



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 5, 2015
Board Room

Jeffco Public Schools
1829 Denver West Dr., Bldg. 27
Golden, Colorado

Our mission: To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.

1. Musical Performance

1.01 Musical Performance by Montessori Peaks Academy Charter

The ukulele band performance was led by Maryellen Bowlen, director.

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center (streaming)

The meeting was video streamed live.

2.02 2nd Quarter Financial Report

The study session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Ken Witt, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, March 5, 2015. The majority of the Board was present – Ken Witt, President; Julie Williams, First Vice President; Lesley Dahlkemper, Second Vice President; and John Newkirk, Secretary. Jill Fellman, Treasurer, was absent. Dan McMinimee, Superintendent, represented the administration.

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to monitor the districtwide condition as outlined in Board executive limitation policies EL-5, Financial Planning and Budgeting, and EL-6, Financial Administration. Staff will identify funds, departments and/or schools to monitor closely throughout the year.

DISCUSSION: The Second Quarter Financial Report was summarized by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP and Kathleen Askelson, chief financial officer. Financial results and highlights were discussed. Yellow flags were placed on Food Services funds and charter schools.

CONCLUSION: The Board received the update and thanked Ms. Askelson for the report.

2.03 Compensation Update (EL-4)

PURPOSE: The Board received information on how Jeffco Schools will attract and retain highly effective staff, and remain competitive with compensation practices relative to surrounding jurisdictions.

DISCUSSION: Amy Weber, chief human resources officer, provided the plan for how salary placements will be made for teachers hired this spring for the next school year.

CONCLUSION: Recommendations were made to the Board of Education, and the plan will be brought forward for approval at a future meeting.

3. Preliminary

3.01 Call to Order-6:51 p.m.

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:51 p.m. by Ken Witt, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, March 5, 2015.

3.02 Welcome to Audience

3.03 Pledge of Allegiance

3.04 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that the majority of the Board was present – Ken Witt, President; Julie Williams, First Vice President; Lesley Dahlkemper, Second Vice President; and, John Newkirk, Secretary. Jill Fellman, Treasurer, joined the meeting at 8:15 p.m. via phone and left the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Dan McMinimee, Superintendent, represented the administration.

Mr. Witt recognized Pastor Coleman and his wife, Gail, as well as Jeffco Security for housing students from Bear Creek K-8 during an evacuation of over 1,000 students.

3.05 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the regular business meeting of March 5, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Absent: Ms. Fellman

4. Honors, Recognition and School Reports

4.01 AP Calculus: Chatfield

The Board of Education recognized Cindy Cannon, Advanced Placement Calculus teacher at Chatfield High School, and her former student, Joslynn Shamis, a current student at the University of Denver, who received a perfect score on the Calculus BC exam last spring – one of nine perfect scores out of 112,292 tests taken worldwide.

4.02 PBS StoryMaker: Sadie Fletcher

The Board of Education recognized 8th grader, Sadie Fletcher, for being awarded first place in the Rocky Mountain PBS StoryMakers Contest.

4.03 Future City Regional Winners: Deer Creek Middle School

The Board of Education recognized the regional win by the Deer Creek Middle School Future City students and their coaches, Jacqueline Adkins and David Hoekstra.

4.04 Ladybugs in Space: Mount Carbon Elementary School

The Board recognized the students at Mount Carbon Elementary School for the STEM Ladybugs in Space project which is a flight experiment for Mission 7 to the International Space Station in the spring of 2015.

5. Public Agenda Part One

5.01 Correspondence – March 5, 2015

5.02 Public Comment (Agenda Related)

Joel Newton – Edgewater- regarding agenda item 7.01, Jefferson Plan, offering support.

Sallie Rupnow, Michael Alexander, Lynette Trujillo, Kathy Pielsticker – Lakewood - regarding agenda item 7.01, Sobesky Academy facility needs, supporting the move.

Kristin Kraig, Corrine McMuttay, Michael Thomas – Arvada- regarding agenda item 2.02, Quarterly Financials, from Excel Academy to thank Board for funding.

Derek Miller – music teacher – regarding agenda item 7.01, Jefferson Area Plan Approval, offering support.

