



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 13, 2010
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.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: A majority of the Board met – Dave Thomas, President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Secretary; and Paula Noonan, Treasurer - in study/dialogue session at 5:05 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado. Cindy Stevenson, superintendent, represented the administration. Jane Barnes, First Vice President, arrived at 5:08 p.m.

PURPOSE: The Board requested time to monitor the third quarter financial report on the districtwide financial condition with members of the Financial Oversight Committee and staff.

DISCUSSION: The external auditor reviewed the agreed upon procedures for the financial report and district staff reviewed issues covering cash, revenue, special revenue and internal services funds, and charter schools. The chief financial officer reviewed issues being tracked, as identified in the transmittal letter: Information Technology, districtwide capital asset plan, certificate of participation/bus replacement, and the technology and disaster plans.

Members of the Financial Oversight Committee shared comments on an ongoing facilities usage process, reductions in teacher compensation to maintain reserves, and the planned spend-down of reserves and its liquidity.

CONCLUSION: The Board thanked the members of the Financial Oversight Committee for their work with district staff in support of the long term financial health of the district. Ms. Lorie Gillis, chief financial officer, will schedule a time with the full membership of the Financial Oversight Committee to review the district's planned spend-down of reserves.

1. PRELIMINARY

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education, at 6:09 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, May 13, 2010.

02. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Thomas welcomed the audience.

03. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Mr. Thomas, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

04. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety—Dave Thomas, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Paula Noonan, Treasurer; and, Robin Johnson, Secretary. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Breaks were taken from 7:40 p.m. to 7:49 p.m.

05. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as revised with the removal of the Consent agenda items 2.08, Medical Plan Benefits, for a separate vote under the Preliminary agenda item 1.06; 2.11, Contract Award: Konica Minolta and North Star Copiers, to the Discussion agenda item 6.01; and, renumbering subsequent agenda items as necessary.

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

MOTION #2 (Approve Agenda as Amended): Upon motion by Ms. Boggs and seconded by Ms. Barnes, a majority of the Board voted to approve the agenda as amended to move Public Comment before the Consent Agenda.

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

Nay: Ms. Johnson

06. **MEDICAL PLAN BENEFITS FOR 2010/2011 (EL-3, EL-5)**

MOTION #3 (Approve Medical Plan Benefits): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson seconded by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to authorize district staff to finalize the medical programs for 2010/2011; and, to authorize the chief financial officer to sign and approve agreements.

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

Abstain: Ms. Barnes

2. HONORS, RECOGNITION AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Honors and Recognitions were taken prior to the Public Comment portion of the agenda.

Travis Himmelman from Conifer High School was recognized for his 4A state wrestling championship in the 140 weight class.

Gary Tenhulzen and Judy Nelson were honored for receiving national recognition from the U.S. Tennis Association for implementing a “no-cut” policy for the Arvada High School tennis teams.

Katie Van Scoyk, a member of the Communications Services team, was recognized for her recent Award of Excellence from the Colorado School Public Relations Association.

Joe Shaw, principal of Warren Tech, presented information on WT and Lakewood High School student participation in NASA’s HUNCH (High Schools United with NASA to Create Hardware) program. He shared a video from the Space Station.

Julie Waage, social studies teacher, McLain Community High School’s Alternative Cooperative Education (ACE) program presented the Ace Community Award to Ms. Noonan for her work with students on job preparation.

2.5 PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

.02 Patti Larsen-Statler, parent, Manning School, along with another parent and two students, regarding support for teacher Lisa Dicksteen.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION #4 (Approve Consent Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent agenda: 3.01, Meeting Schedule for Board of Education 2010/2011 (EL-11); 3.02, Approval of Charter Contract: Rocky Mountain Deaf School (EL-13); 3.03, Employment (EL-3); 3.04, Administrative Appointments (EL-3); 3.05, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3); 3.06, End of Assignment/Terminations (EL-3); 3.07, Recommendation Non-Renewal of Contract: Probationary Teacher (EL-3); 3.08, Contract Award: District-Wide Metasys Upgrade Phase 1 (EL-7); 3.09, Contract Award: Blackboard (EL-7); 3.10, Contract Renewal: Motor Vehicle Fuels (EL-7); 3.11, Contract Renewal: Library Book Acquisition System (EL-7); 3.12, Contract Renewal: Dell PC Workstations, Laptops, Servers (EL-5); 3.13,

Contract Renewal: Infinite Campus (EL-7); 3.14, Contract Renewal: SMART Technologies (EL-7); 3.15, Contract Renewal: Acuity, Yearly Progress Pro. (EL-7); 3.16, Master Grant Agreement: Epson Projectors (EL-6); 3.17, Supplemental Funds: Arvada HS "Bulldog" Commons (EL-6); 3.18, Declaration of Surplus/Sale of Surplus Property: Quail St. and Eiber ES (EL-7, 8); 3.19, Declaration of Surplus/Sale of Surplus Property: Cottages, Russell ES (EL-7, 8); 3.20, Declaration of Surplus/Sale of Surplus Property: Idledale (EL-7, 8).

