



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 26, 2015
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

1.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center

1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Ken Witt, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Building 27, 5th floor, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, May 26, 2015.

1.03 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.

1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman, the primary motion was not voted to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion #2 (Motion to Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Mr. Witt, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the agenda was approved as revised with a 15 minute budget presentation, followed by the budget public hearing then board discussion of the budget.

Motion by Mr. Witt, second by Ms. Dahlkemper

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Student Voice Report (GP-17)

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to be informed of and engaged with the Student Voice program supporting high school students in Jeffco Schools.

DISCUSSION: Fifteen high school students provided board members with an overview of the Student Voice program. The group outlined its focus as leadership, advocacy and teamwork with

district leaders and in their schools. Students shared their leadership and growth opportunities, thoughts on the benefits of student involvement in Jeffco and responded to questions from board members.

CONCLUSION: The Board gained an understanding of this districtwide student organization and insights from the participating students on the diverse perspectives and supports available within the Jeffco student community.

3. Public Hearing: 2015/2016 Budget

3.01 2015/2016 Proposed Budget (EL-5, 6)

Kathleen Askelson, chief financial officer, presented the proposed budget to the Board of Education reviewing state funding, per pupil revenue, \$19.3 million general fund for 2015/2016, revenue and expenditure changes, reserves, other major fund categories, total appropriations for the 2015/2016 proposed budget, and legal requirements regarding adoption of the budget.

3.02 Public Hearing: 2015/2016 Proposed Budget

Jim Fernald – Lakewood – regarding employee compensation.

Pierre D. Habel – teacher – regarding support of compensation for current teachers.

Natalie Adams – Littleton – regarding parent support for charter school equalization funding.

Mary Parker – Littleton – regarding employee compensation strategies over long-term.

Bob Giusto – teacher – regarding retaining teachers through compensation strategies, support for issuance of Certificates of Participation (COPs).

Jeff Garkow – teacher – regarding support of compensation for current teachers.

Michele Minihane – Golden – regarding support of compensation for current teachers.

Donna Jack, Janet Ellis, Dee Oltmans, Carol Baum, Phyllis O’Neil – Evergreen – regarding teacher compensation and caustic climate not Board’s doing, no urgent need for new schools, spend less and get more, better curriculum for less money.

Lisa Cook – Westminster – regarding parent support for compensation for current teachers, approve COPs for schools in Arvada and Lakewood, raises for select few not needed.

Lloyd Carlton – Littleton – regarding support for charter school equalization funding.

Amanda Stevens – Lakewood – regarding prioritizing teacher compensation and facilities needs, to practice stewardship and partnership.

Board discussion covered consistency in information throughout the draft proposed budget book, staffing numbers and changes to school budgets, compensation placeholders and addressing current teachers’ compensation, reconsideration of underspend decision of May 7, 2015, feedback from community on compensation, facilities and school supports, capital transfer use for new schools, and charter funding equalization. No direction was given for a final budget document. Board President Witt noted adoption of the budget would not occur on June 11 as planned.

4. Study/Dialogue Session, part two

4.01 Technology and Data Privacy Advisory Committee (TDPAC) Report

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to receive an update on data privacy in the district, the work completed by the TDPAC, and its goals for the next year.

DISCUSSION: Information was presented by the TDPAC chair covering how the first year's work began and topics covered including policy review, data privacy and assessments, Google chromebooks, and the classroom dashboard. Also covered were committee areas to improve and goals for next year. Staff reviewed data governance issues and reporting metrics to the Board. Discussion covered the TS Gold readiness assessment, collection of student data kept to bare minimum, possible creation of district's own assessment, and what the necessary accomplishments are to move kindergarteners forward/keep on track.

CONCLUSION: Board members thanked the committee members and staff for their efforts and were asked to review and revise the TDPAC charter and bylaws, and to provide specific direction on special topics for TDPAC next year.

4.02 Montessori Peaks Academy (EL-10, 13)

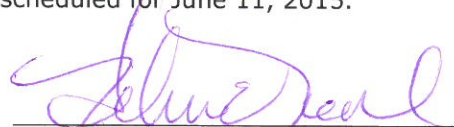
PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to receive the status on the review of alleged policy violations by staff and board members of Montessori Peaks Academy.

DISCUSSION: District legal counsel outlined the outcome of harassment concerns brought forward indicating the matter is closed. After investigation, no policy violation but lapses in judgment by three individuals occurred. Counseling and training of staff will take place. Governance concerns were addressed by the achievement director for charter schools who provided the timeline on communication including how to move forward after review of the 134 page complaint submittal.

CONCLUSION: The Board will be informed of the outcome of the governance matter after its anticipated conclusion at end of summer.

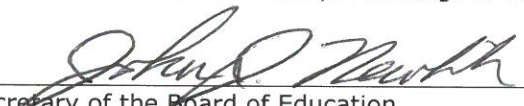
5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for June 11, 2015.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on June 11, 2015.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education