



# OFFICIAL MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 3, 2016  
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.*

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## 1. Musical Performance, 5 p.m.

1.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center (streaming)

1.02 Musical Performance by Columbine High School

## 2. Study/Dialogue Session

### 2.01 Safety Update (EL-11)

The study session was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Ron Mitchell, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, March 3, 2016. The Board was present in its entirety – Ron Mitchell, President; Ali Lasell, First Vice President; Susan Harmon, Second Vice President; Brad Rupert, Treasurer; and, Amanda Stevens, Secretary. Dan McMinimee, Superintendent, represented the administration.

A Caplan and Earnest attorney outlined Jeffco Public Schools' current landscape related to student safety including clarifying legal aspects of the Claire Davis Act (SB15-213) and Caplan's history with Jeffco Schools on incidents of student safety. Threat assessment reports and process were reviewed as well as funding of requested safety supports. Board discussion covered liability of the district, standard of care, negligence standard: individual willful and wanton/deciding to do nothing about 'reasonably foreseeable' behavior; increased need for mental health supports, moving schools from reactive to proactive work with social/emotional supports; and, Safe-to-Tell impacts.

Motion #1 (Motion on Executive Session: Security): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Lasell, the Board of Education approved moving into executive session at the end of the evening, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(d), to discuss specialized details of security arrangements in our schools including where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing, or avoiding prosecution for, a violation of the law.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Lasell

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

### **3. Preliminary**

#### **3.01 Call to Order-6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Ron Mitchell, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, March 3, 2016. Breaks were taken from 6:23 p.m. to 6:35 p.m., 7:53 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. and 9:36 pm to 9:50 p.m.

#### **3.02 Welcome to Audience**

#### **3.03 Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **3.04 Roll Call**

Roll call indicated the Board was present in its entirety – Ron Mitchell, President; Ali Lasell, First Vice President; Susan Harmon, Second Vice President; Brad Rupert, Treasurer; and, Amanda Stevens, Secretary. Dan McMinimee, Superintendent, represented the administration.

#### **3.05 Approve Agenda**

Motion #2 (Motion to Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Lasell, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the regular business meeting of March 3, 2016 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Lasell

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

### **4. Honors, Recognition and School Reports**

#### **4.01 Leadership in School Safety: Sgt. Wayne Holverson/Jeffco Sheriff's Office**

The Board of Education recognized Jefferson County Sheriff's Sargeant Wayne Holverson for his leadership and dedication to school safety as he transitions to the Sheriff's Investigations Unit from leading the School Resource Officer Unit. Sheriff Jeff Shrader was also present.

#### **4.02 Jeffco EAP: Outstanding Employee Assistance Program**

The Board of Education recognized Kathleen Remington and the staff in the Jeffco Employee Assistance Program for receiving the Colorado Employee Assistance Professional Association Chapter's Outstanding Employee Assistance Program award. Ms. Remington, EAP manager, also received the CEAPA Daetwiler Award for outstanding professional member.

### **5. Board Reports**

Board members reported on events and activities of interest in their board work since February including Read Across America school readings, community forum comments received on Ends development and budget, autism advocacy parent group meeting, Platte Canyon School Board thanks for Jeffco support during the recent loss of a coach and Sheriff's

deputy, Warren Tech's Advisory Board meeting, learning at the CASB Legislative Conference, and the Arvada West High School theater production of *Les Miserables*.

## **6. Public Agenda Part One**

### **6.01 Correspondence –March 3, 2016**

### **6.02 Public Comment (Agenda Related)**

Kim Gilmartin – Littleton – regarding agenda items 9.01, 9.02, Financing of Candelas Site K-8 School; Financing of Sierra ES Phase II Addition.

Carole Bartusiak – Arvada – regarding agenda item 8.01, Academic Goal Update: Career, Workforce and Post-Secondary Readiness-Graduation, Dropout and Remediation Rates.

Darcie Bolton Weise – Arvada – regarding agenda items 9.01, 9.02, Financing of Candelas Site K-8 School; Financing of Sierra ES Phase II Addition.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

Motion #3 (Motion to Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens, the Board of Education approved the Consent agenda as presented: 7.01, Approval of Minutes: January 28, 2016; 7.02, Approval of Minutes: February 4, 2016; 7.03, Approval of Minutes: February 18, 2016; 7.04, Policy revisions: GP-1--GP-17; 7.05, Policy Revision: EL-5, Financial Planning/Budgeting; 7.06, Policy Revision: EL-6, Financial Administration; 7.07, Appointments: Jefferson County School Finance Corporation (EL-5); 7.08, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 7.09, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 7.10, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 7.11, Contract: Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel (EL-7, Asset Protection); 7.12, Contract Award: Sierra ES Phase II Addition Design (EL-8, Facilities); 7.13, Contract Award: D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School General Upgrades (EL-8, Facilities); 7.14, Contract Award: Districtwide FF&E Allocation/Student Furniture Replacement (EL-8, Facilities); 7.15, Contract Award: Districtwide FF&E Allocation/Student Furniture Replacement (EL-8, Facilities); 7.16, Contract Approval: Slate Devices (EL-7, Asset Protection); 7.17, Contract Award: Wireless Equipment and Licenses (EL-8, Facilities).

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

Kevin Carroll, newly hired chief student success officer, was introduced.

