

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
EL PASO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT
April 30, 2008

The regular School Board meeting was held on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building. Mr. Welch, Mrs. Bentley, Mr. Downing, Mrs. Grubbs, Mrs. Walker, and LTC Smith were present.

I. RECURRING BUSINESS

A. The President called the meeting to order. Mr. Welch welcomed staff and guests and encouraged those present to sign the visitor's log.

1. The Secretary called the roll and reported the attendance as follows:

Mr. Welch	- Present
Mrs. Bentley	- Present
Mr. Downing	- Present
Mrs. Grubbs	- Present
Mrs. Nyhoff	- Excused

2. Matthew Thompson, a fifth grade student at Aragon Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance. He was introduced by his Principal, Mr. Clint Allison.

B. Mr. Welch, Board President

1. Mr. Welch requested approval to add agenda items to the agenda as the meeting progresses. It was moved by Mrs. Bentley and seconded by Mrs. Grubbs to add agenda items to the agenda.

Mr. Welch	- Aye
Mrs. Bentley	- Aye
Mr. Downing	- Aye
Mrs. Grubbs	- Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff	- Excused

Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.

2. Mr. Welch presented the consent items (agenda, attendance report, regular board meeting minutes from the Board meeting held on March 19, 2008, employment items and financial reports), for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Bentley to approve the consent items and the minutes from March 19, 2008 as presented.

Mr. Welch	- Aye
Mrs. Bentley	- Aye
Mr. Downing	- Aye
Mrs. Grubbs	- Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff	- Excused

Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.

Attendance for the month of March:

	<u>March 2007</u>	<u>March 2008</u>
Attendance District-Wide	93.46	93.30
Fountain-Fort Carson High School	91.09	90.93
Fountain Middle School	92.96	92.56
Carson Middle School	94.74	93.69
Abrams Elementary School	93.78	92.00
Mountainside Elementary School	93.37	93.14
Mesa Elementary School	94.53	94.94
Aragon Elementary School	92.40	93.63
Jordahl Elementary School	94.74	95.95
Patriot Elementary School	93.55	92.22
Eagleside Elementary School	—	93.92

II. COMMENTS

- A. Gary Hofstetter introduced Adam Gose, the new Food Service Director. John Fogerty and Cindy Wenzel, Directors of Curriculum and Student Achievement, were also introduced.

III. REPORTS OR REQUESTS

A. Mrs. Walker, Superintendent

1. Mrs. Walker reviewed the calendar of events for May as follows:
 - Wednesday, May 7 – Special Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, May 22 – Last Day for Students – Early Dismissal
 - Thursday, May 22 – District Tea, Fountain-Fort Carson High School Cafeteria, 1:15 p.m.
 - Saturday, May 24 – Graduation at Fountain-Fort Carson High School, 9:00 a.m.
 - Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day – District Holiday
 - Tuesday, May 28 – Regular Board of Education Meeting

2. The following recognitions were presented:

Fountain-Fort Carson School District had two students who received scholarships at the Arts Awards Luncheon on April 16, 2008; Alexandria Jacobsen, a student at Patriot Elementary School and Max Matamoros, a student at Mountainside Elementary School. The students were nominated for this award by their art teachers, Trish Schubarth and Ramona Lapsley.

Riley Nelson, a 5th grade student at Mesa Elementary School, won 1st place at the Regional Science Fair. Her project was on Newton's Law. Riley also won 1st place at the Science Fair held at Mesa Elementary School.

Terrance Hutchins, a senior at Fountain-Fort Carson High School, was one of 1,500 high school basketball players nominated for the McDonalds All American basketball team. He has also been selected to play in the All State basketball game in June.

Bret Johnson and Cara Jorgensen have been chosen for the *The Gazette's Best and Brightest Class of 2008*. Twenty-five high school seniors from the Pikes Peak region have been chosen for this prestigious honor. The program recognizes seniors for their academic achievements and contributions to their communities and schools. They were selected from 118 applicants. Bret plans to attend University of California, Los Angeles and Cara will attend University of San Diego.

John Salvatore received the Denver Nuggets Excellence in Athletic Training Award. John is a science teacher and athletic trainer at Fountain-Fort Cason High School.

