



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 8, 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.

1. PRELIMINARY

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A special meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, president of the Board of Education, at 5:04 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Tuesday, July 8, 2008.
02. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Benefield welcomed the audience.
03. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Mr. Benefield, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.
04. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present - Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; and, Sue Marinelli, Secretary. Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer, was excused. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

2. PUBLIC AGENDA:

01. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stan Dempsey, Golden – Requested Vince Chowdhury to resign his position on the Board of Education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:11 p.m., upon motion by Sue Marinelli, seconded by Jane Barnes, a majority of the Board agreed to move into executive session in the Seminar Room to seek the advice of legal counsel on specific legal questions. The Board reconvened in open session at 5:24 p.m.

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

MOTION #1 (Ask for Chowdhury's Resignation): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Ms. Barnes, a majority of the Board voted to ask Mr. Vince Chowdhury to resign his position on the school board.

Mr. Benefield, Ms. Barnes, and Ms. Marinelli each made individual statements regarding the responsibilities of Board members to the Jefferson County community, Jeffco students and staff in all aspects of their behavior and support of the law.

Mr. Thomas commented that he was abstaining from voting on these issues due to his prior legal representation of Mr. Chowdhury for his arrest proceedings. Mr. Thomas no longer represents Mr. Chowdhury as legal counsel.

Allen Taggart, district legal counsel, reviewed the powers of the Board of Education to remove a member; boards of education have no power to remove an elected board member unless a written resignation is received, the board member moves out of the director district or is convicted of a felony. He noted that a motion and vote can be made by the Board, however, it will have no legal effect.

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

Mr. Benefield stated that the Board will await Mr. Chowdhury's response to this Board action.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for August 21, 2008.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on August 21, 2008.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education

I hereby attest that in my opinion the portion of this executive session for which minutes were not kept constituted a privileged attorney-client communication.

Allen Taggart
School District Attorney

I hereby attest that the portion of this executive session for which minutes were not kept was confined to the topic authorized for discussion in an executive session pursuant to C.R.S. section 24-6-402(4)(b).



Scott D. Benefield
President