



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 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 at 5 p.m. in the Seminar Room to review the draft executive summary budget for 2008-2009. The superintendent and chief financial officer responded to Board member questions and will revise the draft budget as directed.

1. **PRELIMINARY**

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, President of the Board of Education, at 6:09 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, April 10, 2008. Recess was held from 7:00-7:07 p.m.
02. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Benefield welcomed the audience and acknowledged the musical performance by students at Coronado Elementary, led by Steve Soich.
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

- HONORS AND RECOGNITION:** Students were honored for their excellence in music, dance, literature, photography, and visual arts in the PTA's annual "Reflections" program. This program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. This year's theme was "I can make a difference by." Jeffco students won 35 of 69 awards given to students from around the state of Colorado. This year's winners were: Musical Competition, kindergarten to second grade, Margaret Pilkington, gold medalist; Chase McCall, silver medalist; grades 3 to 5, Jacob Katzman, gold medalist; Erika Malpass and Sam Kassman, silver medalists; grades 6 to 8, Josh Bellatti, gold medalist; Benjamin Lemmer and Michael Dyer, silver medalists; grades 9 through 12, Kris Mahan, gold medalist; and Dominick Leslie, silver medalist. Dance, kindergarten to second grade, Sophia Graves and Michelle Bradley, silver medalists; grades 3 to 5, Nichole Shannon, gold medalist; Francesca Rubin and Samantha McConnell, silver medalists; grades 6 to 8, Cammie Shedd, silver medalist. Literature, kindergarten to second grade, Sophie Matthews, gold medalist; and grades 6 to 8, Parker Simmons, silver medalist. Photography, kindergarten to second grade, Ben Schrag, gold medalist; grades 3 to 5, Olivia LeBlanc and Gillian Lloyd, gold medalists; grades 6 to 8, Anastasia Sanger, silver medalist. Visual Arts, kindergarten to second grade, Alexis Tolbert, gold medalist; grades 3 to 5, Grace Tolbert, gold medalist; grades 6 to 8, Abigail Fester, gold medalist; and Hannah Heberd, silver medalist.

Travis Himmelman, freshman at Conifer High School, along with his coach Andrew Ubben, was recognized for winning the state 4A wrestling championship. Nick Jones, senior at Pomona High School, and his coach Pat DeCamillis were also recognized for winning the state 5A wrestling title.

Kevin Williams, senior at D'Evelyn, along with his coach Micah Porter, was honored for taking fifth place in the USA Jr. Men's World Cross Country Trials held in San Diego which earned him the right to compete in Edinburgh, Scotland as a member of the U.S. Junior World Cross Country team. Kevin placed 34th and was the third American to finish the race.

Twenty schools were recognized for the major role their school libraries have played in helping students achieve high academic standards. Conifer Senior, Elk Creek Elementary, Maple Grove Elementary, Semper Elementary, Sheridan Green Elementary, and Stott Elementary were honored for being High Performing libraries. Bell Middle, Campbell Elementary, Columbine Hills Elementary, Foothills Elementary, Ken Caryl Middle, Leawood Elementary, Marshdale Elementary, Pomona Senior, Ralston Elementary, Sierra Elementary, Warder Elementary, West Jefferson Elementary, Wheat Ridge Senior, and Warren Tech were honored for being Developing libraries.

Kevin Carroll, principal at Dunstan Middle School, was recognized as the Colorado Association of Libraries' outstanding school administrator. Su Eckhardt from the library association presented Mr. Carroll with the award.

Members of the Ralston Valley High School girls swimming and diving team were recognized for winning back-to-back 4A state championships. Swimmer Katie Johnson was recognized for finishing first place in the 200 Individual Medley and second place in the 500 Freestyle.

Members from Deer Creek Middle School's Team Babazeka presented the Board with an overview of their future city. The team won the Colorado Region Future City competition and traveled to the National Engineer's Week Future City competition in Washington D.C.

3. **COUNTY STUDENT COUNCIL:** Students from County Council updated the Board on the Senior Ball and explained the organizational structure for 2008-09.

4. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**

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

02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Barb Donahue, principal, Foothills Elementary and Mike Beck, parent - presented the Board with a video presentation requesting a future bond project for improvements at Foothills Elementary.

Melissa Ford and Michelle Winzent – Urged the Board to consider a mill levy override.

5. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Members of the Board attended the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference, held in Orlando and reported on their activities.

Members of the Board attended the Arvada/Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Annual Recognition Ceremony held at Pomona High School.

Members of the Board attended the Outdoor Lab Foundation Gala Dinner/Silent Auction at the Arvada Center.

Mr. Benefield mentioned the High School Art Show being held at the Arvada Center through May 11, 2008.

Dr. Stevenson mentioned the district had purchased art from the elementary and middle schools art shows and would be purchasing from the high school art show. She also encouraged the audience to attend the middle school art show at the Lakewood Cultural Center.

Mr. Benefield recognized the boy scouts who were in the audience to earn their merit badge. He also reported meeting with the Region 5 school board presidents.

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: January 10, 22, 24, 29, February 7, 19, 26, 28, March 6, 11 and 18, 2008; 6.02, Policy Governance Monitoring Report-EL8, Facilities; 6.03, Policy Governance Monitoring Report-EL9, Emergency Superintendent Succession; 6.04, Board Policy for Study-EL8, Facilities; 6.05, Board Policy for Study-EL9, Emergency Superintendent Succession; 6.06, Board Policy Revisions-GP4, Board Job Description; 6.07, Board Policy No Revisions-EL5, Financial Planning/Budgeting; 6.08, Board Policy No Revisions-EL6, Financial Administration; 6.09, District Option Program: Home Options; 6.10, Expulsion of Students (EL-10, Treatment of Students); 6.11, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.12, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.13, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.14, Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education Title I School Improvement Grant to Eiber Elementary (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.15, Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education Title II Part A Reallocation Funds for Staffing Needs Grant to Human Resources (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.16, Contract Award: Xerographic Paper (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.17, Contract Award: Alameda High School Addition/Renovation Project (EL-8, Facilities); 6.18, Contract Award: Contract Manager/General Contractor Selection for Sierra Elementary Replacement Phase I (EL-8, Facilities); 6.19, Contract Award: Collegiate Academy Synthetic Turf Field (EL-8, Facilities); 6.20, Contract Award: Johnson Replacement School (EL-8, Facilities); 6.21, Contract Award: Lumberg Elementary Kitchen Improvements Project (EL-8, Facilities); 6.22, Contract Award: Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades Projects (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.23, Contract Award: Capital Improvement Program April 2008 (EL-7, Asset Protection).

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

7. **ENDS DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING AGENDA:**

01. **REPORT ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ENDS 1):** Becky Feuerstein, director of Early Childhood Education; and, Debbie Backus, chief academic officer, presented the Board with an update on Early Childhood Education and how early childhood is related to student drop outs and a student's future success.

8. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:** No discussion items scheduled.

9. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the Board Work Calendar and the agendas for the special and regular meetings of April 22 and May 1, 2008.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, May 1, 2008.

Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

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

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education