3. Mrs. Walker presented a report on the Fort Carson Education On-Site Visit. The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) will lead a team of Federal officials that are coming for an on-site visit to evaluate the impact the expansion at Fort Carson will have on education. She stated that it is our opportunity to tell our story. Five districts, Widefield, Cheyenne Mountain, Harrison, Colorado Springs and Fountain-Fort Carson are invited to participate. We are working on a formal presentation and the school visit will be at one of our schools on Fort Carson.

A planning meeting was held on Monday, April 14, 2008. The meeting included the five districts, OEA, the Army, and representatives from Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments. OEA explained what is expected of us for the on-site and reiterated that they want to hear what our issues are. The visit will occur during the first week of June. They are visiting only seven districts in the nation. This is a great opportunity and we will be well prepared.

4. Mrs. Walker presented the expulsion report.

B. Mrs. Vergunst, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Auxiliary Services

1. Mrs. Vergunst presented a report on the 2008 Spring NAFIS Conference she recently attended along with Mr. Welch and Dr. Roudebush. Several of the highlights are as follows:

Funding Projection Budget

For FY09, NAFIS has requested a total of \$1.4B in impact aid which is \$196M more than the President's budget but well below full funding levels.

Reauthorization

Impact aid funding is part of the No Child Left Behind legislation and reauthorization will probably be deferred until next year. The language that would increase funding for districts that are growing due to BRAC will not be in effect until the bill is reauthorized.

Hill Visits

During the conference, our Colorado delegation visited the offices of seven senators and congressmen. Our group included representatives from Academy District 20, Adams County District 14 and Fountain-Fort Carson District 8. We met primarily with education aides; however, Congressman John Salazar stopped by to greet our group and Congressman Ed Perlmutter was able to attend the meeting.

2. Mrs. Vergunst presented a school finance update as follows:
HB08 1388 is not final yet, but still looks like a 3.2 % increase, plus an additional \$9.86 per pupil which was added to the base funding. The bill passed the 2nd reading today in the Senate.

Funding factor for full day kindergarten enrollment increased from 0.58 to 1.58 FTE and the capital construction fund for full day kindergarten facilities was increased to \$35 M.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Speaker Ramanoff is drafting legislation to repeal portions of Amendment 23 in exchange for changes to TABOR that would essentially make its revenue limitations moot. TABOR surpluses would then become an important revenue source to fund school finance.

C. Mrs. Pierre, Chair for the District Accreditation Committee

1. Mrs. Pierre presented the Board with the District and building budget priorities for 2008-2009 as follows:
 - 1) Fully funded all day kindergarten.
 - 2) Maintain staffing requirements to provide the lowest student to teacher ratio, 20:1. (Exclude related arts staff in this calculation.)
 - 3) Value and maintain classes, programs and activities that are non-CSAP related. (Arts, music, sports, clubs, activities.)
 - 4) Increase instructional budgets for curriculum and supplies.
 - 5) Provide laptops for all certified employees.
 A building budget priorities handout for 2008-2009 was also outlined. (Report on file).

2. Mrs. Pierre presented a report on the Gifted Education Program Plan. She stated that a committee was formed and met all year. The committee developed a mission statement and a three year plan for implementation of the program. They outlined the identification process for identifying the students who will qualify for the program. More specific information will be given at the May Board of Education meeting.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Mrs. Walker, Superintendent

1. Mrs. Walker requested approval of Authorized Title and District Representatives for 2008-2009 as follows. The District must annually submit applications to the Colorado Department of Education in order to receive Title funds. Mrs. Walker requested that the Board of Education designate the following individuals as the authorized representatives to conduct business related to the administration of the following Title programs:

Title I, Part A – Designate Jim Welte, Director of Federal Grants Programs. Title I funds provide programming for educationally deprived children.

Title II, A – Designate Jim Welte, Director of Federal Grants Programs. Title II funds Teacher and Principal training and recruiting – Teacher quality.

Title II, D - Designate Jim Welte, Director of Federal Grants Programs. Title II D funds support technology.

Title III – Designate Jim Welte, Director of Federal Grants Programs. Title III funds are dedicated to Funds for English Language Learners.

Title IV – Designate Jim Welte, Director of Federal Grants Programs. The purpose of the *Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act* is to support programs to meet the goal of creating safe, disciplined and drug-free learning environments.

