



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
OATH OF OFFICE

November 19, 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 Reception for Outgoing Board Members – 4:30 p.m.

1.02 Call to Order – Board Room

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, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, November 19, 2015. The Board was present in its entirety – Ken Witt, President; Julie Williams, First Vice President; Lesley Dahlkemper, Second Vice President; Jill Fellman, Treasurer; and, John Newkirk, Secretary. Dan McMinimee, Superintendent, represented the administration.

1.03 Welcome to Audience

1.04 Pledge of Allegiance

1.05 Roll Call

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

1.06 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Approve Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the special meeting of November 19, 2015, 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. Certification of the Canvass of the Regular Biennial School Board Election

2.01 November 3, 2015 Official Abstract Votes (GP-1)

Motion #2 (Declare Results of Election): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman, the Board of Education voted to adopt the resolution declaring the results of the November 3, 2015, regular biennial school board and coordinated recall election, presented prior to the meeting. (Attachment A)

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Points of personal privilege were taken by each board member to comment on her/his time in office.

3. Oath of Office

3.01 Oath of Office: Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

The Honorable Philip J. McNulty, District Court Chief Judge of the 1st Judicial District, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board of Education members Brad Rupert, Susan Harmon, Ali Lasell, Amanda Stevens and Ron Mitchell. (Attachment B)

4. Board Reorganization and Election of Officers

4.01 Board Reorganization and Election of Officers

Nomination from Amanda Stevens to appoint Ron Mitchell as President of the Board of Education for Jeffco Public Schools.

Mr. Craig Hess, legal counsel, announced the result of the paper ballot: majority vote for Mr. Mitchell as president.

Nomination from Brad Rupert to appoint Ali Lasell as First Vice President of the Board of Education for Jeffco Public Schools.

Mr. Craig Hess, legal counsel, announced the result of the paper ballot: majority vote for Ms. Lasell as first vice president.

Nomination from Ali Lasell to appoint Susan Harmon as Second Vice President of the Board of Education for Jeffco Public Schools.

Mr. Craig Hess, legal counsel, announced the result of the paper ballot: majority vote for Ms. Harmon as second vice president.

Motion #3 (Appoint Secretary): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Harmon, the Board of Education voted to appoint Amanda Stevens as Secretary of the Board of Education for Jeffco Public Schools.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Harmon

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

Motion #4 (Appoint Treasurer): Upon motion by Ms. Lasell, second by Ms. Stevens, the Board of Education voted to appoint Brad Rupert as Treasurer of the Board of Education for Jeffco Public Schools.

Motion by Ms. Lasell, second by Ms. Stevens
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

Motion #5 (Appoint Asst. Treasurer and Asst. Secretary): Upon motion by Ms. Stevens, second by Mr. Rupert, the Board of Education voted to appoint Kathleen Askelson to the position of assistant treasurer and reappoint Helen Neal to the position of assistant secretary.

Motion by Ms. Stevens second by Mr. Rupert
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

4.02 Introductory Statements by Board Members

Remarks were made by each newly seated board member.

4.03 Board of Education Legal Counsel

Superintendent McMinimee provided an update on the Board's legal counsel, having received the resignation of Brad Miller on Monday, November 16, effective 15 days from receipt. Superintendent McMinimee recommended the Board use of district legal counsel, Caplan and Earnest as necessary, and rejoining the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) with use of their legal team as additional resources.

The Board requested the superintendent provide Mr. Miller's un-redacted invoices and request any materials in his possession as a duty of confidentiality returned to the district.

5. Develop Next Agenda

5.01 Board Work Calendar

Board members offered priority issues to be addressed by the Board in the near future, including: growth areas, strategic compensation, all staff compensation, teacher contract, district accountability committee on the Unified Improvement Plan and membership, constituent/community outreach, assessments/testing of student performance, and an opportunity for Board reports.

6. Public Comment

6.01 Public Comment

Kim Gilmartin – Littleton – regarding not changing the positive changes of the prior board.

Darrin Levy – Edgewater – regarding support for charters, school choice, competition, no debt and teacher compensation.

Leonor Lucero – Littleton – regarding Mr. Mitchell's employment by the district, Planned Parenthood and training sold to schools.

Eric Kolmar – Broomfield – regarding time at school.

Judy Merkel – Evergreen – regarding thanks to outgoing board and Brad Miller.

Jonna Levine, Shawna Fritzier, Annie Bitsie, Sally Kate Tinch, Karyn Peabody, Melissa Martini – Arvada – regarding congratulations and welcome to the new board, support for transparency, accountability in financial decisions and value for parent, teacher, and staff input.

Jim Earley – Westminster – regarding good governing, discussions and listening, district accountability committee and successful schools.

Cheryl Mosier – Littleton – regarding congratulations, concerns with the board advisory committee Technology Data Privacy Advisory Committee (TDPAC) needing teacher voice and personal agendas not educationally appropriate.

Jim Fernald – Lakewood – regarding welcome to the new board, consideration of minority view, assessments, performance pay, recent employee hires.

Ana Mettler – Lakewood – regarding welcome to the new board, decision-making and funding of public education, testing of students.

Donna Jack – Evergreen – regarding congratulations, Advanced Placement U.S. History, unfunded mandates, assessments, public comment and last minute agenda additions.

Michelle Burnett – Lakewood – regarding retaining and recruiting teachers, low morale, lack of respect, visit Thompson Elementary, celebrate hard work.

Wendy McCord – Indian Hills – regarding gratitude and thanks, be kind, dependable, fair, honest and hard working.

Lisa Lee – teacher – regarding 28 year teacher, reflect diversity of Jeffco.

Janet Ellis – Littleton – regarding thanks for efforts.

Alex Bolton – Littleton – regarding introduction as field director for Americans for Prosperity, Chatfield graduate, expansion of choices, equal funding, transparency, student achievement as priority.

Don Cameron – Golden – regarding former board legal counsel, act independently, teacher pay plan and retaining teachers.

Michael Clark – Lakewood – regarding potential as leaders, overcrowding, teacher contract, community input, collaboration and respect.

Victoria Newkirk Lierheimer – Evergreen – regarding events of past two years.

M.E. Howell, Damian Terpin, Lucy Powers, Karen Pautler, Murrell Howell – Evergreen – regarding students most important to consider, teachers are guardians and need respect and support.

Tammy Story, Tina Gurdikian, Teresa Louis-Thomlinson, Terri Straut, Sally Kate Tinch – Conifer – regarding claims of accomplishments of prior board and grassroots effort to recall, thanks for commitment and dedication.

Terri Lee Nielsen – Golden – regarding decisions about kids, thanks to prior board, current superintendent and literacy.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 10, 2015.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on December 10, 2015.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education

Attachment A - resolution - Declaring the Results of the Election of School District Directors Held on November 3, 2015
Attachment B - Oath of Office and Affidavit - Rupert, Harmon, Lasell, Stevens, Mitchell