



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 29, 2015  
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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## 1. Preliminary

### 1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Ken Witt, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Building 27, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, January 29, 2015.

### 1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety – Ken Witt, President; Julie Williams, First Vice President; Lesley Dahlkemper, Second Vice President; John Newkirk, Secretary; and, Jill Fellman, Treasurer. Dan McMinimee, Superintendent, represented the administration.

### 1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman, the agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

## 2. Study/Dialogue Session

### 2.01 Legislative Update (EL-11)

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to receive an update on the 2015 legislative session from the district's lobbyist.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Fellman requested a point of personal privilege to distribute to Board members and lobbyist copies of legislative materials from the Colorado Association of School Board's (CASB) weekend conference. The Board received an Assessment and Accountability Bill Organizer which covered House Bills 15-1105, Revising Accountability Measures in Public Ed; 15-1123, Allowing a Local Board Flexibility in Administering State Required Measures of Student Performance; 15-1125, Colorado State Academic Standards and Flexible Assessments; and Senate Bills 15-56, Reducing the Frequency of Administering Social Studies Assessments; and 15-73, Reducing the Assessments Administered in Public Schools-Restrict to Federal Minimums.

The Board's discussion covered state funding, HB1202 Task Force Report to the joint session, and House Bills 15-1020, Funding for Full Day Kindergarten; 15-1024, Expanding Number of Colorado Preschool Program Students; 15-1053, Ages for Compulsory Education; 15-1080, School Participation After the Bell; 15-1104, Educator Expense State Income Tax Deduction; 15-1105, Revising Colorado Education Accountability Measures; 15-1058, General Fund Surplus Transfers for Education; and Senate Bill 15-033, Increasing Funding for Public Pre-K-12 Education.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board will discuss taking positions on legislation at the second meeting in February or first meeting in March.

## **2.02 Literacy Initiative Update (Ends 1)**

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to receive an update on the literacy initiative for the 2014/2015 school year.

**DISCUSSION:** Information was shared regarding kindergarten through third grade readers from the 11 schools involved, intervention work in progress, and types of monitoring and adjustments for short and long term student outcomes. Board members discussed progress monitoring, program evaluation data and parent focus group feedback, READ Act, successful interventions accomplished through small group supports in a classroom, earlier hire of quality interventionists to increase the number of schools involved, and how funds were expended in support of the initiative.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board was informed that additional funds could be used to expand this program to more than 11 schools and that students are on track to succeed through the use of research-based practices, feedback to students, teacher clarity and students being ready to be assessed. Staff will be prepared to highlight particular best practices at the next presentation of the literacy initiative work.

## **2.03 Gifted/Talented Funding Update (Ends 2)**

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to receive an update on Gifted and Talented (GT) funding for the 2014/2015 school year.

**DISCUSSION:** Board members received information on the progress toward meeting the Ends 2 target goal and the funding allotted for this work. Discussion covered Student-Based Budgeting (SBB) funding and factors to school allotments, 16 GT resource teachers serving 150 schools (15 percent (11,158) of the Jeffco student population), twice exceptional learners, center-based program versus cluster model, mental health supports and the challenges for full staffing, hiring school psychologists and counselors, \$250 fee for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade testing, and federal funds reauthorization for special education supports.

**CONCLUSION:** Board members were informed of the ongoing work their budget allocation for GT programming has accomplished.

## **2.04 Mental Health Services Update (Ends 2)**

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to receive an update on Special Education mental health services for the 2014/2015 school year.

**DISCUSSION:** Board members received information on the distribution of funds for mental health services/personnel from the Special Education budget, including psychologists and social workers in Jeffco schools. Discussion covered how mental health supports are allocated to schools based on student needs, the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), communication to families, the district's relationship with The ARC, and transition programs.

**CONCLUSION:** Board members were informed of the mental health supports in district schools.

## **2.05 Employee Negotiations (EL-11)**

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to discuss upcoming negotiations with district employee associations focusing on timing obligations, Board expectations and priorities for negotiations.

**DISCUSSION:** Board members discussed the facilitator for negotiations, Interest-Based Bargaining, streaming open sessions, confirming members of the district's negotiations team, proposed times for negotiations sessions, communications on negotiations, and potential board priorities.

**CONCLUSION:** Board members are aware that negotiations sessions will be open to the public in the Board Room of the Education Center with overflow audience in conference room 4E. JCEA negotiations include all articles. CSEA negotiations cover compensation and three items from each team and it was requested negotiations start with compensation.

## 2.06 CORA Board Training

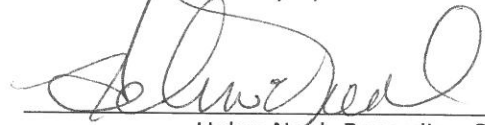
**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to understand broadly the purpose of Colorado Open Meetings and Open Records laws in order to clarify standards for compliance with requests for board member private emails subject to the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) and the length of time members are required to retain emails and other records.

**DISCUSSION:** Brad Miller, board attorney, provided information on meetings, records, CORA requests, and clarifications/suggestions for board practice. Discussion covered retention of board member records and emails, establishment of a Board governance process policy, unsolicited emails, policy or decision making via email communication, and district resources to support searches of member records.

**CONCLUSION:** Board members requested a copy of the list Mr. Miller read. Board members will forward emails from their personal accounts to the district account and reply from the district account. Mr. Miller will investigate with Caplan and Earnest the preparation of a board policy on this topic and report back to Board members.

## 3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 5, 2015.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on March 5, 2015.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education