

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BYERS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 32J
May 15, 2008**

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mr. Jeff Swim, President, in the Lecture Hall at Byers School District, 444 E. Front Street, Byers, Colorado.

Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum: Members present were Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West.

ABSENT: Richard Williams

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

BOARD REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. West moved, Mrs. Lloyd seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of the May 5, 2008 special meeting minutes and the employment additions.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. West moved, Mrs. Lloyd seconded, to approve the minutes of the special meeting March 28, 2008, the regular meeting April 17, 2008, and the special meeting May 5, 2008; to approve the financial report; approve the employment of Rachel Spencer – Secondary Language Arts, Daniel Zufall – Secondary Math, Zack Van Sant - Substitute; approve the resignation of Jessica Knox – Science, Steven Miller – Secondary Language Arts, Shelly Chitwood – Secondary Math; approve policy GBGG, JBA, JBA-E on a 1st reading; approve the repeal of policy ACA on a 1st reading.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Presentations: Mrs. Sondburg gave a presentation on the budget process. She reviewed the one-page budget summary.

Public Address: None.

ACTION ITEMS

Graduations/Promotions: It was brought to the Board's attention that Byers has numerous graduations/promotions in addition to the Senior graduation: 8th grade, 6th grade, Kindergarten, and Preschool. The Board discussed eliminating these graduations. Mr. West moved, Mr. Brockelman seconded, to leave all graduations/promotions as is.

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After further discussion, Mrs. Kitzman moved, Mrs. Lloyd seconded, to amend the motion to state the graduations/promotions will still take place, but the time will be left to the discretion of the building principal. The vote on the amendment is as follows:

AYE: Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz
NO: Rodney Brockelman, Jeff Swim, Woodie West
Amendment Failed 3-3

After additional discussion, Mr. Brockelman moved, Mrs. Kitzman seconded, to amend the original motion to leave 8th grade graduation as is in the evenings, but leave the time of the preschool, Kindergarten, and 6th grade graduations to the discretion of the elementary principal. The vote on the amendment is as follows:

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
NO: Debbie Steitz
Amendment Carried 5-1

The motion with the amendment states that the 8th grade graduation will be left as is in the evenings, and they will still have preschool, Kindergarten, and 6th grade graduations; however, the time will be left to the discretion of the elementary principal.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
NO: Debbie Steitz
Amendment Carried 5-1

Preliminary Budget: In accordance with state law, the preliminary budget must be presented to the Board of Education by May 30th each year. Mrs. Sodburg indicated that the changes made to the budget at this time were the salaries based on the increase approved at the April meeting and the increase of the professional development from \$165 to \$200 per person. The budget will be presented again in June and September. Mrs. Lloyd moved, Mrs. Steitz seconded, to approve the preliminary budget as presented.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

Non-Probationary Teachers: Mr. Swim moved, Mr. Brockelman seconded, to approve the list of non-probationary teachers as presented with the exception of David Dodge.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

Probationary Teachers: Mrs. Lloyd moved, Mr. Brockelman seconded, to approve the list of probationary teachers as presented.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

Classified Staff: Mr. Brockelman moved, Mrs. Lloyd seconded, to approve the list of classified staff as presented.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

Extra Duty Contracts: Mr. Swim moved, Mrs. Steitz seconded, to approve the list of extra duty contract as presented with the exception of David Dodge – Athletic Director and Mark Beauprez – Assistant HS Wrestling. In addition to those listed, there were some last minute additions: William Luna – HS Wrestling, and the Counselor extra duty contract will be increased from 15 days to 20 days.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

Principal's Salary: Mrs. Kitzman moved, Mr. West seconded, to approve a 5% salary increase for the principals for the 08-09 year.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Lloyd moved, Mr. Brockelman seconded, to move to executive session at 8:35 p.m. for personnel matters in accordance with C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f). Mr. Turrell and Mr. Price were asked to join.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

Mr. Turrell and Mr. Price were excused at 9:05 p.m.

Mr. Swim moved, Mrs. Steitz seconded, to adjourn executive session at 9:28 p.m.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

ACTION ITEMS

Non-Probationary: Mr. Swim moved, Mr. West seconded, to approve the non-probationary contract for David Dodge.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

Extra Duty: Mr. Swim moved, Mrs. Steitz seconded, to approve the extra duty contract for David Dodge – Athletic Director, and Mark Beauprez – Assistant HS Wrestling with the concerns addressed in Executive Session.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Turrell commented on the success of several of our students. We had numerous students place at the Limon Art show. There were several athletes that are competing at State Track. The FFA Horse Judging Team took 1st place, with several individual awards also. April Rino won her competition at State FBLA and will compete at the National level.

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The District was awarded a Capital Construction grant for the Science Lab/Hood and Chemical Storage. This will benefit both the Science department and the Vo-Ag department for chemical storage.

Mr. Turrell presented bids for carpeting and wrestling mats. They will come to the Board for approval at the June meeting.

Randy Black from CASB will meet with the Board on June 9th.

Committee Reports: Due to the time restrictions, the committee reports were tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Brockelman commented on the progress of the expansion of the BOCES building.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for June 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at Byers School District, 444 E. Front Street. Items for the next meeting include supplemental budget 07-08; adopted budget 08-09, handbooks, policy 2nd reading, approval of summer projects; along with anything else that arises before that time. There will also be a worksession at 6:00 p.m. for the budget hearing.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mrs. Steitz moved, Mr. Brockelman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

AYE: Rodney Brockelman, Laurie Kitzman, Beverly Lloyd, Debbie Steitz, Jeff Swim, Woodie West,
Motion Carried 6-0

President

Secretary