Kathryn Eterno, Erin Murphy, Mindy Sautel, Rachel Fisher – Arvada – regarding agenda item 7.02, Alameda Area Plan, in favor of providing Stein a good space.

Rhiannon Wenning, Christina Gese, Shelly Seymour, Tony Tochtrop, Miranda Hayes – Lakewood – regarding agenda item 7.01, Jefferson Area Plan Approval, offering support.

Lara Center, Annie Bitsie, Tony Tochtrop, Mandy Hayes, Rhiannon Wenning, Adrian Tolentino, Tony Babauta, Erin Murphy – Lakewood - regarding agenda items 7.01 and 7.02 but deemed not so by Brad Miller, Board legal counsel, who stopped comments about *Books for all Students* and the funds going to Jefferson and Alameda areas.

Donna Jack, Damian Terpin, Dee Oltmans, Kathryn Isenberger, Janet Ellis, Carol Baum – Evergreen - regarding agenda items 6.05, 6.06, 6.07, 6.08-6.17, 7.03, 8.01, 9.01, 9.02, Data Gathering, Budget.

Dusten Strock, Jeffco Student's For Change - Lakewood – regarding agenda item 7.03, 2015/2016 Budget update.

Kathryn Isenberger – Golden – regarding agenda item 7.03, 2015/2016 Facilities.

Dee Oltmans – Evergreen – regarding agenda items 6.05 and 7.03, Common Core, information sharing, AP U.S. History, budget.

Don Cameron – teacher - regarding 2.03, Compensation Plan.

Janet Ellis – Littleton – regarding agenda item 6.03, stop Common Core.

Amanda Stevens – Lakewood – regarding agenda item 7.03, Budget Update, discussing Student Based Budgeting.

Ali Lasell – Golden – regarding 2.03, Staff Compensation, asked the Board to honor the bargaining agreement.

Guy Nahmiach, Chad Harr – Wheat Ridge Education Alliance – regarding agenda item 7.01, Jefferson Plan B.

Susan Miller – Golden – regarding agenda item 8.01 Academic Goal Update.

Tiffni Rule, Marc Lavoie, Nancy Leunenberger, Judy Pierce – Arvada – regarding agenda item 6.03, Two Roads Charter proposal (Stober North athletic program).

Part one concluded. Speakers signed up for part two were given an opportunity to speak during part one as follows:

Carol Baum – Lakewood- regarding concern for Common Core testing.

Donna Jack, Damian Turpin, Carol Baum, Karen Portler – Evergreen – regarding AP U.S. History, budget, and curriculum.

Kylie Brown - D'Evelyn student – asking district not to cut teachers.

Damian Terpin – Lakewood – regarding patriotism.

Kathryn Isenberger – Golden – regarding PARCC testing.

Dee Oltmans – Evergreen – regarding AP U.S. History.

Amanda Stevens – Lakewood – regarding negotiations.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion #2 (Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board of Education approved the Consent agenda as presented: 6.01, Approval of Minutes-January 29, 2015; 6.02, Approval of Minutes-February 5, 2015; 6.03, Charter School Contract Modification: Two Roads Charter School (EL-13); 6.04, Employment (EL-3); 6.05, Administrative Appointments (EL-3); 6.06, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3); 6.07, Benefit Plan Renewals and Contract Approvals for 2015/2016 (EL-3); 6.08, Contract Award: Districtwide Mechanical Upgrades Standley Lake, Ralston Valley, Pomona Articulation Areas (EL-8); 6.09, Contract Award: Districtwide Mechanical Upgrades Wheat Ridge, Jefferson, Lakewood Articulation Areas (EL-8); 6.10, Contract Award: Districtwide Paving and Concrete Replacement (EL-8); 6.11, Contract Award: Elk Creek Elementary School General Upgrades (EL-8); 6.12, Contract Award: Jefferson High School Boiler Replacement (EL-8); 6.13, Contract Award: McLain High School Building Envelope Project (EL-8); 6.14, Contract Award: Thomson Elementary School General Upgrades Project (EL-8); 6.15, Contract Award: Westridge Elementary School General Upgrades (EL-8); 6.16, Contract Award: Education Services Center Elevator Modernization (EL-7).

