



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 21, 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 met in its entirety – Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; and Sue Marinelli, Secretary - in study/dialogue session at 3:05 p.m. in the Seminar Room at Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cindy Stevenson, superintendent, represented the administration. Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer, was absent from the meeting due to his resignation effective August 21, 2008. A break was taken from 4:31 p.m. to 5:01 p.m. and 5:47 p.m. to 6:07 p.m.

PURPOSE: The Board met to review Board relations for the 2008-2009 school year with a facilitator from the Colorado Association of School Boards.

DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed how they would work together to lead the school district; the role of the Board of Education as the community representatives, how Board members will recognize success in their work over the course of years.

PURPOSE: At 5:01 p.m., the Board continued its study/dialogue session to review the mill levy override and capital improvement program proposals.

DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed information received in Spring 2008 and the decisionmaking process.

CONCLUSION: The Board agreed on communication norms to ensure member questions are addressed in a timely manner. Verbiage was amended in ballot language prior to the Board's approval later this evening. Board members agreed to attend the budget meetings scheduled by the superintendent with staff and community.

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, August 21, 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 the Board was present in its entirety- Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Mr. Benefield announced the resignation of Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer.

05. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as revised, with the addition to the Consent Agenda, item 5.18, Resolution to Declare Vacancy in Director District 5.

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

2. **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AGENDA:**

The citizen committee, Citizens for Jeffco's Schools, reported to the Board of Education on its work.

MOTION #2 (Approve Mill Levy Ballot Question): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to adopt the resolution calling an election on November 4, 2008 to authorize additional local property tax revenues for the general fund of the district and determining the ballot title and text of the ballot issue to be submitted at such election. (Attachment A)

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

MOTION #3 (Approved Bond Election Ballot Question): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to adopt the resolution calling an election on November 4, 2008 to authorize the incurrence of general obligation indebtedness by the district and the levy of ad valorem property taxes to repay such indebtedness, and determining the ballot title and text of the ballot issue to be submitted at such election. (Attachment B)

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

3. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Ms. Marinelli visited schools the first week of school.

Ms. Barnes attended a press conference on behalf of CASB (Colorado Association of School Boards). She also thanked Mr. Benefield for his leadership this summer.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Benefield shared their summer experiences.

Dr. Stevenson complimented the schools on their smooth opening and commented on the new Golden High School building.

4. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**

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

02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Lois Florkey, Littleton - Thanked members of the Board for their leadership in asking for the resignation of Vince Chowdhury.

Chandra Hatakeyama and Eileen Schoenberger – Expressed their concerns regarding the school calendar and requested the redistribution of the calendar survey before reconvening the calendar committee.

Rep. Jim Kerr, Littleton – Thanked members of the Board for their leadership in asking for the resignation of Vince Chowdhury.

Linda Sasenick, Mike Vincent, Diane Anderson, and Jeff Sacco - Expressed their concerns regarding the construction of the new building on the Warren Tech campus for the Johnson program.

Rick Myles, community superintendent; and Bob Smith, chief operating officer, advised the group of two upcoming community meetings to discuss the issue.

Sharon Edelen, Lakewood – Expressed her concerns to the Board regarding the privacy of records that pertain to students.

Peg Kastberg, community superintendent; and Debbie Backus, chief academic officer, met with Ms. Edelen to further discuss the issue.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

MOTION #4 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: 5.01, Approval of Minutes for June 3, 5, and July 8, 2008; 5.02., November 4, 2008-

Intergovernmental Agreement with Broomfield City and County (EL-1, Global Executive Constraint) (Attachment C); 5.03., November 4, 2008-Intergovernmental Agreement with Jefferson County (EL-1, Global Executive Constraint) (Attachment D, E); 5.04., Designated Election Official (EL-1, Global Executive Constraint) (Attachment F); 5.05., Expulsion of Students (EL-10, Treatment of Students); 5.06., Contract Renewal: Tomlinson and Associates-District Lobbyist (EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board); 5.07., Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.08., Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.09., Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.10., Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education-Family Literacy/McLain High School-AEFLA (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.11., Supplemental Funds-Jefferson County, Student Outreach (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.12., Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education-21st Century Community Learning Center, Eiber and Molholm Elementary Schools (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.13., Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education-21st Century Community Learning Center, Foster and Russell Elementary Schools (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.14., Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education-21st Century Community Learning Center, Jefferson High School, Wheat Ridge Middle School (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.15., Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education-Expelled and At-Risk Student Services, Drop Out Prevention (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.16., Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education-Pleasant View Elementary School (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.17., Supplemental Funds-Colorado Community College System-Career and Technical (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.18., Declaration of Board Vacancy (GP-2, Governing Style and Philosophies) (Attachment G).

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

6. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:** There are no discussion agenda items at this time
7. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the Board Work Calendar and the agenda topics likely scheduled for the regular meeting of September 18, 2008. The regular meeting of September 4, 2008 was canceled. Ms. Barnes requested a Board Work item to discuss the Board of Education budget. Dr. Stevenson confirmed the superintendent/employee budget meetings as scheduled.

Mr. Benefield announced the tentative Board timeline for action on director district 5 seat.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, September 18, 2008.

Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on October 2, 2008.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education

Attachment A: Resolution – Ballot Title and Text, Mill Levy Override, November 4, 2008 Election

Attachment B: Resolution – Ballot Title and Text, Bond Issue, November 4, 2008 Election

Attachment C: Resolution - Intergovernmental Agreement, Coordinated Election-Broomfield City and County

Attachment D: Resolution - Intergovernmental Agreement, Coordinated Election-Jefferson County

Attachment E: Resolution - Intergovernmental Agreement, Ballot Issue Notice-Jefferson County

Attachment F: Resolution - Designated Election Official

Attachment G: Resolution - Board Vacancy Director District 5