



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 15, 2015
Board Room

Jeffco Public Schools
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

1.01 Musical Performance by Creighton Middle School

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center (streaming)

The meeting was video streamed live.

2.02 Jefferson Articulation Area Plan

The study session was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Ken Witt, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, January 15, 2015. The Board was present in its entirety – Ken Witt, President; Julie Williams, First Vice President; Lesley Dahlkemper, Second Vice President; John Newkirk, Secretary; and, Jill Fellman, Treasurer. Dan McMinimee, Superintendent, represented the administration.

PURPOSE: The Board of Education was informed of the changes under development for the Jefferson articulation area schools for the 2015/2016 school year to support increased student achievement and opportunities.

DISCUSSION: Information was shared by Jefferson area principals and the chief school effectiveness officer to address student achievement, student retention and program options through a three prong effort involving people, structures and programming to create stronger alignment of articulation resources. Discussion covered innovation status and/or state waivers, 7-12 grade configuration and limited transitions, collaboration among teachers across levels, professional learning communities for teachers, teacher certification, gifted/talented and special needs programming, ROTC, safety, no school closings, dual language support, problem-based (authentic) learning, community input opportunities and next steps.

CONCLUSION: The Board will receive updates as the administration works through additional community meetings and concerns before a plan is finalized by the Board of Education.

2.03 Facilities Proposal for Alameda Articulation Area

The study session topic was not covered at this time but during Ends Discussion, Facilities Needs, agenda item 7.01.

A short break was taken at 6:30 p.m.

3. Preliminary

3.01 Call to Order-6:43 p.m.

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. by Ken Witt, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, January 15, 2015.

3.02 Welcome to Audience

Superintendent McMinimee appreciates that as a courtesy and safety precaution audience members not approach beyond the stanchions at the front of the board room at any point in the meeting. Board members and staff are preparing for the evening's business meeting and will make themselves available during breaks and at the end of the meeting when they leave the dais area.

3.03 Pledge of Allegiance

3.04 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety – Ken Witt, President; Julie Williams, First Vice President; Lesley Dahlkemper, Second Vice President; John Newkirk, Secretary; and, Jill Fellman, Treasurer. Dan McMinimee, Superintendent, represented the administration. Breaks were taken from 6:30 p.m. to 6:43 p.m. and 9:56 p.m. to 10:08 p.m.

3.05 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the regular business meeting of January 15, 2015 as revised with the movement of Consent agenda item 6.05, Administrative Appointments to the Discussion agenda, item 8.02, for five minutes of discussion.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

4. Honors, Recognition and School Reports

4.01 Perfect ACT Scores

The Board of Education recognized Tara Santi of Lakewood High School and Ryan Blay of Jefferson Academy Secondary for their achievement of perfect scores of 36 on the ACT.

4.02 Amgen Science Teaching Excellence Award: Suzanne McClung

The Board recognized Lakewood High School chemistry teacher Suzanne McClung for receiving the 2014 Amgen Award for Science and Teaching Excellence. Along with the award, Ms. McClung received \$10,000; \$5,000 of which is providing full-day professional development opportunities for her colleagues.

4.03 NCSS Outstanding Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year: Sara Shackett

The Board recognized Lakewood High School social studies teacher Sara Shackett for receiving the 2014 Outstanding Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year award from the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS).

4.04 2014 Center of Excellence, Governor's Distinguished Improvement and John Irwin Schools of Excellence Awards

Forty-two (up from 41) Jeffco schools were recognized for student achievement by the state of Colorado. Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award schools demonstrated the highest rates of student growth, as measured by the Colorado Growth Model. John Irwin School of Excellence Award schools demonstrated the highest achievement in the state (top 8 percent), as measured by performance on the TCAP.

The following schools were recognized for receiving the John Irwin School of Excellence and Governor's Distinguished Improvement awards: Bradford Primary School; Dennison Elementary School; Deviny Elementary School; Elk Creek Elementary School; Meiklejohn Elementary School; Parmalee Elementary School; Ute Meadows Elementary School, and West Woods Elementary School.

The following schools were recognized for receiving the Governor's Distinguished Improvement award: Coal Creek K-8 School; Dutch Creek Elementary School; Fairmount Elementary School; Governor's Ranch Elementary School; Green Gables Elementary School; Hackberry Hill Elementary School; Maple Grove Elementary School; Marshdale Elementary School; Mortensen Elementary School; Peck Elementary School; Prospect Valley Elementary School; Shelton Elementary School; Stony Creek Elementary School; Vanderhoof Elementary School, and Warder Elementary School.