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt
Absent: Ms. Fellman

7. Ends Discussion

7.01 Jefferson Area Plan Approval (Ends 1-3)

Ms. Fellman joined the meeting at 8:15 p.m. by phone.

Motion #3 (Motion on Jefferson 7-12 campus) Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board voted to have the District begin making the necessary changes for Jefferson High School to become a 7-12 campus by assigning the 7th and 8th grade program from Wheat Ridge 5-8 to Jefferson High School.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion #4 (Motion on Wheat Ridge 5-8 students from to Stevens) Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the District assign the 5th and 6th grade program from Wheat Ridge 5-8 to Stevens K-6.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion #5 (Motion to move Everitt Middle to Wheat Ridge 5-8, Manning to Everitt, Maple Grove to Manning) Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the District move Everitt Middle School into the Wheat Ridge 5-8 building, move Manning Option School into the Everitt Middle school building, and move Maple Grove 4th-6th grade into the Manning building - with no changes to how these students matriculate.

Discussion ensued regarding the members of the Wheat Ridge Alliance proposing this plan.

Motion #6 (Motion to table) Upon motion by Ms. Fellman second by Ms. Dahlkemper the Board voted to table motion #5.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Dahlkemper

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Community meetings at Everitt, Manning and Maple Grove will be held and the motion will be voted on at the next meeting.

7.02 Alameda Area Plan Approval (Ends 1-3)

Motion #7 (Motion on 7-12 Alameda International High School!) Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board voted to have the District begin making the necessary changes to create a 7-12 Alameda International High School by assigning the 7th and 8th grade program from O'Connell Middle School to Alameda International High School beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion #8 (Motion to relocate Stein Elementary) Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board voted to have the District begin making the necessary changes to relocate Stein K-6 Elementary School to the campus currently occupied by O'Connell Middle School for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Motion #9 (Motion to renovate Stein Elementary) Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board voted to have the District begin the renovation process of the current Stein Elementary School campus to ensure that the Stein community will be adequately served by its neighborhood school beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Ms. Fellman left the meeting when action on this agenda item concluded at 8:50 pm.

7.03 2015/2016 Budget Update

Kathleen Askelson, chief financial officer, and Amanda Karger, senior budget analyst, presented an overview on the status of the national and state economy, school finance at the state level, impacts to Jeffco funding and an update on the budget process for community engagement. Public hearings will be held on May 7 and May 14, when the final adoption is scheduled to take place.

7.04 Contract Renewal: Slate Devices (EL-7)

Motion #10 (Motion on Slate devices) Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board voted to authorize the director of purchasing to enter into a renewal agreement with multiple vendors for the purchase of Slate devices, applications and accessories for an estimated cost of \$3,000,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Ms. Williams

Absent: Ms. Fellman

8. Ends Monitoring

8.01 Academic Goal Update: Post-Secondary & Workforce Readiness (Ends 3)

Dr. Carol Eaton, executive director of Instructional Data Services; Dr. Syna Morgan, chief academic officer; and, Jeremy Felker, director of Instructional Data Services, presented information on the 2014/2015 academic goals for post-secondary and workforce readiness. Staff will provide information on ACT scores and retrieve data on the increase of "on-time" graduation for English Language Learners.

9. Policy Work

9.01 Policy Revision: Ends 2

Dr. Syna Morgan, chief academic officer, provided revisions aligned with Board goals.

Motion #11 (Motion to Approve Revisions) Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Mr. Witt, the Board voted to approve the revisions to Board policy, Ends 2, as presented.

Motion # 12 (Motion to table) Upon motion by Ms. Williams, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board voted to table motion #11.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10. Public Agenda Part Two

10.01 Public Comment (Not on Agenda)

Arnold Langberg, Richard Zellnar, Hank Troy, Tamera Sakotas – Denver - regarding The Harmony Project and community partnerships in arts education.

Jim Fernald – Lakewood – regarding CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement).

11. Develop Next Agenda

11.01 Board Work Calendar

11.02 Special and Regular Meetings of March 19, 28 and April 2, 2015

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and meetings of March 19, 28 and April 2, 2015.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 2, 2015.


Marta Neil, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on April 2, 2015.


Secretary of the Board of Education


President of the Board of Education