



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 20, 2008  
Board and Seminar Rooms

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.*

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**ROLL CALL:** At 5:09 p.m., a majority of the Board was present – Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; and, Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer. Scott Benefield, President, joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Mr. Chowdhury left the meeting shortly after 6 p.m. A break was taken from 7:00 p.m. to 7:13 p.m.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION:** The Board of Education met with members of the Jefferson County League of Women Voters.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board and superintendent responded to specific questions of the members of the League of Women Voters. Questions covered resources available to parents looking for schools, budget, graduation requirements, homeless and English language learner student numbers, dropouts and credit recovery efforts, future elections for funding, and technology within schools.

**OUTCOME:** The members of the Jeffco LWV are better informed on operations within the school district and the Board is informed of issues of importance to League members.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION:** At 6 p.m., the Board of Education met with students from Brady Exploration School.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board and superintendent split into four smaller groups with a Board member leading each group. Discussion covered the following questions: 1) why did you leave school, what brought you back to school? (2) what skills will you and other students need for jobs we don't know will exist? (3) how can we tell if a student is a life long learner? (4) what does a global perspective mean to you?

**OUTCOME:** Board members shared out to the larger group the key issues from their small group discussions and thanked the students for sharing the evening with the members of the Board.

**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** At 7:13 p.m., the Board received an update from the district's investment bankers on district finances and a possible election in fall 2008.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board discussed debt market issues, the district's statutory debt limit, bond election history, tax exempt rates, and bond financing models.

**OUTCOME:** Board members are better informed on the position Jeffco Public Schools finds itself if the Board decides to proceed with a bond election.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 10, 2008.

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Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on June 5, 2008.

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Secretary of the Board of Education

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President of the Board of Education