The following schools were recognized for receiving the John Irwin School of Excellence Award: Bergen Valley Intermediate School; Bradford Intermediate School; Conifer High School; Deer Creek Middle School; D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School; Evergreen High School; Evergreen Middle School; Jefferson Academy High School; Kyffin Elementary School; Manning School; Mount Carbon Elementary School; Normandy Elementary School; Ralston Elementary School; Ralston Valley High School; Red Rocks Elementary School; Rocky Mountain Academy of Evergreen; Shaffer Elementary School, and Wilmot Elementary School.

This year, Edgewater Elementary School was recognized by Colorado Department of Education (CDE) as one of nineteen Colorado schools to receive the 2014 Centers of Excellence Award. This award honors schools demonstrating the highest rates of student growth, as measured by the Colorado Growth Model, when at least 75 percent of the student population is made up of at-risk pupils.

5. Public Agenda Part One

5.01 Correspondence – January 15, 2015

5.02 Public Comment (Agenda Related)

Suzanne McClung – teacher – regarding agenda item 6.06., Declaration of Intent to Negotiate.

John Ford – teacher, president JCEA – regarding agenda items 6.02, Policy Revisions: Ends 1 and 3; and, 7.02, Waiver of PARCC Assessments.

Chris Zivalich – Arvada – regarding agenda item 6.06, Declaration of Intent to Negotiate.

Donna Jack, Carol Baum, Carole Jeffery, Damion Turpin – Evergreen – regarding agenda item 6.06, Declaration of Intent to Negotiate.

Jamie Leeburg, Brad Hull, Nancy Wagner, Dee Slosser, Kathy Zaleski – Lakewood – regarding agenda item 2.03, Facilities Proposal for Alameda Articulation Area.

Katrina Davis – Lakewood – regarding agenda item 2.03, Facilities Proposal for Alameda Articulation Area.

Delores Kopp, Kathryn Isenberger, Steve Kopp, Dee Oltman – Evergreen – regarding agenda items 6.03, Review of Books: Elementary, Secondary School Libraries; and, 6.09, Resolution Authorizing the District to Enter into a Line of Credit.

Carol Baum – Lakewood – regarding agenda item 7.02, Waiver of PARCC Assessments.

Molly Snyder – Lakewood – regarding petition signatures calling on resignation of board majority.

Mr. Newkirk requested a point of personal privilege to respond to Ms. Snyder and requested she return to the podium. He commented on a lesson he learned from John Paul Jones and Jeffco Schools' student achievement.

Ms. Fellman noted that for the public comment portion of the agenda it is the Board's practice to receive comments from the public not a time for Board interaction on those comments with the speaker.

Ms. Dahlkemper requested a point of personal privilege to respond to Mr. Newkirk. She noted past actions of this board, being accountable and not re-writing Jeffco history.

Ms. Williams requested a point of personal privilege to acknowledge her children as being the reason she is involved on the Board of Education.

Jean Adler – Littleton – regarding agenda item 7.01, Facilities Needs, specifically heat in schools.

Peter Boddie – Littleton – regarding agenda item 6.06, Declaration of Intent to Negotiate.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion #2 (Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman, the Board of Education approved the Consent agenda as revised: 6.01, Approval of Minutes-November 20, 2014; 6.02, Policy Revisions: Ends 1, 3; 6.03, Review of Books: Elementary, Secondary School Libraries (EL-11, Communication and Council to the Board); 6.04, Employment (EL-3); 6.05, Resignations/Termination (EL-3); 6.06, Declaration of Intent to Negotiate (Attachment A); 6.07, Community Survey Tool; 6.08, Community Budget Forums; 6.09, Resolution: Authorizing the District to Enter into a Line of Credit (EL-6, Financial Administration)(Attachment B); 6.10, Supplemental Funds Notification-January, 2015; 6.11, Contract Award: Arvada K-8 Mechanical, Electrical, Lighting, Fire Alarm and Security Upgrades (EL-8, Facilities); 6.12, Contract Award: Coronado Elementary School Mechanical Upgrades (EL-8, Facilities); 6.13, Contract Award: Pleasant View Elementary School General Upgrades (EL-8, Facilities); 6.14, Contract Award: Leewood Elementary School General Upgrades Project (EL-8, Facilities); 6.15, Contract Award: Districtwide General Renovation Chatfield High School, Westgate Elementary School (EL-8, Facilities).

