

**Facility Schools Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 1, 2009**  
**Warren Technical School**  
**Room #147**

**In Attendance**

Board Members: Kay Cessna, Brian Parks, David Molineux, Brad Schultz, Steven Ramirez,  
Laura Writebol

Absent: Barb Taylor

CDE Staff: Ellen Hunter

Members of the Public

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Cessna.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the March 6, 2009 Board meeting were reviewed (no meeting was held in April). Brad Schultz moved that the minutes be accepted with a correction to Section 7 (an addition of a fifth area of focused concern in regards to the summary of the report of Governor Ritter's Graduation Guidelines Development Council). The motion was seconded by David Molineux and passed unanimously with 6 yes votes.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented. Six yes votes.

**Board Update**

Ellen Hunter presented the Board with a brief update of current activities within the Facility Schools Unit at CDE. Kama Linscome will be finalizing plans for the Facility Schools Student Data System today. A vendor has been selected and the contact is going through the approval process. One consultant position within the Facility Schools Unit has been filled; Brittany Darenburg has recently joined the unit. She will initially be working with PPR billing. The Senior Consultant position will be reposted. The Data/Records Consultant position is currently on hold. CSAP distribution and collection went exceedingly well this year due to Dede Landry's excellent planning and organization. We received additional support from Liz Macek (CDE/ESLU). Information regarding how facilities can meet Highly Qualified teacher requirements will be forth coming. Kama is arranging a meeting with facility schools to update them on these requirements. Leadership Academy has been going very well. The monthly leadership trainings have been well attended. The Facility School Unit is planning a two day Leadership Institute for Facility Schools this summer. Kay Cessna, who along with Lois Adams and Ann Pearce, has been designing and leading the Leadership training, gave a brief overview of their work to the Board.

## **Presentations to the Board**

At the Board's request, a number of presentations were scheduled for today's meeting. The Board heard presentations from the following during the morning;

**Eagle Rock Academy, Estes Park, Colorado:** Michael Soguero, Director of Professional Development and Dan Condon, Associate Director of the Professional Development Center at Eagle Rock School shared their school's mission and vision for working with "at-risk" youth. They showed a brief video highlighting the schools unique opportunities and discussed a newly developed approach to graduation and course requirements that will be instituted this coming school year.

**RE 1 Valley Schools:** Learning Center Director Kathy Brom discussed the District's alternative high school (D. Smith High School) and the "online" Learning Center.

**Jefferson County/ McLain Alternative High School:** Scott Thompson, Assistant Principal I at McLain High School provided a brief overview of graduation requirements and their current use of Blackboard to deliver online learning opportunities.

Afternoon presentations included:

Linda Lindsay, Special Education Director from the **Third Way Center** discussed Carnegie Units, clock hours and transcript procedures.

Jann Clevenger, Principal and Special Education Director from **Excelsior Youth Center** shared information regarding EYC's approach to graduation.

## **Board Discussion**

Following the five presentations regarding graduation standards, the Board requested the Facility Schools Unit arrange for additional presentations regarding graduation standards. The Board expressed an interest in learning about the Denver Big Picture High School, Colorado Finest Alternative High School (Englewood), Second Chance Program (DPS), and other programs which have less traditional approaches to graduation requirements. They also asked that the Facility School Unit research CDE's current position on differentiated diplomas for the next Board meeting. Board President Cessna requested that information regarding Facility School CSAP results also be presented to the Board at the next meeting in June.