Title V – Designate Jim Welte, Director of Federal Grants Programs. Title V funds support innovative programs.

IDEA – Designate Dr. Brian Printz, Executive Director of Special Programs. IDEA funds support students with disabilities.

In addition, request approval of the following District representatives for the 2008-2009 school year.

Impact Aid Officer
 Attendance Officer
 Affirmative Action Officer
 Section 504 Officer

Cheryl Walker
 Cheryl Walker
 Henry Gonzales
 Henry Gonzales

Special Education Federal Programs
Hazardous Waste Director
Asbestos/Environmental Compliance

Dr. Brian Printz
Dr. David Roudebush
Dr. David Roudebush

Approval is also requested for Dr. Dave Roudebush to be authorized to sign grant applications, investment agreements and lease agreements on behalf of School District Eight.

It was moved by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Bentley to approve the Authorized Title and District Representatives for 2008-2009 as stated and to approve for Dr. Dave Roudebush to be authorized to sign grant applications, investment agreements and lease agreements on behalf of School District Eight.

Mr. Welch - Aye
Mrs. Bentley - Aye
Mr. Downing - Aye
Mrs. Grubbs - Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff - Excused
Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.

2. Mrs. Walker requested approval to change the date of the special Board of Education meeting from Wednesday, May 7 to Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
It was moved by Mrs. Bentley and seconded by Mr. Downing to approve the special Board of Education meeting for May 6, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Welch - Aye
Mrs. Bentley - Aye
Mr. Downing - Aye
Mrs. Grubbs - Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff - Excused
Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.

B. Mrs. Vergunst, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Auxiliary Services

1. Mrs. Vergunst asked the Board to approve the 2008-2009 Fringe Benefit Package.
Mrs. Vergunst stated Employee and District proportions remain the same. Medical rates increased by 2%. Dental, life and disability rates remained the same. Please see the following page for detailed rates.

The medical plan was rated using a corridor premium where money is returned to the District if actual expenses are lower than the premiums, however, the District can owe up to 5% more if the reverse happens. Although the numbers will not be finalized for several months, it appears the District will get a substantial return again this year. These monies may be used to fund the District's wellness program and to offset future health insurance premiums.

Retiree dental rates increased by 33% due to declining membership. Retirees will be notified and it is expected that the remaining 11 participants will opt-out of the District's dental plan.

The District will no longer be able to offer Anthem's supplemental life insurance to employees due to low participation rates. The 32 employees carrying this insurance have been notified of Anthem's decision and will be able to convert to an individual plan with Anthem.

It was moved by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Grubbs to approve the 2008-2009 Fringe Benefit package as presented.

Mr. Welch - Aye
Mrs. Bentley - Aye
Mr. Downing - Aye
Mrs. Grubbs - Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff - Excused
Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.

2. Mrs. Vergunst requested approval of Supplemental Budget for the Grants Fund as follows:
Title X (McKinney-Vento) Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant

Revenue		
Title X	22.600.00.0000.4020.000.5196	<14,100>
Expenditures		
Salaries		14,100

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of School District Eight in El Paso County, that the amount of \$14,100, as shown above, be appropriated to the Grants Fund for the program year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

It was moved by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Bentley to approve the Supplemental Budget for the Grants Fund as presented.

Mr. Welch - Aye
Mrs. Bentley - Aye
Mr. Downing - Aye
Mrs. Grubbs - Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff - Excused
Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.

3. Mrs. Vergunst requested approval of the Capital Reserve Budget for 2008-2009. A list of Capital Reserve projects for 2008-2009 was distributed at the Board meeting. (Project list on file.)

It was moved by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Bentley to approve the Capital Reserve Budget for 2008-2009 as presented.

Mr. Welch - Aye
Mrs. Bentley - Aye
Mr. Downing - Aye
Mrs. Grubbs - Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff - Excused
Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.

