



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 3, 2008  
Seminar Room

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

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

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**ROLL CALL:** At 5:07 p.m., a majority of the Board was present – Scott Benefield, President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; and, Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer. Jane Barnes, First Vice President; and Dave Thomas, Second Vice President, joined the meeting at 5:20 p.m. and 5:46 p.m., respectively. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. A break was taken from 7:12 p.m. to 7:18 p.m.

**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** The Board of Education received an update on the state's new accreditation system.

**DISCUSSION:** A presentation on the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) growth model and accreditation system were given by Dr. Carol Eaton, executive director, Assessment and Research. For the growth model, discussion covered how the state will use this measure to discover how best to increase student performance, that data will be available by student and by school, full functionality is not expected by August 15 (due date by statute) and it is unknown whether this model will be acceptable for federal accountability measures. Other issues discussed included the five points of accountability for accreditation and changes from the current accreditation system (CDE support, six categories of accreditation, streamlined reporting, early warning system, assurance of finance and safety).

**OUTCOME:** The information on the new system will be communicated to administration and then the remainder of the organization.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** At 6:08 p.m., the Board of Education met with the district lobbyist, Ed Bowditch, to review pending legislation.

**MOTION #1 (Monitor/Support Legislation):** Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board unanimously agreed to monitor House Bill 08-1357, Align State and Federal Educational Assessments; and HB08-1386, School and Principal Leadership Program; and to support HB08-1223, Training Around Literacy Challenges; HB08-1364, Interdepartmental Data

Protocols; HB08-1370, Counselor Corps, if it doesn't negatively impact funding to Jeffco Public Schools; HB08-1384, Improving Retention of Qualify Educators; Senate Bill 08-208, Background Investigations of Charter School Employees; SB08-133, Math and Sciences Scholarships; and, SB08-212, School Alignment.

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

**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** At 7:18 p.m., the Board received an update from staff on potential bond projects.

**DISCUSSION:** Information was shared from evaluations of more than 80 percent of schools, no critical items are determined yet, the capital needs list is long and for a 2009-2014 bond period the figure could reach \$419 million.

**OUTCOME:** Board members directed the superintendent to bring back in June 2008 a more detailed draft of district capital needs.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 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