



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 5, 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. Study/Dialogue Session

1.01 Location – Education Center

1.02 Final Report: Capital Improvement Program Oversight Committee and First Semiannual Report Capital Asset Advisory Committee

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to receive the final report from the Capital Improvement Program Oversight Committee for work done on the 2005-2010 program and to receive the first semiannual report from the newly-formed Capital Asset Advisory Committee (CAAC).

DISCUSSION: Introductions were made of committee members and a brief slideshow presented projects completed in the last bond program. A review of highlights included that seven sites were energy improvement sites having already received back rebates of \$1 million (of \$12 million investment), the overall scope was completed as committed to voters, 80 prime consultants and 110 general contractors worked on the projects which were managed by district staff with a three percent administration cost to the overall bond program.

Discussion covered how the success of this bond program will help in any future request to the community; that Board and administrative financial decisions made the district competitive in the bond market which helped bring additional funds for construction projects; that these public projects helped the Jeffco community and parents by saving jobs and companies when unemployment was threatening; thanks for the length of quality volunteer service of many CAAC members to the task of oversight of the bond and facilities programs; the transition of committee members from bond oversight to new capital asset planning role which includes reviewing facilities annually and prioritizing needs for discussion and review with the Board based on the broad guidance provided by Board priorities.

CONCLUSION: The Board thanked the committee members and pledged to meet again to review its priorities for facilities planning with the members of the Capital Asset Advisory Committee.

2. Preliminary

2.01 Call to Order – Board Room

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:10 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, April 5, 2011.

2.02 Welcome to Audience

2.03 Pledge of Allegiance

2.04 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 7:10 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.

2.05 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Approve Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education approved the agenda as presented.

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 Elite 8 World Status: Lakewood High School Debate Team

The Board recognized the Lakewood High School debate team: Alexandra Nille, Alexander Fan and William Crimmins, and the coach, Gregory Davis, for advancing to the "Elite 8" round of the Bickel & Brewer/New York University International Public Policy Forum (IPPF) competition, winning an all expense paid trip to New York City to compete for the top prize of \$10,000 in the 10th World Championship title.

4. Public Agenda

4.01 Correspondence-April 5, 2011

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

4.02 Public Comment

Sharon Feder – Denver, parent – regarding support for Jeffco Open School.

Debbie Millard, Cheyenne, Savannah and Austin Millard – Arvada – regarding support for Jeffco schools and the BIONIC Club at Green Mountain High School.

Tom Graham – Arvada – regarding employee negotiations.

Alisyn Bukowski – Arvada – regarding advertising online education opportunities.

Linda Forrester, Valerie Pelc, Candie Leahouser – Westminster, Littleton – regarding support of Employee Summit package.

Emily Miller – Conifer – regarding thanks to Dr. Stevenson for leadership and service.

4.03 Public Hearing: 2011/2012 Proposed Budget

Mr. Thomas outlined the process for the public hearing on the proposed budget. He noted the importance of complete and accurate information to the community and, reportedly, one board member is incorrectly stating information that he will ask staff to address regarding a pay increase, per student funding, illegally funding preschool, six day loss of instruction for students and the reason for moving the Board's regular meeting from April 7 to April 5.

Remarks were made by representatives of the Employee Summit: Frank DeAngelis, principal at Columbine High School; Warren Blair, principal at Hackberry Hills Elementary School; Kerrie Dallman, president of Jefferson County Education Association; Joe Selvidio, president of the Classified School Employees Association; and, Bob Brown, executive director of CSEA. Ms. Barnes noted that with 85 percent of the district's budget tied to people reductions are either in pay or people, and thanked the employee groups for coming forward and, that the district is stronger for this action. Dr. Stevenson added that this success was possible because of the many years building relationships among the involved parties.

The chief financial officer presented a brief overview of the 2011/2012 proposed budget. Board discussion covered impact to graduation requirements and high school scheduling options.

Jonathan Miller – Evergreen – took the offer to be a first speaker on May 5.

Rachelle Johnson, Casey Gardner, Suzanne Martin, Suzan Wood, Emma McCurdy – Zerger parents, employees – regarding closure of Zerger and Ms. Boggs communication.

Sue Marinelli – Evergreen – regarding support for the Employee Summit decision.

Jeri Martinez – Martensen parent – regarding closure of Martensen and the Employee Summit decision.

Charles Riebe – Littleton – regarding the Employee Summit package.

Scott Spindlove – Lakewood – regarding disappointment in budget development process.

