



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 6, 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. Executive Session

1.02 Personnel Matter: Superintendent Evaluation

Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present in the Seminar Room - Dave Thomas, President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Secretary; and, Paula Noonan, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Jane Barnes, First Vice President, was excused from the meeting.

Motion #1 (Move into Executive Session): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan, the Board of Education unanimously agreed to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, the superintendent's evaluation, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(F)(I).

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Boggs, Ms. Noonan, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Thomas

The Board returned to open session at 5:45 p.m. to move to the Board room.

2. Musical Performance

The student choral group, "Shadows," from Green Mountain High School performed in the Board Room under the direction of Dave Gleason prior to the start of the regular business meeting.

3. Preliminary

3.01 Call to Order – Board Room

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, October 6, 2011.

3.02 Welcome to Audience

3.03 Pledge of Allegiance

3.04 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present - Dave Thomas, President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Secretary; and, Paula Noonan, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Jane Barnes, First Vice President, was excused from the meeting. Breaks were taken from 7:30 p.m. to 7:46 p.m., and 9:19 p.m. to 9:23 p.m.

3.05 Approve Agenda

Motion #2 (Amend Motion to Approve Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan, the Board of Education approved amending the motion to approve the agenda as presented with the removal, at the request of Ms. Boggs, of Consent agenda item 6.05, Board Policy Revision: EL-7, Asset Protection, to the Ends Development and Monitoring agenda, item 7.02, for a separate vote and no discussion.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Thomas
Nay: Ms. Noonan

Motion #3 (Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education approved the agenda as revised for the regular business meeting of October 6, 2011, with the removal of Consent agenda item 6.05, Board Policy Revision: EL-7, Asset Protection, to the Ends Development and Monitoring agenda, item 7.02, and to renumber subsequent agenda items.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

4. Honors, Recognition and School Reports

4.01 State Champions-Track and Field: Erik Gaytan

Erik Gaytan, senior at Chatfield High School, was honored for his 5A state championship in the 400 meter dash as a junior. Graduates also state champions last Spring include: Trevor Evanson/Golden High School for 4A high jump; Annie Kunz/Wheat Ridge High School for 4A 100 and 300 meter hurdles, high jump and triple jump; and, Jake Jones/Lakewood High School for 5A shot put.

4.02 Colorado History Teacher of the Year 2011: Mark Wilensky

Mark Wilensky, fifth grade elementary teacher at Stevens Elementary School, was recognized for being named the 2011 Colorado History Teacher of the Year by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Mr. Wilensky is also one of five finalists for the \$10,000 National History Teacher of the Year award.

5. Public Agenda

5.01 Correspondence-October 6, 2011

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

5.02 Public Comment

Tom Tancredo – Lakewood – regarding academics and a student issue.

Nancy Bridenbaugh, Allison Talbert, Troy Talbert, Jennifer White – parents, Rocky Mountain Deaf School – regarding agenda item 8.02, Declaration of Surplus Property, for RMDS.

Ms. Johnson asked a question of legal counsel regarding allowing flash photography during meetings. Legal counsel responded that if the Board discusses that matter and finds it disruptive a procedural rule can be made following Board direction.

Julie Cummings – Lakewood – regarding a student issue.

Roy Dimoff – Littleton – regarding Dakota Ridge High School and a radio show broadcast.

Dr. Heather Beck – employee, chief academic officer – regarding achievement of Jeffco students and teachers.

Marjie Good – Littleton – regarding Dakota Ridge High School and a radio show broadcast.

Tom Graham – Arvada – regarding Proposition 103.

Russell Haas – Golden – regarding history textbooks.

Charlie Riebe – Littleton – regarding instructional coaches.

Eva Groom – Lakewood – regarding agenda item 8.02, Declaration of Surplus Property.

Andrew Ciecorka – Lakewood – regarding agenda item 8.02, Declaration of Surplus Property.

Kary Simcox – Littleton – regarding Dakota Ridge High School and a radio show broadcast.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion #4 (Approve Consent Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent agenda: 6.01, Approval of Minutes-August 18, 2011; 6.02, Approval of Minutes-August 25, 2011; 6.03, Approval of Minutes-September 1, 2011; 6.04, Approval of Minutes-September 15, 2011; 6.05, Board Policy Revision to Adopt: EL-10, Treatment of Students; 6.06, Board Policy Revision to Adopt: B/SL-03; 6.07, Donation: Commercial Fitness Solutions, Inc. (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.08, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.09, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.10, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.11, Supplemental Funds Notification: October 2011; 6.12, Sale of Right-of-Way and Easement (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.13, Purchase: Support Vehicles and Equipment (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.14, Contract Award: Food Snacks, Snack Beverages (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.15, Contract Award: Districtwide Building Automation System Phase 3 (EL-7, Asset Protection; EL-8, Facilities); 6.16, Contract Agreement Scope of Work: Volare Systems (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.17, Contract Addendum: Blackboard 2011-2012 School Year (EL-7, Asset Protection).

