



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 23, 2012
Conference Room 4E

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

1.01 Location: Education Center

1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Lesley Dahlkemper, President of the Board of Education, in Conference Room 4E of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, March 23, 2012.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present – Lesley Dahlkemper, President; Paula Noonan, First Vice President; Jill C. Fellman, Secretary; and, Robin Johnson, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Laura Boggs, Second Vice President, joined the meeting at 8:42 a.m. Breaks were taken from 10:10 p.m. to 10:15 a.m., 11:13 a.m. to 11:31 a.m. and 12:44 to 12:52 p.m.

1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Approve Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, the Board of Education approved the agenda as presented for the special meeting of March 23, 2012.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Effective Government and Student Achievement (Ends 1)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education discussed governance principles, practiced Board discussions on student achievement and monitoring of district work; and, discussed meeting agenda setting/design to effectively focus Board time on improving student achievement.

DISCUSSION: The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) facilitator Jim Weigel reviewed the role of boards of education in Colorado, the policy governance model of board governance and how the Board's role relates to its communities, student achievement and monitoring district performance. Board discussion covered differences of opinion and board decisions, committee use to assist boards, and board conversations and meeting time focused on board goals for the district.

The Board received a student achievement presentation on early literacy to practice members' focus on questions and discussion aimed to increase student achievement and/or focus on board goals.

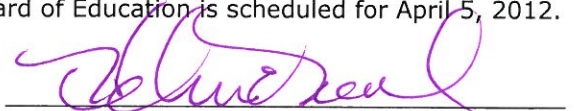
Board members shared their values related to teacher compensation and evaluation. As elected officials, the Board's values will represent the community's values in guiding the district's work. Evaluation of the superintendent was discussed through the definitions of Board Ends (future expectations of the district) and monitoring (past performance of district).

Agenda design was covered through conversation regarding a superintendent's consent agenda for items already delegated to the superintendent with compliance shown in the pertinent facts of the agenda item; a board's consent agenda for items not delegated to the superintendent as with monitoring reports of district performance; and community engagement opportunities.

CONCLUSION: The Board reviewed its role in effective governance of the district, practiced reaching 'results for students' and avoiding 'means' answers in Board discussions of presentations to the Board, and addressing the necessary trade-offs inherent in board decisionmaking regarding district resources.

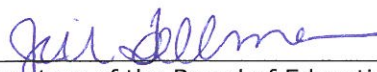
3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 5, 2012.

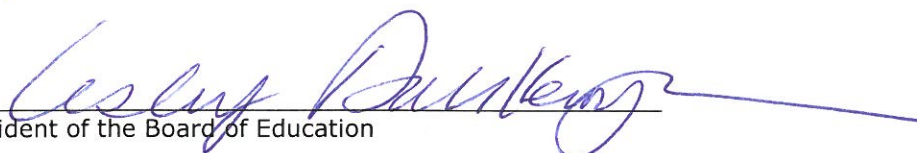


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on May 3, 2012.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education