John McElderry – Littleton – regarding Education Center expense.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion #2 (Approve Consent Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent agenda: 5.01, Approval of Minutes-February 24, 2011; 5.02, Approval of Minutes-March 1, 2011; 5.03, Approval of Minutes-March 3, 2011; 5.04, Approval of Minutes-March 10, 2011; 5.05, Approval of Minutes-March 15, 2011; 5.06, Instructional Resources Recommended for Use in Jefferson County Public Schools (EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board); 5.07, Use of Jeffco Facilities for Lakewood on Parade-July 3, 2011; 5.08, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.09, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.10, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.11, Supplemental Funds Notification: April, 2011 (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.12, Donation: Dakota Ridge High School Field Improvements (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.13, Contract Extension: KAM Resources (EL-7, Asset Protection); 5.14, Contract Award: SMARTBoard/Projector Installation (EL-8, Facilities); 5.15, Contract

Award: Xerographic Paper (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.16, Contract Award: Warm, Safe, Dry Improvements 15 North (EL-8, Facilities); 5.17, Contract Award: Warm, Safe, Dry Improvements Central, West Sites (EL-8, Facilities); 5.18, Contract Award: Warm, Safe, Dry Improvements 6 South (EL-8, Facilities); 5.19, Contract Award: Warm, Safe, Dry Improvements 10 Central (EL-8, Facilities); 5.20, Contract Award: Warm, Safe, Dry Improvements 8 Southeast (EL-8, Facilities); 5.21, Contract Award: CM/GC Warren Tech Roof Replacement (EL-8, Facilities); 5.22, CM/GC Arvada High School Roof Replacement (EL-8, Facilities); 5.23, CM/GC Conifer Area Wastewater Project (EL-8, Facilities); 5.24, Contract Award: Roof Replacement Everitt, Wheat Ridge and North Arvada Middle Schools (EL-8, Facilities); 5.25, Contract Award: Roof Replacement Parmalee Elementary (EL-8, Facilities); 5.26, Contract Award: Roof Replacement, Window Replacement-Fairmount ES, Summit Ridge MS (EL-8, Facilities); 5.27, Contract Award: Partial Roof Replacement-Foster ES, Bell MS, Lakewood HS (EL-8, Facilities); 5.28, Contract Award: Districtwide Elevator Upgrades (EL-8, Facilities); 5.29, Contract Award: Districtwide HVAC Upgrade-Metasys Phase 2 (EL-8, Facilities).

Ms. Boggs noted \$10 million in spending will be approved.

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 Policy Revision: Graduation Requirements, IKF

Motion #3 (Adopt Policy Revisions as Revised: IKF): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education adopted revisions to district policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, as revised with the friendly amendment by Ms. Barnes, second by Ms. Boggs that, 'accommodations will be made to ensure that entrance requirements are met for the appropriate college of their choice.'

It was noted that students are currently accommodated, and will continue to be, if they want to graduate with more than the required number of graduation credits; and, that 40 high school teacher positions will be reduced in the 2011/2012 school year.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6.02 District Calendar 2011/2012

Motion #4 (Adopt Revisions to District Calendar): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan, the Board of Education adopted revisions to the district calendar for the 2011/2012 school year.

Board members received clarification on early release, snowdays and contract days.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Ms. Boggs

7. Board and Superintendent Comments

Mr. Thomas asked Debbie Backus, chief academic officer, to address the earlier mentioned issue for clarification on the funding of preschool. Ms. Backus noted that 25 years ago the Colorado General Assembly created the Colorado Preschool Program Fund; that pages 152-153 of the Executive Summary Adopted Budget 2010/2011 shows that Jeffco Preschool program brings funds into the district; and preschool is required for special education students in the least restrictive environment.

Mr. Thomas clarified that the reason the April 7 regular business meeting was moved to April 5 was due to the absence of Board members, not any attempt to restrict public comment on the budget.

8. Weekly Update Discussion

Ms. Boggs questioned why the waiver of Zerger transportation fee and not its expansion to charter and option students. The superintendent noted that would be a policy decision and a major undertaking if given the Board's direction to do so.

Ms. Barnes noted the 23 John Irwin Schools of Excellence in Jeffco. The schools will be recognized on May 5.

Mr. Thomas noted there are several outstanding student and staff recognitions coming on May 5 that were postponed from April.

Ms. Boggs noted her desire to visit schools. The superintendent responded that community superintendents will be in touch with her.

9. Develop Next Agenda

12.01 Board Work Calendar

12.02 Special and Regular Meetings of April 21, 28 and May 5, 2011

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and special and regular meetings of April 21, 28 and May 5, 2011. Ms. Barnes reported she would be absent April 28.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for May 5, 2011.



Marta Neil, Recording Secretary

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


Secretary of the Board of Education
President of the Board of Education