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

4. **PUBLIC HEARING: 2010/2011 PROPOSED BUDGET (EL-5, 6)**

No one signed up to address the Board of Education during the public hearing on the 2010/2011 proposed budget.

Lorie Gillis, chief financial officer, presented to the Board of Education an in-depth presentation on the proposed budget for the 2010/2011 school year. Changes to the proposed athletic fee increase and parking fees were discussed.

5. **ENDS DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING AGENDA:**

01. BOARD OF EDUCATION ENDS POLICY

Board members revised the March 27 draft provided by the superintendent to reflect changes to sub-ends 1 and 2, *Every student will master the Colorado Content Standards at grade level*; and, *Every student will achieve one year's growth or more as needed to 'catch up' in each year of school*, respectively.

The Board will continue its review of Ends statements, including the overarching goal, *All students are prepared for continuous learning and the world of work in the changing environment of the 21st century*.

6. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

01. CONTRACT AWARD: KONICA MINOLTA, NORTH STAR COPIERS (EL-7)

MOTION #5 (Contract Renewal: Konica Minolta and North Star Copiers): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Boggs it was unanimous to authorize the director of Purchasing to enter into agreements with North Star and Konica Minolta for the purchase of Digital Multifunction devices (copiers) for a total estimated amount of \$600,000.

Lorie Gillis, chief financial officer, and Mike Gordon, director of Information Technology Services, provided responses to Board member questions.

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

02. BOARD NORMS (GP-7)

The Board of Education agreed to postpone this discussion to a future meeting.

03. VOLUNTEERISM IN JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS (EL-11)

Dr. Stevenson shared information on volunteers in Jeffco schools. The Board of Education agreed to schedule this topic for a future study session.

7. BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:

Ms. Boggs visited West Jefferson Middle School staff and heard about a radio comment related to the school district splitting. Mr. Thomas noted it was related to school closures and shrinking school district budgets. Dr. Stevenson added that expectations statewide are for districts to consolidate.

Ms. Boggs requested information on a district mill/bond committee. Dr. Stevenson clarified how citizen mill/bond committees are formed and will schedule a study session for the Board of Education at a future meeting with citizens involved on this topic.

Ms. Boggs asked how a disenfranchised community member is helped given recent correspondence asking for mediation. Board members will review the appeal process outlined in district policy KE/KE-R, Public/Parent Concerns and Complaints.

Mr. Thomas and Ms. Johnson will meet with two Arvada City Council members and the Arvada City Manager, with Dr. Stevenson. Discussion involved whether the invitation should be extended to the entire Board to cultivate relations or continue as scheduled as a benefit for the Board in informal relationship building. A future discussion of Board norms will address this matter.

Board members attended the National School Board Association (NSBA) site visit events highlighting Jeffco's educational technology. Ms. Johnson recognized the work of Education Technology to host the event.

Ms. Noonan visited two schools involved with teacher candidate training.

Ms. Johnson visited schools in the Arvada area with Community Superintendents Irene Griego and Rick Myles.

8. WEEKLY UPDATE DISCUSSION:

Dr. Stevenson reported on her Washington, D.C. trip, along with five other Colorado school districts, to meet with U.S. Department of Education officials

and Colorado Congressional office staff. The trip was sponsored by the Rose Foundation in support of their work with the district on teacher preparedness and compensation.

9. **DEVELOPMENT NEXT AGENDA:** The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and the regular and special meetings of June 3 and 10, 2010.

Ms. Barnes and Ms. Noonan will develop criteria for Board and superintendent discussion on the evaluation of the superintendent.


The Board of Education will meet through the summer from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. alternating Thursdays beginning June 24 to further define Board Ends in preparation for the 2010/2011 school year. A Board of Education retreat was scheduled for August 6-7. Summer meetings will be canceled if three or more Board members are unable to attend.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.


Marta Neil, 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