Mr. Newkirk commented on Consent agenda item 6.06, Declaration of Intent to Negotiate.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

7. Ends Discussion

7.01 Facilities

The Board began its facilities discussion with the postponed agenda item 2.03, Facilities Proposal for Alameda Articulation Area. Information was shared by Alameda area principals from Stein Elementary, O'Connell Middle and Alameda International High School and the chief school effectiveness officer. Discussion covered facilities and instructional questions due to the articulation area's over-enrollment, growth factors and utilization at the three schools. Instructional strength of the proposed plan counts on a middle years IB program for 7th through 10th grades, fewer transitions, strengthening relationships, and alignment and access to resources for students and teachers. Community feedback notes the over-crowding at Stein, support for fewer transitions, future growth, concerns for safety of younger students, extra-curricular activities, and academic expectations. Additional community meetings will further refine the plan before it is brought to the Board of Education for approval.

A recap was presented of the information previously provided to the Board on districtwide facilities needs. Questions and discussion covered population growth north of 80th in Arvada and plans for a K-8 at 58th; two year timeframe and costs to open a new school; long term planning for a bond package to address expected growth and facility needs identified in 2008; details of the process for Certificates of Participation; current budget for facilities; \$17 million bond premium; scope of prior bond issue; new state funds; and inflation on construction and current market rates.

Motion #3 (Motion to Authorize COPs): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board of Education did not approve authorizing the district team to procure Certificates of Participation in an amount of \$80 million and to detail a payment plan for the Board of Education.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Dahlkemper
Final Resolution: Motion Fails
Yea: Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt
Nay: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman

Motion #4 (Motion to Operate within Budget): Mr. Witt moved, with a second by Mr. Newkirk, that the district operate within the \$99 million facilities budget on the 2012 bond scope with the additional \$17 million to authorize phase 2 Sierra Elementary School and other construction alternatives.

Motion #5 (Motion to Table Motion): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams, the Board of Education voted to table the original motion to operate with budget.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt
Nay: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman

Motion #4 was tabled.

7.02 Waiver of PARCC Assessments

Motion #6 (Motion to Adopt Resolution): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams, the Board of Education voted to adopt the resolution applying for a waiver from PARCC performance based assessments as presented and entered into the record. (Attachment C)

Discussion covered authorship of the resolution, second reading interpretation of this matter, instructional time saved through a waiver, legality of state board action and pending opinion of the state's Attorney General's Office. Mr. Newkirk read the resolution into the record.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt
Nay: Ms. Dahlkemper
Abstain: Ms. Fellman

8. Discussion Agenda

8.01 Legislative Update (EL-11)

Ed Bowditch, district lobbyist, reviewed current legislation, possible funding and the TABOR refund with the Board of Education. As there were no objections to the proposed 2015 Legislative Platform presented it will be used to guide the work of the district lobbyist going forward.

8.02 Administrative Appointments (EL-3)

Motion #7 (Motion to Approve Administrative Appointments): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams, the Board of Education voted to approve the administrative appointments as presented. A friendly amendment was offered by Ms. Dahlkemper to decline the appointment of Lisa Pinto as chief communications officer was declined.

Discussion covered the selection process used for the hire of Ms. Pinto and honoring the selection of the superintendent for his leadership team.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

9. Policy Work

9.01 Policy Review: B/SL-1, Global Governance-Management Connection

No revisions were offered to the board policy.

10. Public Comment Part Two

10.01 Public Comment (Not on Agenda)

Mr. Witt invited three individuals who earlier had stated they'd signed up but were not on the final public comment list of speakers. No one responded.

Donna Jack, Mary Howell, Carol Baum, Damion Turpin – Evergreen – regarding disrespectful behaviors.

Jim Fernald – Lakewood – regarding teacher compensation and negotiations.

Brisa Cendejas – Lakewood – regarding Facilities Plan for Alameda Area.

Terri Straut – Littleton – regarding Mr. Witt actions with other board presidents at Jose O’Shea’s restaurant.

Mr. Witt took a point of personal privilege and presented a photo from a Colorado School Board Association (CASB) event with the same board presidents.

M.E. Howell, M.D. Howell, M.M. Howell, Dee Altman – Evergreen – regarding disrespectful behaviors.

Shawna Fritzier – Arvada – regarding reduced social worker hours in our schools.

11. Develop Next Agenda

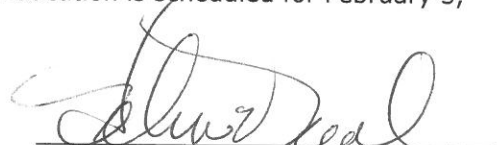
11.01 Board Work Calendar

11.02 Regular Meetings of January 15, 2015

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and regular meetings of January 29, February 5 and a February 28, 2015 retreat.


12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 5, 2015.



Helen E. Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on February 5, 2015.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education

Attachment A – Resolution – Good Faith Negotiations
Attachment B – Resolution – Authorizing Line of Credit
Attachment C – Resolution – Waiver of PARCC Performance Based Assessments