



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 3, 2011
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. Musical Performance

The jazz band from Columbine High School performed in the Board Room under the direction of Brett O'Neil prior to the start of the regular business meeting.

2. Preliminary

2.01 Location – Education Center

2.02 Call to Order – Board Room

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, March 3, 2011.

2.03 Welcome to Audience

2.04 Pledge of Allegiance

2.05 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. Breaks were taken from 7:01 p.m. to 7:12 p.m. and 8:50 p.m. to 9:02 p.m.

2.06 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Amend Motion to Approve Agenda as Presented): After motion by Ms. Johnson and second by Ms. Boggs, to approve the agenda as presented, Ms. Boggs offered a motion to amend. Upon motion by Ms. Boggs, second by Ms. Johnson, the Board of Education approved amending the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Ms. Boggs, second by Ms. Johnson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Noonan, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Thomas

Motion #2 (Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education approved the agenda as revised for the meeting agenda for the regular business meeting of March 3, 2011 as revised, with the removal of Consent agenda item 5.09, Contract: Scholastic-Take Home Book Project (EL-7, Asset Protection), to the Discussion agenda, item 7.04 and to add a Discussion agenda item 7.05, Community Groups.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Noonan, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Thomas

3. Honors, Recognition and School Reports

3.01 Power Libraries

The following 47 schools teacher-librarians and principals, the most in the state in one school district, were recognized as state power libraries: Kristen Whitley, Brendan Feely/ Adams Elementary; Susan Lackey, Robert Bishop/ Arvada West High School; Patricia Thompson, Bridget Jones/ Bell Middle School; Lin Wareham-Morris, Kenneth Somers/ Blue Heron Elementary; Heidi O'Leary, Sam Palamara/ Bradford Intermediate; Christine Yacano, Carrie Cornejo/ Campbell Elementary; Christine Izmirian, Scott Allensworth/ Carmody Middle School; Laura Reiman, Connie Brasher/ Columbine Hills Elementary; Gail Bonner, Mike Musick/ Conifer High School; Linda Tatalaski, Patricia Delorenza/ Creighton Middle School; Michelle Hollandsworth, Celeste Sultze/ Edgewater Elementary; Wendy Bittner, Joann Marion/ Elk Creek Elementary; Debbie Richards, Kristopher Schuh/ Evergreen Middle School; June Ruppel, Brady Stroup/ Fairmount Elementary; Toni Weller, Wendy Rubin/ Falcon Bluffs Middle School; Liz Gaston, Barb Donahue/ Foothills Elementary; Donna Ostwald, Debra Hines/ Fremont Elementary; Candace Ballantyne, Will Morton/ Governor's Ranch Elementary; Courtney Drysdale, Kathy Chandler/ Green Gables Elementary; Jeff VanSpriell, Warren Blair/ Hackberry Hill Elementary; Liz Keating, Ari Goldberg/ Leawood Elementary; Lisa Polacsek, Esther Valdez/ Little Elementary; Michelle Laughlin, Jeffery Fugita/ Lukas Elementary; Amy Stahura, Michael Maffoni/ Maple Grove Elementary; Dawn Kelly, Christie Frost/ Marshdale Elementary; Melissa Swenson, Andy Schrant/ Meiklejohn Elementary; Minda Pengelly, Trip Sargent/ North Arvada Middle School; Ryan Livingston, Jabin Cook/ Patterson International; Brenda Von Kaenel, Scott Capron/ Pleasantview Elementary; Judy Sims, Andy Geise/ Pomona High School; Debbie Bowen, Mike Freeman/ Powderhorn Elementary; Autumn Montgomery, Karen Quanbeck/ Ralston Elementary; Camille Shellhart, Wanda Hamilton/ Red Rocks Elementary; Marnie Roush, Robin Techmanski/ Ryan Elementary; Wayne Heibein, Judy Lynn/ Semper Elementary; Wendy White, Peggy Griebenow/ Shelton Elementary; Dawn Miller, Kurt Freeman/ Sheridan Green Elementary; Ellen Ehlers, Greg Bushey/ Sierra Elementary; Sheryl Horgan, Nick Kemmer/ Slater Elementary; Dena Zamora, Gale Downing/ Stott Elementary; Shannon Feely, Carla Endsley/ Swanson Elementary; Tammy Langeberg, Becky Nelsen/ Warder Elementary.

3.02 O'Rourke Prize: Kay Newcomer

Kay Newcomer, instructional coach at Bear Creek High School, was recognized for receiving the O'Rourke Prize sponsored by the Colorado Staff Development Council and Mrs. Ann O'Rourke. The award honors exemplary leaders of professional learning and collaborative practices who have significantly impacted the learning of educators.

3.03 American School Counselor Association Top Ten: Sandy Austin

Sandy Austin, counselor at Green Mountain High School, was recognized for being named one of the top ten counselors in the country by the American School Counselor Association.

3.04 Wayne Carle Diversity Awards

For outstanding contributions to diversity and equity in Jefferson County Public Schools, the following individuals were recognized by the Board of Education with the Wayne Carle Award: Karina Hill/student, Alexandria Ralat/teacher, Darl G. Hobson/community member, Teresa Sena Klava/parent, Jeffco Action Center/community organization, Jeffco Office of Dropout Prevention and Recovery/department, Tracy Phariss/teacher, Dr. Alonzo F. Rodriguez/parent, Dexter Meyer/administrator, Tim Miller/teacher, Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver-Lakewood Branch/community organization, TROOP (Total Respect Of Other People)/student group, A Day Without Hate/student group, and Brenda Somerville/administrator. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson received the Legacy Award.

4. Public Agenda

4.01 Correspondence-March 3, 2011

Public correspondence received by the Board of Education was made available for public perusal.

