

Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 17, 2010 Seminar 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

1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m. by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education, in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Friday, September 17, 2010.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety- Dave Thomas, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Secretary; and, Paula Noonan, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Matt Van Auken served as meeting facilitator. Breaks were taken from 12:42 p.m. to 12:57 p.m., and 2:10 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Effective and Responsible Teamwork: Session 3 (Ends 8)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education will develop strategies to meet its Ends statement, the Jeffco Board will be effective and responsible and will function as a highly effective team.

DISCUSSION: The facilitator reviewed the accomplishments of session 2 on September 16, including the list of 'must do' and special interest topics for Board work to schedule for the next 15 months. The special interest topics fell into three main categories: 1) use of school/facility, 2) innovative education/instruction, 3) community. Given the regular and special meeting structures, the Board determined it had two hours in regular meetings and three hours in study sessions to schedule required Board work.

After completing its work plan, the Board discussed governance process policy 12 and 13, Board Committee Principles, and Committee Structure, respectively. Discussion covered an interest in having all committees with community members fall under the auspices of the Board of Education, including ad hoc committees called by the superintendent, and to have a committee's specific charge and membership approved by the Board. Additionally, discussion covered possible changes to the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee (SPAC) membership and charge.

CONCLUSION: The Board scheduled work topics October 2010 through June 2011. The October 28 study session meeting was moved to October 26, 5-8 p.m. and the October 21 meeting was extended to 9:00 p.m. to accommodate discussion of all scheduled topics. Members agreed to discuss monitoring efforts on Ends policies with district staff prior to reports being prepared for Board action. Discussion of special interest topics may be covered in monitoring discussions, reports and/or presentations. Monitoring reports to the Board will be informational and/or the basis for the Board to understand continual improvement in the district toward Board Ends.

The Board proposed revisions to policies GP-12, Board Committee Principles, and EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board. Additionally, legal counsel will research and report to the Board on disinterestedness in committee membership and opening meeting requirements of Board committees.

The Board agreed that the SPAC should proceed with the scheduled October and November Thursday meetings and discuss community engagement with the Board of Education. Next steps for SPAC and accountability will be reviewed after that time.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for October 7, 2010.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on October 7, 2010.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education