



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 17, 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.*

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## 1. Preliminary

### 1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 4:00 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, November 17, 2011.

### 1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present – Lesley Dahlkemper, President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Jill Fellman, Secretary; and, Robin Johnson, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Paula Noonan, First Vice President, joined the meeting at 4:01 pm.

### 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. Statutory Requirements

### 2.01 Resolution: Rocky Mountain Deaf School (EL-13)

Motion #2 (Adopt Resolution): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, the Board adopted the resolution authorizing the execution of the State of Colorado Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) participation agreement and other documents and actions related thereto; and, to authorize administrative staff to finalize and execute the participation agreement. (Attachment A)

Ms. Boggs requested clarification on the process, including the community process. The superintendent and staff responded. Ms. Dahlkemper noted this topic was discussed in depth by the Board at the October 6, 2011 meeting.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan  
Nay: Ms. Boggs

### 3. Study/Dialogue Session

#### 3.01 Effective Governance and Student Achievement (Ends 1)

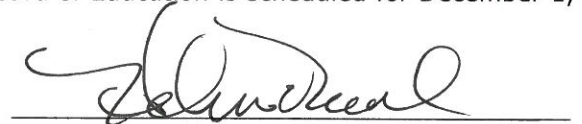
**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education will review its effective governance practices and the connection to student achievement.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Dahlkemper welcomed Mr. Jim Weigel, facilitator with the Colorado Association of School Boards. The Board discussed how to be more productive, how board decisions are effective and how effective decisions positively impact student achievement. Actions supporting the legitimacy of board decisions include acting with integrity, being honest and keeping an open curious perspective on matters before the Board. A common purpose of the Board needs to be debated among members for clarity in understanding how the Board's role is different from the superintendent's and leads to student achievement. Key priorities of members need to be identified and a determination of how the superintendent will report on the district's progress.

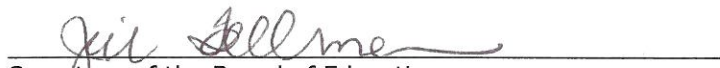
**CONCLUSION:** The Board of Education reviewed its governance policies (Ends, Board/Staff Linkage 1-3, and Governance Process 4) through discussion with Mr. Weigel. The Board agreed to work on December 1 with Mr. Weigel and to have the Board President proceed with next steps in preparing a contract with the superintendent for Board approval at a future meeting.

### 4. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 1, 2011.

  
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

Attachment A – Resolution – Authorizing the State of Colorado Building Excellent Schools Today Participation Agreement and other documents and actions related thereto