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

7. Ends and Monitoring Agenda

7.01 Monitoring/Policy Review: ELMR-13, Charter Schools Application and Monitoring

Motion #5 (Approve Monitoring Report): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education approved the monitoring report on Board executive limitation 13, Charter Schools Application and Monitoring.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

7.02 Board Policy Revision: EL-7, Asset Protection

Motion #6 (Approve Policy Revision): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan, the Board of Education approved the policy revision to Board executive limitation 7, Asset Protection.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas
Nay: Ms. Boggs

8. Statutory Requirements Agenda

8.01 Public Hearing: Global Outreach Charter Academy (EL-13)

No one signed up to speak in the public hearing.

Representatives of Global Outreach Charter Academy presented information to accompany the charter application. Board questions covered the lack of adequate financial information, the projected student population, and missing assessment plan. The Board requested that updated information be provided in one week on budget figures, student interest, assessments applicable to Colorado, and links to the California and Florida schools.

8.02 Declaration of Surplus Property (EL-6)

Motion #7 (Declare Property Surplus): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan, the Board of Education declared the 10 acres of property near Hutchinson Park in the Green Mountain area as surplus to district needs; and, authorized the chief operating officer to negotiate the necessary documents to sell the property to the Rocky Mountain Deaf School.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas
Abstain: Ms. Boggs

9. Discussion Agenda

9.01 Resolution: Proposition 103 (GP-1, EL-11)

Motion #8 (Adopt Resolution): It was moved by Ms. Noonan, second by Ms. Johnson, that the Board of Education adopt the resolution in support of Proposition 103 on the November 2011 ballot as read into the record. (Attachment A)

Motion by Ms. Noonan, second by Ms. Johnson
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas
Nay: Ms. Boggs

9.02 Selection of CASB Delegate (GP-1)

Motion #9 (Selection of R. Johnson): Upon motion by Ms. Noonan, second by Mr. Thomas, the Board of Education selected Robin Johnson as the delegate to the Colorado Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly.

Motion by Ms. Noonan, second by Mr. Thomas
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

9.03 Colorado Association of School Boards Resolutions for 2011 (GP-1)

The Board discussed the resolutions for the October 14-15, 2011 Delegate Assembly and provided direction to Ms. Johnson.

10. Board and Superintendent Comments

Ms. Boggs commented on the radio show broadcast regarding Dakota Ridge High School and clarifying her involvement.

Ms. Boggs visited Van Arsdale and questioned why Jeffco does not expand choice schools as does Denver. The superintendent responded that Jeffco is a different community than Denver with 70 percent of families attending neighborhood schools, and with current budget reductions choices for all students will be narrowed, dollars would be pulled from existing schools to open new ones as the district receives a fixed number of funds, though a Board has the power to do so.

Ms. Boggs requested clarification of the \$425 charge for Outdoor Lab attendance. The superintendent clarified that \$425 is the total cost per child to attend OELS not the fee to attend. A community task force is developing a business plan for continuation of OELS and a recommendation will be forthcoming.

Ms. Boggs questioned why the district calendar is pending approval. The superintendent responded that the work year had been reduced due to budget reductions (furlough days) and the calendar was incomplete due to reconciling early release, snow days and work days.

Ms. Boggs requested information on disciplinary action related to a student photo. The superintendent responded that appropriate action had been taken by the staff at Dakota Ridge and that a citizen is unnecessarily passing out the photo.

Ms. Johnson praised the staff at Weber Elementary, especially the instructional coach's impact on student learning.

Ms. Noonan noted budget information prepared by Ms. Boggs in her introduction to the Citizen Budget Academy on October 4 was not vetted by staff and requested that Lorie Gillis, chief financial officer, address the validity of the information shared by Ms. Boggs.

Motion #10 (Approve Superintendent's Evaluation): After verifying with legal counsel that a motion could be made, as the superintendent's evaluation was discussed earlier in the meeting, Ms. Johnson made the motion, second by Ms. Noonan, that the Board of Education approve the superintendent's evaluation as prepared by Mr. Thomas for the superintendent. (Attachment B)

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas
Nay: Ms. Boggs

Ms. Noonan asked legal counsel if a Colorado Open Records Request can be filed for records that do not exist, as Ms. Boggs threatened related to information on the Rocky Mountain Deaf School. Legal counsel responded that the district has no obligation to create a document that does not exist in response to a CORA request.

11. Weekly Update Discussion

There were no comments or discussion of the Superintendent's weekly updates.

12. Develop Next Agenda

12.01 Board Work Calendar

12.02 Special and Regular Meetings of October 20, 27 and November 3, 2011

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and special and regular meetings of October 20, 27 and November 3, 2011.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for November 3, 2011.



Marta Neil, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on November 3, 2011.


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

Attachment A – Resolution – Support of Proposition 103
Attachment B – Board President's Letter to Superintendent