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Mission Statement

To prepare students, in a safe and caring environment, to be successful, competent and productive citizens in a global society.

MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING August 18, 2014 6:30 p.m.

Education Services Center - Board Room

1.00 Call to Order and Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Falcon Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the President, Tammy Harold. The following board members were present: Mr. Butcher, Ms. Harold, Mr. Irons, Mrs. LaVere-Wright and Mr. Moore.

2.00 Open Forum

Cassiani: I'm speaking on behalf of the board of the Falcon Community Builders for Classrooms, FCBC. I've been on that board for almost ten years and it's been organized now for almost ten years. The reason it was put together 10 years ago was because of the overcrowding in D49. We were trying to help. The builders and developers got together and had asked every builder and developer for a \$1500 per house or per lot contribution to FCBC. We've collected that over the last nine years, going into our tenth year. Even during the tough times of 07, 08, 09 when houses weren't being built, we still had those contributions coming in at \$1500 a house. We've been able to donate well over \$5 million in the last nine years to build an academic wing on the high school, to build athletic fields, the artificial turf at Vista Ridge, concession stands, stadium, and some common space in some of the school and the latest is the artificial turf at Falcon High School. It's going to be dedicated during a soccer game or at an upcoming football game. Please attend and look at the football field; we made that happen. We're here for the kids and we'd like to give you kudos for this board for what you've been doing for the kids of the district. We think the plan you came up with is a fiscally responsible plan and we support it wholeheartedly. Again, we're in this for the kids like you are and we appreciate what you're doing for the kids of D49.

3.00 Action Items – see attachment

3.01 School Finance Campaign Ballot Language

4.00 Adjournment

With no further business to be brought before the Board, the regular meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Richer,

Tammy Harold, President

Marie LaVere-Wright, Secretary

TOPICS MUST BE RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA DURING A BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING.

OPEN FORUM

"Please provide your name, relation to the district and the topic of comment for this open forum. Just as we hold our students to high standards of speech and respect for others, we expect your comments to follow these same standards. Please limit your comments to three minutes. Thank you."

Topic of Comment										
Relation to the District	FCBC									
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BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM 3.01 MINUTES

BOARD MEETING OF:	August 18, 2014
PREPARED BY:	Brett Ridgway, Chief Business Officer
TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:	School Finance Campaign Ballot Language
ACTION/INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:	Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DESCRIPTION OF NEED: The Capital Planning Committee presented three options to the Board on May 8, 2014, and the Board directed the Committee to take the first two options and work with the consultants in getting the costs solidified. This was followed up with discussions at the June 12, 2014, June 25, 2014, July 10, 2014 and July 22, 2014, where the Board heard how the valuation of the project list translated into the necessary debt requirement and how all of that translated into actual ballot language that the Board, if they wanted to move forward, would need to approve prior to the deadline stated by the El Paso County Clerk & Recorder.

RATIONALE: In order to be good stewards of the taxpayers' monies, we need to be able to complete the projects that are included in the bond package, and we need to ensure that the project list contains items that are necessary to support the district's educational programs – now and going forward, and they are projects designed efficiently to minimize cost to the taxpayers.

RELEVANT DATA AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES: The Planning Department and the Capital Planning Committee have verified that the costs are accurate and compressed the overall bonding packages. We believe that the process has been thorough, well thought-out and well executed to bring the Board of Education a good list of projects and corresponding ballot language.

IMPACTS ON THE DISTRICT'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES—THE BIG ROCKS:

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Rock #1—Reestablishing the district as a trustworthy recipient of taxpayer investment	By verifying costs and insuring we are being good stewards of the taxpayers' monies and therefore reestablishing trust.					
Rock #2—Research, design and implement programs for intentional community participation	The Capital Planning Committee is composed of fifty percent community members and invites any community member to attend.					
Rock #3— Establish District 49 as the <u>best</u> district in Colorado to learn, work and lead	With the bond we will provide additional educational facilities to house more portfolio schools.					
Rock #4— Grow a robust portfolio of distinct and exceptional schools	With the bond we will provide additional educational facilities to house more portfolio schools.					
Rock #5— Customize our educational systems to launch each student toward success	With new spaces the district has the opportunity to provide educational systems that will launch students towards success.					

FUNDING REQUIRED: \$124.9 million AMOUNT BUDGETED: TBD

<u>RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION/MOTION REQUESTED</u>: Move to approve the attached resolution concerning the override levy question and bond question.

APPROVED BY: Brett Ridgway, Chief Business Officer **DATE:** August 18, 2014



BOE Special Meeting August 18, 2014 Item 3.01 continued

La Vere-Wright made the motion; seconded by Irons. The motion passed 4-1.

	BUTCHER	HAROLD	IRONS	LAVERE-WRIGHT	MOORE
VOTED AYE	X	X		X	X
VOTED NAY			X		
COMMENTED	X	X			X

	BAY	HILTS	RIDGWAY	BELL	MILLER
COMMENTED					