



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 5, 2012  
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.*

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### **Preliminary**

#### **Location-Education Center**

#### **Call to Order**

A special meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.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, April 5, 2012.

#### **Roll Call**

Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present – Lesley Dahlkemper, President; Paula Noonan, First Vice President; Jill Fellman, Secretary; and, Robin Johnson, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Laura Boggs, Second Vice President, joined the study session by phone at 5:19 p.m.

### **1. Study/Dialogue Session**

#### **1.01 Community Forums Agenda (Ends 1)**

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education finalized the agenda for the Saturday, April 28 community forum with the community.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board reviewed a draft agenda similar to the one used at the January community budget forums. Members discussed the preparation of a video to show what could be expected in Jeffco schools in 2013/14 given the budget situation, the development of three questions to gather community response and feedback for Board consideration, and handouts on Jeffco and the state financial situation. Board members agreed to be prepared with background knowledge on statewide issues effecting public education funding.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board agreed on an informational video, handouts, and three questions to collect community feedback from attendees.

#### **1.02 Effective Governance and Student Achievement (Ends 8)**

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education determined next steps following its March 23 work with CASB facilitator Jim Weigel.

**DISCUSSION:** Board members shared learning highlights from the governance sessions: Board preparation for staff presentations, management of consent agenda items, Board clarity and focus on role in decisionmaking, and values identification leading to strategies for Board action, policy guidelines and budget decisions.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board agreed that next steps would include policy revisions, Ends related questions for presentation development, meeting agenda redesign, Board committees, and future investments for funding.

## **2. Musical Performance**

### **2.01 Musical Performance by Dakota Ridge High School**

The "Eagleaires" singers from Dakota Ridge High School performed in the Board Room under the direction of Bonny Wooten prior to the start of the regular business meeting.

## **3. Preliminary**

### **3.01 Call to Order – Board Room**

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Lesley Dahlkemper, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, April 5, 2012.

### **3.02 Welcome to Audience**

### **3.03 Pledge of Allegiance**

### **3.04 Roll Call**

Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present – Lesley Dahlkemper, President; Paula Noonan, First Vice President; Robin Johnson, Treasurer; and Jill Fellman, Secretary. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; was present via speaker phone. Breaks were taken from 7:05 to 7:14 p.m. and 8:44 to 8:52 p.m.

### **3.05 Approve Agenda**

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, the Board of Education approved the agenda as revised for the regular business meeting of April 5, 2012, with the movement of Consent Agenda item, 7.05, District Calendar 2012-2013, to the Discussion Agenda, item 10.01 for two minutes of discussion, and renumbering subsequent agenda items as necessary.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **4. Honors, Recognition and School Reports**

#### **4.01 Colorado DECA Winners**

Cameron Davis, Patrick Marshall, Clay Wagenhals, and Scott Orwig/Conifer High School and Jenna Hofmann and Kaitline Paull/Columbine High School students, members of the Colorado Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), were honored for their first place in state competitions.

#### **4.02 Wrestling State Champions**

Arvada High School students Marcos Peralta, Garet Krohn, Dwight Howes and their coach, John Howes, were recognized for winning the state 4A wrestling championship in their weight class.

Bear Creek High School student Paul Garcia and Pomona High School student Raymond Robledo and their coaches, Steve Burdick and Sam Federico, were recognized for winning the state 5A wrestling championship in their weight class.

#### **4.03 4A State Swimming Champions**

Evergreen High School students Kamryn Holland, Lindsay Morrow, Bailey Smith, Lexie Malazdrewicz and their coach, Jeanne Godaire, were recognized for winning state swimming championships in the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay; individually Malazdrewicz for the 200 and 500 Yard Freestyle; and, Morrow for the 200 Yard Individual Medley.

#### **4.04 Mom Congress Colorado Representative**

Christen Reiner, parent from Stony Creek Elementary, was recognized for being selected Colorado's representative to *Parenting* magazine's Mom Congress on Education and Learning Conference to be held in Washington, D.C.

#### **4.05 Centers of Excellence Schools**

Charlene White, principal at Deane Elementary, and Socorro Alarcon, principal at Stein Elementary, were recognized for receiving the 2011 Centers of Excellence award from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) for schools having a student population with 75 percent at-risk and the highest rates of growth in reading, writing and math. Stein has received this designation three years in a row and this is the second year in a row for Deane.

#### **4.06 Governor's Distinguished Awards for Growth and John Irwin Schools of Excellence 2011**

The John Irwin Schools of Excellence Awards were established in 2000. The award is given to the top eight percent of public schools in the state, based on student achievement. The following schools were recognized for receiving the John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award for 2011: Bergen Valley Intermediate, Bradford Primary and Intermediate, Dennison Elementary School, Devinny Elementary School, Jefferson Academy Charter-Senior High, Kyffin Elementary School, Maple Grove Elementary School, Meiklejohn Elementary School, Normandy Elementary School, Parmalee Elementary School, Ralston Elementary School, Red Rocks Elementary School, West Woods Elementary School, D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School, The Manning School, Conifer High School, Evergreen High School, and Ralston Valley High School.

The Colorado Department of Education also recognizes public schools that have demonstrated the highest student growth on the statewide assessments across three years. This recognition is through the Governor's Distinguished Awards Growth program. The schools recognized were: Bradford Intermediate, Campbell Elementary School, Columbine Hills Elementary

School, Coal Creek K-8, Dennison Elementary School, Elk Creek Elementary School, Fairmount Elementary School, Governor's Ranch Elementary School, Green Mountain Elementary School, Lincoln Academy Charter School, Maple Grove Elementary School, Meiklejohn Elementary School, Mitchell Elementary School, Montessori Peaks Academy, Parmalee Elementary School, Ralston Elementary School, Semper Elementary School, Shelton Elementary School, Ute Meadows Elementary School, Warder Elementary School, and West Woods Elementary School.