4.02 Public Comment

Rick Ricketts – Lakewood – regarding budget and PERA reductions.

Tom Graham – Arvada – regarding employees in unions and discipline of employees.

Chuck Bailey – Arvada – regarding budget reductions.

Tim Neville – Littleton – regarding budget reductions.

Ron Rizzo – Littleton – regarding budget reductions.

Tara O'Brien, Matthew Bailey, Heidi Hill, Linda Chouw – Jeffco parents – regarding Option School busing.

Marlin Jahnke – Arvada – regarding test scores and student proficiency.

Regan Benson – Littleton – regarding snow days.

Katie Gill, Pam Rozell, Stacey Mason, Kurt Connolly, Victoria Liebman – Jeffco parents – regarding Red Rocks Elementary.

Marc Romero – Pine – regarding school presentation.

Brian Wareing – Golden – regarding psychotropic drugs.

Bill Wharton – Pine – regarding teacher influence.

Russ Haas – Golden – regarding employee numbers and cold weather bus function.

Lorie Gillis – Golden – regarding Financial Oversight Committee update.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion #3 (Approve Consent Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent agenda as revised: 5.01, Approval of Minutes-February 3, 2011; 5.02, Approval of Minutes-February 17, 2011; 5.03, Approval of Minutes-February 22, 2011; 5.04, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.05, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.06, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.07, Supplemental Funds-March 2011 (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.08, Contract Addendum: Leveled Literacy Intervention (EL-7, Asset Protection); 5.09, Resolution to Accept Decision-Grievance #010-010 (EL-3, Staff Treatment).

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

6. Ends and Monitoring Agenda

6.01 Middle Grades Success (Ends 1)

Debbie Backus, chief academic officer; José Martinez, community superintendent; Dr. Heather Beck, executive director of School Management; Priscilla Straughn, executive director of the Department for Learning and Educational Achievement (DLEA); Wendy Rubin, principal at Falcon Bluffs Middle School; Pat Sandos, principal at Ken Caryl Middle School; Trip Sargent, principal at North Arvada Middle School; and, Kristopher Schuh, principal at Evergreen Middle School, discussed with the Board of Education the key factors in middle school success to meet the Board Ends policy goal, *all students are prepared for continuous learning and the world of work in the changing environment of the 21st century*.

The Board discussed how a specific model for middle grades was not key to success but consistency in meeting the needs of students, devotion to outcome, and the competence of leadership and teachers. Additionally, discussion covered physical activity, behavioral impacts, resources for curricular areas and conditions needed for success in middle grades.

6.02 Update on Strategic Compensation Pilot (Ends 6, 7)

Amy Weber, executive director of Human Resources, presented an update on the Jeffco Strategic Compensation Pilot, along with Matthew Neal, project director of Strategic Compensation; and, Kristy Parsons, assistant project director of Strategic Compensation. Board discussion covered how metrics are expected to be collected at 20 schools over the four year pilot, salary, attracting teachers to high impact schools, teacher evaluations tied to earnings, costs associated with every teacher meeting all goals, and Board representation (Boggs, Noonan) on the strategic compensation steering group.

6.03 Resolution of Support: S.C.R. 11-001 (Ends 1)

Motion #4 (Adopt Resolution of Support: SCR11-001): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan, a majority of the Board voted to adopt the resolution of support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 11-001 regarding citizen initiated state constitutional amendments. (Attachment A)

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas
Nay: Ms. Boggs

7. Discussion Agenda

7.01 Board Policy Revision: GP-6, Annual Work Plan

Motion #5 (Adopt Policy Revision): It was moved by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, to adopt policy revisions to GP-6, Annual Work Plan as presented.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

7.02 Contract: Scholastic-Take Home Book Project (EL-7)

Motion #6 (Suspend Rules): It was moved by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Barnes, to suspend the meeting rules and move Discussion agenda item 7.04, Contract: Scholastic-Take Home Book Project (EL-7), to 7.02 and reorder subsequent agenda items as necessary.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Barnes

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

Motion #7 (Approve Contract): It was moved by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, to allow the director of Purchasing to enter into an agreement with Scholastic Publishing for an estimated amount of \$550,000.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

7.03 Board Policy Revision: GP-7, Board Member Code of Conduct; GP-11, One Voice Commitment

Motion #8 (Adopt Policy Revision): It was moved by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, to adopt policy revisions to GP-7, Board Member Code of Conduct, and GP-11, One Voice Commitment, as presented.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

7.04 Board Office Budget Reductions 2011-2012

The Board agreed to postpone this discussion item for a future meeting, requesting a detailed list of expenditures by account and confirmation of National School Board Association (NSBA) membership fees.

7.05 Community Groups

The Board discussed how to discuss and address citizen groups focused on district work which are not Board or district appointed committees.

8. Board and Superintendent Comments

Ms. Boggs commented on her attendance at the Colorado Association of School Board's (CASB) Legislative Conference in Denver and visits to schools in her director district.

9. Weekly Update Discussion

Ms. Boggs received answers from legal counsel regarding teacher positions, requested the funding agency of a national preschool study, and a list of the boards on which the superintendent sits.

Ms. Noonan requested additional information on Special Education program acronyms.

The Board questioned why the Jeffco Quarterly no longer includes a Board of Education section and was informed that due to lack of a full five member response to questions posed, the section was suspended. The Board suggested that in future the topic question for response come from the Board.

10. Develop Next Agenda

10.01 Board Work Calendar

10.02 Special and Regular Meetings of March 17, 24 and April 7, 2011

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and special and regular meetings of March 17 (canceled), March 24 and April 7 (moved to April 5), 2011.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 5, 2011.


Marta Neil, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on April 5, 2011.


Secretary of the Board of Education


President of the Board of Education