

Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 16, 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.

1. Preliminary

1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m. by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education, in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, September 16, 2010.

1.03 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; Robin Johnson, Secretary; and, Paula Noonan, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Matt Van Auken served as meeting facilitator. Breaks were taken from 6:00 p.m. to 6:17 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Effective and Responsible Teamwork: Session 2 (Ends 8)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education will develop strategies to meet its Ends statement, the Jeffco Board will be effective and responsible and will function as a highly effective team.

DISCUSSION: The facilitator reviewed ground rules and accomplishments of session 1 on August 20, including communication agreements, meeting structure agreements, and review of some governance process policies. The Board began strategic planning before further review of governance process policies. The district's existing multi-year strategic plan is currently being reviewed by staff for operational changes to focus on new state and federal requirements and the Board's new Ends policies. Discussion continued over how Board members could determine what was achievable when monitoring district performance, the Board's use of 'subject matter experts' also known as district staff, whether the financial and human resources required to meet targets are available, and the Board role in advocating for community needs.

Board members listed their special interests to accomplish with their time on the Board of Education. Thirty-eight areas of interest were listed (Attachment A). The Board identified those areas of Board work which must be done in a school year, including budget, facilities,

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employee contracts and monitoring district work through Ends and executive limitation discussions/reports.

CONCLUSION: The Board agreed that state expectations should be the minimum required for district outcomes in the strategic plan to meet Board Ends policies. The Board will have a draft strategic plan to review by mid-October and scheduled discussion in November. The Board agreed to manage its time according to a developed work plan and to cause no 'fires' for each other to properly address the work topics identified.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for October 7, 2010.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on October 7, 2010.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education

Attachment A - Special Interests List