## **5. County Student Council**

### **5.01 County Student Council Presentation**

Members of County Student Council presented the Board of Education with a report on the upcoming Day Without Hate activities as well as a video from the recent Senior Citizens Prom.

## **6. Public Agenda**

### **6.01 Correspondence-April 5, 2012**

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

### **6.02 Public Comment**

Tina Gudekean – Littleton - regarding a mill levy petition.

Keri Lee – Littleton – regarding Jeffco PTA support of a mill levy/bond.

Jill Moynihan and Griffin Wahl – Lakewood – regarding pro mill Levy/bond and music programs.

Suzie Horsley – Lakewood – O'Connell MS and Alameda HS parent, regarding pro mill levy/bond.

Chris Ainscough – Arvada – regarding pro mill levy/bond.

Kerrie Dallman – Lakewood – regarding lost instruction due to furlough days.

Sheila Atwell – Evergreen – regarding academic achievement.

Carol Baum – Lakewood – regarding district expenditures.

Doug Neely – Arvada – regarding involving charter schools in the mill levy/bond.

Tammy Story – Morrison – regarding cooperative government and the assistance received from Jeffco Public Schools during the recent fires.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

Motion #2 (Approve Consent Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent agenda as revised: 7.01, Approval of Minutes-March 1, 2012; 7.02, Approval of Minutes-March 13, 2012; 7.03, Approval of Minutes-March 15, 2012; 7.04, District Unified Improvement Plan: Final Version for Submission to CDE (Ends 1); 7.05, Board Policy Revision for Study: GP-11; 7.06, Monitoring/Policy Review: ELMR-8, Facilities; 7.07, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment);

7.08, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 7.09, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 7.10, Contract Award: Commodity USDA Turkey Processing for Food & Nutrition Services (EL-7, Asset Protection); 7.11, Contract Negotiation for Acuity and Yearly ProgressPro (EL-7, Asset Protection); 7.12, Contract Award: Pomona HS Chiller Replacement (EL-8, Facilities); 7.13, Contract Award: Arvada HS Warm, Safe and Dry (EL-8, Facilities); 7.14, Contract Awards: RFP 23077 Slate (tablet) Devices (EL-7, Asset Protection); 7.15, Jeffco Facilities: Lakewood on Parade July 3, 2012 (EL-8, Facilities); 7.16, Expulsion of Student (EL-10, Treatment of Students); 7.17, Contract Renewal: Copier Paper Program (EL-7, Asset Protection).

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **8. Ends Development and Monitoring Agenda**

### **8.01 Partnership for Economic Development in Jefferson County (EL-11)**

Kevin McCaskey, president and CEO, Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation (Jeffco EDC) presented members of the Board of Education with data on the economic indicators for Jefferson County, the future of the Jeffco EDC and the importance of the school district's participation in that present and future success.

### **8.02 Make Your Voice Heard Student Survey (Ends 1)**

Dr. Heather Beck, chief academic officer; Dr. Carol Eaton, executive director of Instructional Data Services; Ellynor Martinez, principal of Rooney Ranch Elementary; and, Kim Keller, assistant principal at Dakota Ridge High School, presented the Board of Education with an update on the results of the Make Your Voice Heard student survey of students in grades 2 through 12. Members of the Board of Education were also able to have their questions answered regarding the results and how schools are using the information to implement changes in their schools to address student achievement.

## **9. Statutory Requirements Agenda**

### **9.01 Declaration of Surplus Property (EL-6)**

Motion #3 (Approve Surplus Property): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, seconded by Ms. Noonan, the Board voted to declare the former Zerger Elementary School at 9050 Field Street in Westminster as surplus to district needs; and, to authorize the superintendent's designee to execute the necessary documents to dispose of the property.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Noonan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Ms. Boggs

## **10. Discussion Agenda**

### **10.01 District Calendar 2012-2013**

Motion #4 (Adopt Revisions to Calendar): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, seconded by Ms. Johnson, it was voted to adopt revisions to the district school year calendar for the 2012-2013 as presented.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan  
Nay: Ms. Boggs

## **11. Board and Superintendent Comments**

### **11.01 Board and Superintendent Comments**

Ms. Fellman attended the Elementary Art Show, the Equity and Excellence Art Show, the My Student My Hero awards as well as The Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth (AWRSAY) awards.

Ms. Johnson attended the theater production of *Xanadu* at Pomona High School.

Ms. Boggs attended two conferences regarding SB-191 and New Standards Assessments and Students First at the state house.

Ms. Dahlkemper extended a thank you to John McDonald, executive director, Safety, Security and Emergency Planning, and to facility managers for their help during the recent fires in the Conifer area.

Ms. Dahlkemper also congratulated Dr. Stevenson and Kerrie Dallman on being honored by the Colorado Legacy Foundation for the collaborative work on the Budget Summit.

Members of the Board attended a coalition on the tax policy in Colorado.

Ms. Noonan attended the Colorado Legacy Foundation Luncheon, the HB-1118 event at the state capital and observed the math program at Peiffer Elementary.

## **12. Weekly Update Discussion**

### **12.1 Open Discussion of Superintendent's Weekly Update**

No discussion or questions for Dr. Stevenson.

## **13. Develop Next Agenda**

### **13.01 Board Work Calendar**


### **13.02 Special and Regular Meetings**

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and special and regular meetings of April 26 and May 3, 2012.

## **14. 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 May 3, 2012.

  
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Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

  
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Secretary of the Board of Education

  
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President of the Board of Education