



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 28, 2010
Seminar 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.

PRELIMINARY

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting was called to order by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education at 5:14 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated that the Board met in its entirety – Dave Thomas, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Paula Noonan, Treasurer; and, Robin Johnson, Secretary – for a special meeting. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Breaks were taken from 6:01 p.m. to 6:03 p.m., and 6:46 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: STUDENTS ENGAGED IN THEIR LEARNING (ENDS 1)

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to receive feedback from the student advisors to the Board on a Board goal of students being engaged in their learning.

DISCUSSION: With five of the seven student advisors, the Board listened to and discussed responses to the following questions: 1) What keeps students engaged? 2) How will we know if students are engaged? 3) What else should we know about keeping students engaged?

CONCLUSION: The Board members captured themes dealing with the value of incentives, opportunities available, elective choices, teachers who connect with students.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to learn about the Boys and Girls Club from its sponsors after hearing at the January 14 regular meeting about the impact of school closures on the Club.

DISCUSSION: The Board was presented with an update and review of the work since 2007 between Jeffco Public Schools and Boys/Girls Club (BGC) sponsors. Due to the required restructuring plan for O'Connell Middle School, having not made Adequate Yearly Progress, the partnership with BGC made sense given its focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles, tutoring and arts with the planned International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme implementation. Discussion covered in-kind support and policy waivers, fundraising goals, and expected details of BGC programming and management at O'Connell Middle Schools.

CONCLUSION: The Board voiced support for the Boys and Girls Club program at O'Connell Middle School and the mayor of Lakewood agreed to continue to work creatively with the district on the project.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE: Due to three Board members who are new to the district budget process, on January 21 the Board of Education requested an overview of areas of the district impacted by proposed reductions.

DISCUSSION: The presentation covered the work and proposed reductions to be managed in the areas of the division of Instruction, Support Services, Business Services, district Leadership, and school levels. Discussion covered the history of reductions and the projected reductions and identified concerns, revenue projections due to the state and local economy, impacts to class sizes and staffing to the top of the range, and a freeze or reduction of salaries.

CONCLUSION: The Board members are informed of the work involved to address district needs while meeting reduction targets for a balanced budget in 2010/2011.

BOUNDARY CHANGES 2010

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to discuss possible boundary changes in January.

DISCUSSION: The Board received information on the current status of the boundary for Parmalee Elementary School as well as three options for changed boundaries between Evergreen Middle and West Jefferson Middle schools and associated facility, enrollment, busing data, positives and negatives, and additional costs for each option. In addition, discussion covered how choice enrollment is used, the impact of reductions in the transportation budget, and capacity at the middle and high schools in Evergreen and Conifer.

CONCLUSION: The Board made no decisions on the data received. District administration recommended no change be made to the current Parmalee Elementary boundary.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to discuss pending legislation for the 2010 legislative session at the request of the Board's representative to the Legislative Forum.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed pending legislation on PERA including ensuring solvency, unfunded mandates, employee contributions, compensation for teachers deferred or up front. Additional discussion covered pending legislative issues on teacher effectiveness, financial transparency and early childhood education.

MOTION #1 (Support SB10-001): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Noonan, a majority of the Board supports Senate Bill 10-001, Eliminate PERA's Unfunded Liability.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas
Nay: Ms. Boggs

MOTION #2 (Support With Amendment SB10-050): Upon motion by Ms. Boggs, seconded by Ms. Barnes, a majority of the Board supports Senate Bill 10-050, Contract Renewal for K-12 Teachers, if amended to involve no greater Board of Education process than current process.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas
Nay: Ms. Johnson

MOTION #3 (Oppose SB10-054): Upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Ms. Boggs, the Board unanimously opposes Senate Bill 10-054, Education Services for Juveniles Charged as Adults.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

MOTION #4 (Oppose SB10-069): Upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board unanimously opposes Senate Bill 10-069, Transfer K-12 Education Savings to the HUTF.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

MOTION #5 (Oppose SB10-089): Upon motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Barnes, the Board unanimously opposes Senate Bill 10-089, Public Schools Religious Bill of Rights.

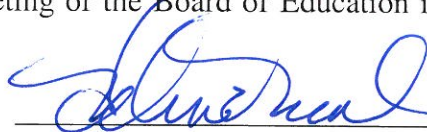
Aye: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

MOTION #6 (Support HB10-1036): Upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board unanimously supports House Bill 10-1036, Public School Financial Information Transparency On-Line.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

CONCLUSION: The Board directed staff to inform the contract lobbyist of the positions taken and to request tracking of early childhood education legislation. Board members reassigned Legislative Forum responsibilities for Jeffco legislators as follows: Ms. Barnes for Rep. Jim Kerr; Ms. Boggs for Sen. Mike Kopp; Ms. Noonan for Reps. Schafer; and, Mr. Thomas will share duties for Rep. Benefield with Ms. Johnson. Mr. Thomas addressed questions on a citizens mill/bond override committee. Mr. Thomas will sign Anchor Group correspondence on behalf of the Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 4, 2010.

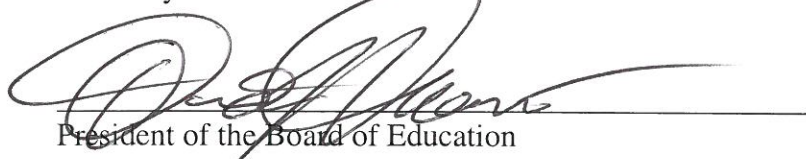


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on June 24, 2010.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education