

OFFICIAL MINUTES

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 7, 2018 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. Preliminary

1.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center (streaming)

1.02 Call to Order: 9 a.m.

The study session was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Ron Mitchell, president of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Wednesday, November 7, 2018. A majority of the Board was present – Ron Mitchell, president; Ali Lasell, first vice president; Susan Harmon, second vice president; Brad Rupert, treasurer; and, Amanda Stevens, secretary. Dr. Glass represented the administration. A break was taken from 11:04 a.m. to 11:17 a.m.

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Stocktake: Customized Pathways (Learning Tactic #3)

PURPOSE: The Board received an update on the strategic plan strategy, Learning (create a profoundly authentic student experience) Tactic 3: Customized Pathways.

DISCUSSION: Staff brought forward the tactic's Theory of Action: if school and district leaders expand postsecondary and workforce readiness learning in partnership with our community, businesses, and institutions of higher education then students will be prepared for both careers and college. The Smart goals were shared (by 2021/2022 school year, 50 percent of all graduating seniors will have participated in at least one identified pathway, and by 2022/2023 school year, 85 percent of all graduating seniors who have participated in at least one identified pathway will also meet the success criteria). Staff outlined: milestones, Jeffco Career Links, leading indicators, expanded pathway options, data collection, and the implementation heat map showing good, problematic and mixed application to meet this tactic's goals. Successes and challenges were reviewed along with necessary resources to meet the goals.

Board of Education discussion covered: the overlap between customized pathways and graduation guidelines; industry credentials, partnering with businesses, and capturing student interest earlier through project based learning.

CONCLUSION: The Board requested a glossary of the pathway options. Mr. Mitchell thanked staff for the update.

2.02 Jeffco Online Enrollment Project: EnrollJeffco (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education heard from staff on the implementation of the Jeffco online enrollment project.

DISCUSSION: Staff reviewed the new Jeffco school finder tool, and application and enrollment system. Highlights included: timelines (rollout on December 17), preview of the guided search (survey questions, results page, and school profiles), marketing, ability to compare/contrast schools, and criteria for school acceptance.

The Board discussion covered the lottery process, special education review process, data collection, families without access to the internet and/or language barriers, principals' efforts to market schools, and access to open houses for all families.

CONCLUSION: Mr. Mitchell thanked staff for the presentation.

2.03 First Quarter Financial Report Review (EL-5, EL-6)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update on the districtwide financial condition for the first quarter of the 2018/2019 school year in order to monitor district finances.

DISCUSSION: Staff reported on the first quarter district finances. Highlights included: cash management, food service fund being monitored, revenue and expenditures, capital reserve fund, funds overview, insurance reserve fund, charter schools, Free Horizon moving to the general fund, and on the radar items covering: budget for facility bids completed for Creighton MS, Ken Caryl MS and Summit Ridge MS, innovation acceleration fund and school improvement fund.

CONCLUSION: The Board of Education has an understanding of first quarter district finances. Mr. Mitchell thanked staff for the update.

2.04 Engagement: Jeffco Educational Support Professionals (EL-11, GP-17)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education was engaged in dialogue with the executive committee of the Jeffco Educational Support Professionals (JESPA) regarding issues of mutual interest.

DISCUSSION: Professionals from areas including para-educators, health aides, information technology, security, custodial, maintenance, food service, and transportation described needs and challenges of employment by Jeffco Public Schools. Discussion covered the need for increased training, mentoring, job shadowing and wages to support hiring/retaining, additional time to collaborate with teachers, improving security systems, teamwork, food service equipment, cooling systems, and collaboration with the Board.

CONCLUSION: The Board of Education was shown that paraprofessionals have multiple concerns and face many challenges. Board members appreciated the panel and look forward to future discussions.

2.05 Budget Development Status Update (EL-5)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update on the budget process, timeline and community engagement plan, and provided initial direction for development of the 2019/2020 budget.

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DISCUSSION: Staff reported on the timeline, a review of 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 status, 5A funds, budget objectives, statewide assumptions and assumptions on per pupil funding, and community engagement recommendations.

CONCLUSION: The Board of Education provided direction on priorities for budget development including, community forums and outreach.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 13, 2018.

Crystal Frigo, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on December 13, 2018.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education