



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 27, 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.

1. Preliminary

1.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center

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, 5th floor, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, August 27, 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. Dahlkemper, the agenda was approved as presented for August 27, 2015.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Board President Witt began the meeting with a celebration of Jeffco Schools Early Literacy Program. Over 1,000 struggling readers and writers participated over the summer in a six week program. Past years' results have shown the program not only prevents the 'summer slide' but also that struggling students make gains in reading proficiency. The program grew from six schools in 2014 to 30 schools this past summer. Support from Jeffco Schools Foundation, Jeffco Schools Food Services, Transportation, and Educational Research and Design departments accomplished the work.

The Board agreed with Ms. Fellman's suggestion to begin future special meetings with a celebration of Jeffco Schools accomplishments.

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Resolution: Negotiated Agreement-Jefferson County Education Association (JCEA) (EL-3)

Motion #2 (Motion to Adopt Agreement): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman, the Board resolved that the negotiated agreement between the Jefferson County School District and the Jefferson County Education Association (JCEA), as agreed upon by the authorized bargaining representatives of the parties and ratified by the membership of the JCEA on August 26, 2015, be approved and adopted for a term commenced September 1, 2015 and expiring June 30, 2016, unless renewed or extended in accordance with its terms. (Attachments A, B)

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

Statements were made regarding the 10 month term of the agreement, starting the year with clear expectations of teachers, lack of compensation competitiveness with other districts, compact-sized agreement including school-level collaborative planning/decisionmaking, evaluation process updates, performance driven compensation and streamlined appeals process, and the good work of negotiation team leaders in crafting the document.

2.02 Review of Board Committees (GP-12, 13)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education to received information on the district accountability committee (DAC) and discussed revisions to draft DAC bylaws related to Board governance process policies 12, Board Committee Principles, and 13, Committee Structure.

DISCUSSION: Information was shared by Superintendent Dan McMinimee regarding the formation of the new district accountability committee (DAC) and other like-sized school district accountability committees. Terry Elliott, chief school effectiveness officer; Julie Oxenford O'Brian, chairperson of the transitional DAC; and Orin Levy, chair-elect of the transitional DAC, outlined the process in separating the strategic planning function from the district accountability work, next steps and responded to Board member questions. Discussion covered DAC membership, statutory requirement focus for DAC work, notice of meetings, calendar and minutes.

CONCLUSION: Board members requested a review at a future meeting with suggested revisions to the draft DAC bylaws regarding faith-based community members, recruitment and removal of members, classified employee category increased to three from two members, meeting minutes, and minority reports.

2.03 Facilities Planning Preview (EL-8, 11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education was informed of the process and issues to be considered in the selection of a location for a new north area school.

DISCUSSION: A review of facilities information was provided by Steve Bell, chief operating officer, and Tim Reed, executive director of Facilities and Construction Management, on available properties; design, construction, budget and schedule impact of the various options; the impact upon enrollment capacity on existing schools; and, current and future boundary considerations. Staff recommendations maximized student seats in the northwest Arvada area for an \$18 million school and worked to positively impact the greatest number of schools in the northwest area. Board discussion covered transfer of title to property, certificates of participation, school boundaries and student enrollment, ADA compliance at sites, Leyden Rock premium, immediate and middle school demands, request for quote (RFQ) process, joint use agreements, and long term master planning.

CONCLUSION: The Board will discuss this matter at the next Board of Education meeting.

2.04 Montessori Peaks Academy (EL-10, 13)

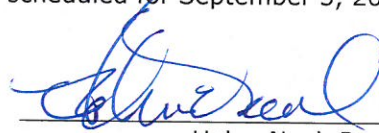
PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update on the review of governance concerns raised at Montessori Peaks Academy.

DISCUSSION: Tim Matlick, achievement director for Charter Schools, outlined the investigation found minor and limited in scope concerns that the Montessori Peaks Academy Board of Directors is addressing. Work should be completed in October 2015 with a written report provided to the Board of Education. Craig Hess, district legal counsel, addressed Ms. Dahlkemper's question regarding an earlier report of coaches and bullying at another school.

CONCLUSION: The Board was informed of the outcome of the governance concern at Montessori Peaks Academy.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for September 3, 2015.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on October 1, 2015.


Secretary of the Board of Education
President of the Board of Education

Attachment A – resolution – Adoption of Negotiated Agreement with JCEA
Attachment B – Negotiated Agreement with JCEA