolutions as presented and approve the Board President signing each of the documents.

Director Patten seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
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Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Aye

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2007-2008 PRELIMINARY GENERAL

FUND BUDGET: The 2007-2008 Preliminary General Fund Budget was presented for Board approval.

Director Breivik moved to approve the preliminary 2007-2008 Budget as presented, which includes a salary step for qualified staff, a 3% increase to each salary schedule base, an insurance premium increase with a one month premium holiday and the .9% district covered increase to PERA.

Director Northup seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Aye

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE

RESOLUTIONS: The following resolution was presented for Board approval.

RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A PORTION OF BEGINNING FUND BALANCE AS
AUTHORIZED BY COLORADO STATUTES**

WHEREAS, C.R.S. 22-44-105 states that a budget, duly adopted pursuant to this article, shall not provide for expenditures, interfund transfers, or reserves, in excess of available revenues and beginning fund balance.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education may authorize the use of a portion of the beginning fund balance in the budget, stating the amount to be used, the purpose for which the expenditure is needed, and the district's plan to ensure that the use of the beginning fund balance will not lead to an ongoing deficit.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined the beginning fund balance in the Building Fund are sufficient to allow for one-time expenditures and the action will not lead to an ongoing deficit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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BEGINNING FUND BALANCE
RESOLUTIONS:

In accordance with C.R.S. 22-44-105, the Board of Education authorized the use of a portion of the FY 2006-07 Beginning Fund Balance for the following funds:

Building Fund, in the amount of \$16,000,000 for the use of construction and building renovation of district facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the use of this portion of the beginning fund balance for the purpose/s set forth above will not lead to an ongoing deficit.

Director Northup moved to adopt the Beginning Fund Balance Resolution to provide \$16,000,000 for the use of construction and building renovations.

Director Patten seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Aye

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BEGINNING FUND BALANCE
RESOLUTIONS:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined the beginning fund balances in the General Fund and the Building Fund are sufficient to allow for one-time expenditures and the action will not lead to an ongoing deficit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

In accordance with C.R.S. 22-44-105, the Board of Education authorized the use of a portion of the FY 2007-08 Beginning Fund Balance for the following funds:

General Fund, in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of funding a 3% salary base increase for staff;

Building Fund, in the amount of \$6,500,000 for the purpose of construction and building renovation of district facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the use of this portion of the beginning fund balance for the purpose/s set forth above will not lead to an ongoing deficit.

Director Northup moved to adopt the Beginning Fund Balance Resolution as authorized by the Colorado Statutes.

Director Patten seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Aye

Special Business

BOARD REPORTS: Board members were asked to appoint a member to the Parks, Library and Recreation Board.

Director Northup moved to appoint Director Brekel to the committee.

Director Breivik seconded the motion.

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Special Business

BOARD REPORTS: Poll: Breivik – Aye
 Brekel – Aye
 Brom – Aye
 Ferkovich – Aye
 Northup – Aye
 Patten – Aye
 Windom – Aye

Director Brom reminded Board members they could attend the NIMS Training scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 29 in the auditorium at the Northeast Colorado Health Department. District administrators and administration center staff will participate in the four-hour training.

At 10:30 p.m., a break was called. At 10:40, the meeting reconvened.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Dr. Summers provided an update on the various building construction projects around the district.

A capital construction grant application has been submitted to the Colorado Department of Education for the asbestos project at Caliche Elementary and Caliche Junior/Senior High School.

Transition activities are taking place at the various schools. These activities allow students to visit their new schools for next year.

It was reported teachers will be required to turn in their building keys at the end of the day on May 30.

**CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION:**

Ron Marostica along with the Building Principals shared Curriculum Implementation Review information with the Board. Each administrator presented their buildings processes to review district curriculum implementation.

OTHER: No other items were discussed.

Information/Discussion Items

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Advanced Planning

POLICY REVISION: The following policy was presented for first reading.

- JFC-R: Student Withdrawal From School/Dropouts

This policy will be presented for second reading during the June 4 meeting.

CASB RESOLUTION: There was discussion about composing a resolution to be sent to the Colorado Association of School Boards. The resolution would address data testing. Director Northup will compose a draft version of a resolution and present it at a future meeting.

At 11:00 p.m., the following action was taken.

Executive Session

NEGOTIATIONS AND
PERSONNEL:

Director Breivik moved to convene in executive session for negotiations and a personnel matter as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(e)(f).

Those attending will be Board members, superintendent, assistant superintendent and executive secretary.

Director Windom seconded the motion.

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Aye

At 11:15 p.m., the group returned to the open session.

Director Breivik moved to accept the recommendations of the Board's Negotiating Team for the 2007-2008 school year.

Director Ferkovich seconded the motion.

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Executive Session

NEGOTIATIONS AND
PERSONNEL:

Poll: Breivik – Aye
Brekel – Aye
Brom – Aye
Ferkovich – Aye
Northup – Aye
Patten – Aye
Windom – Aye

Adjournment

At 11:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Carol Brom, President

Dorcas Brekel, Secretary/Treasurer

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