



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 2, 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: A majority of the Board met – Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; and Dave Thomas, Second Vice President - in study/dialogue session at 5 p.m. in the Seminar Room at Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cindy Stevenson, superintendent, represented the administration. Sue Marinelli, Secretary, joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m. Breaks occurred from 5:50 p.m. to 6:07 p.m.

PURPOSE: The Board met to interview the three final applicants for the open director district 5 seat.

DISCUSSION: The Board interviewed Paula Noonan, Mary Everson, and Richard Rush, allotting 20 minutes for each. Questions addressed engaging the community, school choice within the district, legislative issues of local control and vouchers, and conflict management. Final statements were also taken by the applicants.

CONCLUSION: The Board thanked each applicant and noted that the appointment would be made later in the evening during the regular business meeting.

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, October 2, 2008.

02. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Benefield welcomed the audience and acknowledged the Handbell Choir from Miller Special School, directed by Leslie Iiams.

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.

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 removal of the public hearing on MAST Learning Center charter school from the Statutory Requirements agenda.

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

2. **HONORS, RECOGNITION AND SCHOOL REPORTS:** The Board of Education recognized Clay Myers and his coach Xandi Ainlay. Mr. Myers won the 4A state swimming championship in the 200 individual medley and the 500 freestyle. Clay graduated from Ralston Valley High School in 2008 and is currently attending the University of Denver.

Cindy Hernandez, school improvement specialist, Title Schools, was honored for being selected *Administrator of the Year* by the Colorado Association for Bilingual Education (CABE). Susan Miller, assistant director, Multicultural Student Services, was also honored for being nominated for a special CABE Board of Directors award.

3. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Dr. Stevenson updated the Board of Education on the budget presentations.

Ms. Marinelli attended the dedication ceremony for Golden High School, Wheat Ridge High School and Arvada West High School.

Ms. Barnes attended the CASB (Colorado Association of School Boards) regional meetings.

Mr. Benefield visited schools and attended articulation area meetings. He also expressed his appreciation for the voters.

Mr. Thomas attended budget meetings, articulation area meetings, dedications, the Second Wind Run/Walk and the fundraiser held at Solterra.

Ms. Marinelli reported on the P-20 Council that was hosted by Jeffco Public Schools.

4. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**

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

02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no one present to address the Board.

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

01. **REPORT ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DURING 2007-2008 (Ends 1):**

Dr. Carol Eaton, executive director of Assessment and Research, and Debbie Backus, chief academic officer, presented a summary of results and an overview of district assessment work aligned with Strategic Plan objective 1.

02. **REPORT ON ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRESS IN JEFFCO SCHOOLS (EL-11):**

John Canuel, executive director of Educational Technology Services, Don Jenkins, chief information officer and Ken Goldstein, vice president of Blackboard, presented the Board of Education with information on the online learning systems and programs that have been implemented for students and staff across Jeffco Public Schools.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

MOTION #2 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: 6.01., Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.02., Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.03., Supplemental Funds-Rose Foundation, Foster Elementary (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.04., Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education, Eiber Elementary (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.05., Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education, Kullerstrand Elementary (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.06., Supplemental Funds-Colorado Parent and Child Foundation, Family Literacy (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.07., Contract Award-Architect for Remodel Project at Ralston Elementary (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.08, Donation: Qwest Furniture (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.09., Donation: Network Hardware/Services from CISCO Systems, Inc. (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.10, Selection of Colorado Association of School Boards Delegate: Sue Marinelli; 6.11, Approval of Minutes: August 21, September 11, and 18, 2008.

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

7. **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AGENDA:**

01. **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER (EL-1):** Mr. Benefield reviewed the process to be used by the Board of Education in appointing a new board member for director district 5 from the final three applicants interviewed on October 2, 2008.

Votes were taken on all three candidates and Rick Rush was unanimously supported for the appointment to the director district 5 school board vacancy. The oath of office will be administered on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at the regular meeting.

8. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

01. **POLICY GOVERNANCE MONITORING REPORT: FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION (EL-6):**

MOTION #3 (Approve Monitoring Report EL-6): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Ms. Barnes, it was unanimous to approve the monitoring report on EL-6, Financial Administration as presented.

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

02. **POLICY GOVERNANCE MONITORING REPORT: FACILITIES (EL-8):**

MOTION #4 (Approve Monitoring Report EL-8): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the monitoring report on EL-8, Facilities as presented.

The Board requested that policy language be developed to address enrollment, building capacity and school closings.

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

03. **COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS RESOLUTIONS FOR 2008 (GP-1):** The Board discussed positions to be taken on proposed Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) resolutions. Ms. Marinelli, delegate to the CASB Delegate Assembly, will carry forward the Board's positions as discussed to the October 24-25, 2008 conference.

8. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed its work calendar and the agenda items for the special and regular meetings of October 9 and 16, 2008. Mr. Benefield requested an agenda item to discuss the student advisor position. The Board scheduled a special meeting for November 6, 2008, 5-8 p.m.

9. **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, October 16, 2008.

Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on October 16, 2008.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education