



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 22, 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.*

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### PRELIMINARY

**CALL TO ORDER:** A special meeting was called to order by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education at 5:02 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board met – Dave Thomas, President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; and, Robin Johnson, Secretary – for a special meeting. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Paula Noonan, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m. Jane Barnes, First Vice President, joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Breaks were taken from 6:05 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. and 8:08 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

### STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:

#### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ON MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION (ENDS 1)**

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to receive feedback from middle school students on middle level education in Jeffco Public Schools.

**DISCUSSION:** Ten middle school students with many of their parents and several middle school principals discussed with the Board the following questions: 1) How are students kept involved? 2) What are middle school students excited about/not excited about? 3) What can the Board of Education do to make middle school even better?

**CONCLUSION:** The Board members captured themes dealing with the value of teachers who are passionate, friendly, and connect with students; special projects at school like field trips, after school opportunities and especially affordable sports, elective choices/opportunity; and school environments where hostile environments are not tolerated by teachers and others.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

MOTION #1 (Move to Executive Session: Employee Negotiations): At 6:15 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Johnson seconded by Ms. Barnes, the Board of Education unanimously agreed to move into executive session in the Seminar Room to discuss negotiations with its employee associations, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(e). The Board reconvened in open session at 8:07 p.m.

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

**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:**

**CHOICE ENROLLMENT**

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to receive information on the implementation of choice enrollment in Jeffco Public Schools.

**DISCUSSION:** Following the recommendations of the Facilities Usage Committee and at the direction of the Board of Education, district administration has begun a process of ‘right-sizing’ school facilities to meet their building capacity. Board members had heard concerns from community members about the district’s compliance with choice enrollment, which is required by state law. Administrators outlined how, over a two to six year period, schools would accept students only to their building capacity and adjustments to choice enrollment require flexibility to meet the needs of schools and families. The advantages/disadvantages shared included: a deeper understanding of being efficient in school buildings, removing temporary buildings from school sites; adjustment period for families dealing with the shift of focus, sibling accommodations made for all in-district siblings, non-resident siblings accepted where space is available, and, adjustment of staffing in some schools.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board members have a better understanding of the district’s support of choice enrollment and the variables in balance to provide choice enrollment for students.

**VOICE COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE, DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECTS**

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to receive and review information on the Voice Communication Infrastructure and Disaster Recovery projects pending Board approval on April 29, 2010.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board received a detailed presentation on the district’s current phone system and the infrastructure system needed to simplify and integrate all forms of district communications to better serve students and staff. Additionally, administrators reviewed the Information Technology system needed for adequate recovery of district

data in the event of future disaster so that the continuation of the district's mission critical services is in place for students and staff.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board determined the request for approval of project funding may remain on the Consent agenda of April 29, 2010.

#### **DRAFT 2010/2011 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE**

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to identify it's parameters for the development of a Board of Education meeting schedule for the 2010-2011 school year.

**DISCUSSION:** Board members reviewed a draft calendar for August 2010 through June 2011.

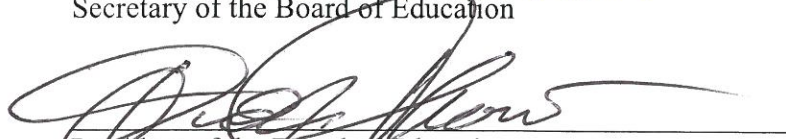
**CONCLUSION:** The Board directed that a calendar be prepared to include the movement of the Strategic Planning Advisory Council meetings from Tuesday evenings to Thursday evenings, one regular business meeting a month with other suggested Thursday evenings as special meetings. A draft calendar will be prepared for Board approval on May 13, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 29, 2010.

  
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Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

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

  
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Secretary of the Board of Education

  
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President of the Board of Education