## **8. Ends Monitoring Agenda**

### **8.01 Academic Goal Update: Career, Workforce and Post-Secondary Readiness-Graduation, Dropout and Remediation Rates (Ends 3)**

Staff presented information covering evidence based performance for Jeffco 2020 Vision competencies of content mastery, civic and global engagement, communication, self-direction and personal responsibility related to the Board's goal that every student graduates career, workforce and post-secondary ready. Discussion covered those data sources, strengths including Jeffco's intervention program, Student Engagement Office and option schools; challenges including performance gaps and available concurrent enrollment courses. Next steps to address the challenges are identified in the district's Unified Improvement Plan major

improvement strategy #3, successful completion of a Jeffco learning pathway, and address known gaps.

## **9. Discussion Agenda**

### **9.01 Financing of Candelas Site K-8 School (EL-7, 8)**

Motion #4 (Motion to Adopt Resolution): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Harmon, the Board of Education adopted the resolution approving a lease purchase agreement to finance the costs of the Candelas Site K-8 Project in an amount not to exceed thirty-one million dollars (\$31,000,000).

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Harmon  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

Staff presented the 19 month history of staff work, projections and 10 presentations to the Board of Education on the projects including the July 2014 estimate, inflationary change in local construction market and present day estimates. Annual payments will be made from capital funds. There will be 1,000 new seats for students available in Fall 2017. Board discussion covered delay having resulted in increased costs, favorable borrowing market and district's improved ratings outlook, building quality facility to last for 50 years, due diligence completed, temporary classrooms at existing schools; and, long term financing being appropriate for long term assets.

### **9.02 Financing of Sierra ES Phase II Addition**

Motion #5 (Motion to Adopt Resolution): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens, the Board of Education adopted the resolution approving a lease purchase agreement to finance the costs of the Sierra Elementary School Phase II Addition Project in an amount not to exceed seventeen million dollars (\$17,000,000).

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

Discussion covered timeline with August groundbreaking and Fall 2017 opening, continued needs across district which were identified in the 2008 bond, facility condition index (FCI) comparisons, and post-recession metro area growth needs use capital funds for capital projects.

### **9.03 Legislative Platform (GP-4, EL-11)**

Motion #6 (Motion on Legislative Platform): Upon motion by Ms. Harmon, second by Mr. Rupert, the Board of Education adopted the 2016 legislative platform as presented.

Motion by Ms. Harmon, second by Mr. Rupert  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

Board statements covered the negative factor influence on funding lost to Jeffco students being greater than 10 percent of the district budget for the preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade system.

### **9.04 Resolution on TABOR and School Funding (GP-4)**

Motion #7 (Motion on Resolution): Upon motion by Ms. Stevens, second by Mr. Rupert, the Board of Education adopted the resolution on TABOR and school funding as read into the record. (Attachment A)

Motion by Ms. Stevens, second by Mr. Rupert  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

Board discussion covered members' efforts to do what can be done for more funding to schools, the two opinions on the medical provider fee (State Attorney General's most recent), district funding needs for mental health supports, compensation, special education services, and this temporary solution using the Governor's medical provider fee proposal.

## **10. Public Agenda Part Two**

### **10.01 Public Comment (Not on Agenda)**

Suzann Cox – Arvada – regarding modular classrooms at Meiklejohn Elementary School.

Loredana Farilla, Scott Bain, Andrew Jones, Kristie Edward, Chris Fredericks, Kristen Bennett, Joy Suzza – Lakewood – regarding horticultural therapy program's positive outcomes for mental and physical health at Jeffco Open School.

Carrie Coy, Lorri Avery, Amanda Shannon – Lakewood – regarding autism spectrum disorder center program evidence based interventions, training and supports for students to reach their highest potential. April is Autism Awareness month in Colorado.

Jim Fernald – Lakewood – regarding evaluations and compensation.

Lisa Cook – Westminster – regarding contract negotiations and blackout day filtering.

## **11. Develop Next Agenda**

### **11.01 Board Work Calendar**

### **11.02 Special and Regular Meetings of March 7, 17 and April 7, 2016**

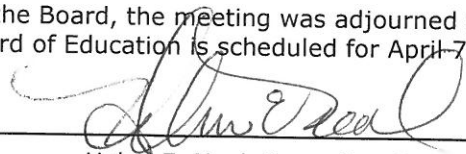
## **12. Executive Session**

Board president Ron Mitchell reminded the audience of the executive session on specialized details of security arrangements added to the agenda earlier in the evening, to begin after a break, in the Seminar Room.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting.

## **13. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 7, 2016.



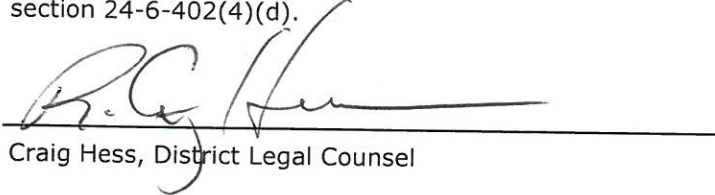
Helen E. Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on April 7, 2016.



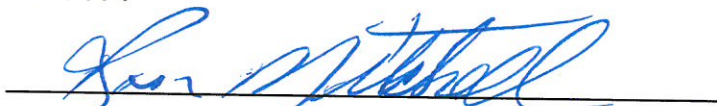
Secretary of the Board of Education

I hereby attest that in my opinion the portion of this executive session for which minutes were not kept was confined to the topic authorized for discussion in an executive session pursuant to C.R.S. section 24-6-402(4)(d).



Craig Hess, District Legal Counsel

I hereby attest that the portion of this executive session for which minutes were not kept was confined to the topic authorized for discussion in an executive session pursuant to C.R.S. section 24-6-402(4)(d).



President of the Board of Education

Attachment A – resolution – TABOR and School Funding