



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 10, 2008
Board 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: The Board of Education met in the Seminar Room at 5:05 p.m. in study/dialogue session. Jane Barnes joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

PURPOSE: The Board of Education reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the first Quarter Financial Report with members of the Financial Oversight Committee.

DISCUSSION: The external auditors from Clifton Gunderson reported that the district earned an “unqualified report,” with no findings and all findings from the previous year were correct. A statement was shared with the Board from the members of the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) regarding district personnel costs.

Comments shared on the first quarter financial report covered salaries/benefits, cash balances, debt service refunding, and charter schools debt. The FOC shared a statement on the fine work of the capital improvement program bond.

OUTCOME: The Board members thanked the volunteer members of the FOC for their oversight work on behalf of the community and district. The study/dialogue session adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

1. **PRELIMINARY**

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, president of the Board of Education, at 6:07 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, January 10, 2008. Recess was held from 7:41-7:50 p.m.

02. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Benefield welcomed the audience and recognized the Hackberry Hill Strings, directed by Sue Mogan.

03. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Mr. Benefield, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

04. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety - Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli Secretary; and Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

05. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Thomas

2. **HONORS AND RECOGNITION:** January is National Board of Education month. The Superintendent recognized the members of the Board of Education for their dedication and the countless hours of work they contribute to the school district.

Members of the Bear Creek High School Gymnastics team, along with their coach Michelle Chalkey, were recognized for winning the 5A state championship.

Members of the Evergreen High School Cheer team, along with their coach Tammy Dufford, were recognized for being named the NCA Spirit Sportsmanship Team of 2007.

Barb Donahue, principal, Foothills Elementary, and Kathy Chandler, principal, Green Gables Elementary, were honored for being recognized as exceptional principals by the Colorado Association of Libraries.

Betsy Thompson, director of Student Services, was honored for receiving the Lance Huffman Award from the Colorado School Counselor Association.

3. **COUNTY STUDENT COUNCIL:** Members of the County Student Council updated the Board on the planning of the Senior Ball to be held March 15, 2008, at Chatfield High School.

4. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Dr. Stevenson reported that schools are back in session and she had been to visit four of them.

Ms. Marinelli and Mr. Benefield visited the Compass Montessori-Golden campus.

Ms. Marinelli visited Marshdale Elementary.

Ms. Barnes asked about preparing a legislative platform for the Board to direct the lobbyist.

Ms. Barnes stated that she has a heavy travel schedule with her job and apologized. Mr. Benefield suggested teleconferencing with absent Board members.

Mr. Benefield advised the Board they would be receiving an e-mail requesting suggestions on what the priorities are for the Board for planning future agendas.

Mr. Benefield shared that board members had attended a gathering at Ms. Marinelli's house over the holidays.

Mr. Benefield attended the Good News Coalition breakfast and also visited the New America school.

Mr. Thomas visited Jefferson High School, Wheat Ridge High School, and Everitt Middle School.

Mr. Thomas mentioned he and Ms. Barnes are going to attend a county sponsored meeting on School Retention-Truancy which will be followed up by the state in March.

Mr. Chowdhury attended a community meeting held at the Belmar Town Center.

5. PUBLIC AGENDA:

01. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Public correspondence received by the Board was made available for public perusal.

02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Aaron Fitzgerald, Conifer-presented the Board with his proposal for student advisor to the Board of Education.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION #2 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented: 6.01, Approval of Minutes: December 6, 2007; 6.02, Policy Governance Monitoring Report – EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board; 6.03, Board Policy Revision-Executive Limitation policy EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board; 6.04, Employment (EL-3); 6.05, Administrative Appointments (EL-3); 6.06, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3); 6.07, Expulsion of Students (EL-10); 6.08, Supplemental Funds-Rose Community Foundation to Jeffco Family Literacy (EL-6); 6.09, Supplemental Funds-Rose Community Foundation to Foster Elementary (EL-6); 6.10, Bandwidth Expansion to All Schools (EL-6, 7); 6.11, Internet Expansion (EL-6, 7).

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Thomas

7. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:** No report at this meeting.
8. **STATUTUORY REQUIREMENTS AGENDA:**
 01. **PUBLIC HEARING – CHARTER RENEWAL – EXCEL ACADEMY (EL-13, CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION AND MONITORING):** Representatives from Excel Academy were present to answer questions from the Board regarding the renewal application.
9. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the special and regular meeting agendas of January 17, and 24, 2008.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, January 24, 2008.

Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on April 10, 2008.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education