



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 15, 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. Preliminary

1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Lesley Dahlkemper, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Services Building, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, December 15, 2011.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety – Lesley Dahlkemper, President; Paula Noonan, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Jill Fellman, Secretary; and, Robin Johnson, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

1.04 Approve Agenda

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

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Boggs, Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Board Monitoring: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (EL-5, 6)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education will receive information from the chief financial officer, executive director of Finance, and Clifton Gunderson on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 in compliance with Board executive policy.

DISCUSSION: The Board received information on auditor responsibilities and the single audit results showing an overall expense decrease of \$7 million, capital assets decrease and the planned spend-down of reserves to meet district financial needs. There were no issues and one reportable item addressed by staff; it was an unqualified opinion – excellent work by the district as shared by the chairperson of the Financial Oversight Committee.

Board members requested the FOC look at how the district can remain competitive in the metropolitan area regarding excellent teacher hiring and program choice for students. Additionally, the district's pension liability will be reported on financial statements in future.

CONCLUSION: The Board of Education was informed that Clifton Gunderson will merge with Larson Allen effective January 2, 2012 to be one of the largest ten public accounting firms nationwide and no change to the charge for services to the district.

2.02 Outdoor Education Laboratory Schools (OELS) Business Plan

PURPOSE: The Board of Education will understand the history of the outdoor lab education program in Jeffco schools, the educational services and experience offered to Jeffco students, as well as the financial and sustainability plan of the program so that the Board can work in partnership with the Outdoor Lab Foundation to support the continued existence of the outdoor lab educational experience for Jeffco students.

DISCUSSION: The Board received information from the OELS Community Task Force members related to new and ongoing relationships supporting OELS, the hire of a new executive director, the business plan concept and financial modeling to be done.

CONCLUSION: The Board of Education looks forward to hearing next steps for financial sustainability of the OELS.

2.03 Colorado State Standards Revision in District and Schools (Ends 1-3)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update on Colorado State Standards in Jeffco schools.


DISCUSSION: The Board was informed how the Colorado academic standards, revised and adopted by the State Board of Education, are in effect in Jeffco schools. Jeffco's curriculum meets or exceeds these state standards. Staff shared how teachers use the curriculum to teach what students will understand, know and be able to do to gain mastery in core subject areas.

Board discussion covered teacher workload, clarity on timeframe and targets for student success, professional development to keep teachers successful, incorporation of technology for students and teachers, and support with the new evaluation system.

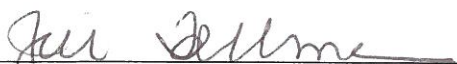
CONCLUSION: The Board of Education will keep this information in mind in upcoming budget decisions.

3. Adjournment

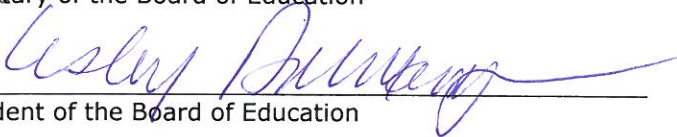
There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 19, 2012.


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on January 19, 2012.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education