

**Building Bright Futures** 

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES**

## SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 4, 2007 Seminar Room

Jefferson County School District R-1 1829 Denver West Dr., Bldg. 27 Golden, Colorado

Our mission: To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 5:35 p.m., a majority of the Board met – Jane Barnes, President; Vince Chowdhury, First Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Second Vice President; and, Scott Benefield, Secretary – in study/dialogue session in the Seminar Room, Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Hereford Percy, Treasurer, was excused. A break was taken from 6:41 p.m. to 6:49 p.m.

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education and Superintendent to review the fourth quarter financial report with members of the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC).

**DISCUSSION:** With FOC members Rick Rush and Helen Gair, the Board discussion covered the negative and positive variability in the mid-year projection, Colorado Department of Education (CDE) accounting adjustments and underspending in utilities that lead to actual underspending in the 2006-07 budget. Other topics addressed included snow removal expenses, class sizes in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and high school, future elections and budget projections through 2011-12, the Rose Foundation work on teacher compensation, and school internal audits.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board of Education will continue to welcome the advice of the members of the Financial Oversight Committee in future work of the district.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 6:49 p.m., the Board met in study/dialogue session in the Seminar Room.

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to receive information on the district's guaranteed and viable curriculum through Blackboard.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board received information on the Curriculum Alignment Project (CAP), which assists teachers and principals in providing a guaranteed and viable curriculum accessible through the online BlackBoard system and online Professional Learning Communities (PLC). Board members had the online opportunity to apply the

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CAP and pacing guide for  $10^{\rm th}$  grade American History, Biology, Math, and a  $3^{\rm rd}$  grade teacher's use of United Streaming.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board of Education received a practical application of the guaranteed and viable curriculum available to teaching staff throughout Jeffco Public Schools and how advances in technology support student learning.

**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** At 7:50 p.m., the Board met in study/dialogue session to receive additional tips on the use of members' tablets and BoardDocs.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for October 11, 2007.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on October 25, 2007.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education