- C. Mr. Gonzales, Executive Director of Human Resources
 - 1. Mr. Gonzales requested approval of PERA Transitional Retirement Contracts as follows:

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT
FOR TRANSITIONAL RETIREMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED by El Paso County School District Number Eight, Fountain, Colorado, that the following listed transitional retirement employees be provided contracts for 2008-2009:

- Patricia Davis – Mountainside Elementary School
- Teresa Valier – Mesa Elementary School
- Kathy Van’t Hul – Eagleside Elementary School
- Jan Allums – Patriot Elementary School
- Susan Holtmann – Jordahl Elementary School
- Sharon Witt – Lorraine Secondary School
- LeRoy Bogan – Fountain-Fort Carson High School
- John Burciago – Fountain-Fort Carson High School
- Deb Welte – Central Administration

It was moved by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Bentley to approve the Resolution for the Transitional Contracts for 2008-2009 as presented.

- Mr. Welch - Aye
- Mrs. Bentley - Aye
- Mr. Downing - Aye
- Mrs. Grubbs - Aye
- Mrs. Nyhoff - Excused
- Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.

- D. Dr. Roudebush, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Support Services
 - 1. Dr. Roudebush requested approval of Fountain-Fort Carson High School Pool HVAC as follows: The Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) in the pool area consists of original 1988 equipment. The engineering for its replacement was authorized in previous Board action as was the appropriation of funds for the actual replacement.

Bids for the replacement of equipment were received in my office on April 28, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Bids were received from three approved vendors. The bid summary is:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>General Contr.</u>	<u>Sheet Metal Contr.</u>	<u>Electrical Contr.</u>
All Seasons	\$ 233,960	Art Klein	Robbins	DJD Enterprises
Ute P/H	\$ 253,000	Patterson	MechOne	Westfall
MechOne	\$ 271,000	Bob Stanton	MechOne	McClelland

An amount of \$ 5,849 will be added to the bid to cover issuance of performance bonding for the project. Due to the magnitude of the contract Board action is warranted.

The Board was asked to award the contract for the HVAC renovation for the pool area at FFCHS to All Season’s Heating and Air Condition in the amount of \$239,809 and to direct Dave Roudebush to enter into contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

It was moved by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Grubbs to award the contract for the HVAC renovation for the pool area at FFCHS to All Season's Heating and Air Condition in the amount of \$239,809 and to direct Dave Roudebush to enter into contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. Welch - Abstain from vote
Mrs. Bentley - Aye
Mr. Downing - Aye
Mrs. Grubbs - Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff - Excused
Motion unanimously carried, 3-0.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Mrs. Walker, Superintendent

1. Mrs. Walker presented a brief report on the National School Board Association Conference. The conference was held from March 28 – April 1, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. Mrs. Grubbs and Mrs. Nyhoff also attended the conference and found the conference to be very informative and worthwhile.
2. Mrs. Walker presented community survey results to the Board. (Powerpoint presentation on file.) Mrs. Walker stated that it is obvious that we need to educate the public on some of the issues presented in the survey. She asked the Board for their guidance to give the public more information on the issues at hand within our District such as growth and finances.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. It was moved by Mrs. Bentley and seconded by Mr. Downing to move into Executive Session.

Mr. Welch - Aye
Mrs. Bentley - Aye
Mr. Downing - Aye
Mrs. Grubbs - Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff - Excused
Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.

1. Personnel issues were discussed in Accordance with C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f).

B. It was moved by Mrs. Bentley and seconded by Mrs. Grubbs to move out of Executive Session and into regular session.

Mr. Welch - Aye
Mrs. Bentley - Aye
Mr. Downing - Aye
Mrs. Grubbs - Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff - Excused
Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Mrs. Walker, Superintendent

1. Mr. Welch requested approval to add an agenda item and to rescind the transitional retirement approval of Kathy Van't Hul and to include a stipend in her 2008-2009 salary.
It was moved by Mr. Downing and seconded by Mrs. Bentley to add an agenda item and to rescind the transitional retirement approval of Kathy Van't Hul and to include a stipend in her 2008-2009 salary.

Mr. Welch	- Aye
Mrs. Bentley	- Aye
Mr. Downing	- Aye
Mrs. Grubbs	- Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff	- Excused
Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.	

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Mrs. Bentley and seconded by Mrs. Grubbs to adjourn.

Mr. Herrmann	- Aye
Mrs. Bentley	- Aye
Mrs. Grubbs	- Aye
Mrs. Nyhoff	- Aye
Mr. Welch	- Absent
Motion unanimously carried, 4-0.	

Respectfully submitted by _____
Kathy J. Reinhold
Secretary to the Board of Education