



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 7, 2009
Seminar 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.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: The Board met in its entirety – Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; Richard Rush, Treasurer - in study/dialogue session at 5:07 p.m. in the Seminar Room at Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cindy Stevenson, superintendent, represented the administration. A break was taken from 6:30 p.m. to 6:38 p.m. The superintendent left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

PURPOSE: The Board met to receive a report on student achievement as demonstrated through the district's progress monitoring system.

DISCUSSION: Central staff presented an evaluation summary of the district's progress monitoring system and I2a (Instruction, Intervention and Assessment) initiative which included an explanation of the strands of work (curriculum alignment, responsive instruction, data decision making model, use of technology and professional learning communities) woven to support increased student achievement efforts and a reminder of how I2a has been phased into schools across the district. All schools will use I2a progress monitoring in 2009-2010.

Discussion covered student achievement data over time among all levels (elementary, middle, senior high) between I2a schools and those not yet implementing I2a, tracking achievement data to respond to the needs of students and guide teacher skill development and principal leadership expectations. Principals from each level shared their experiences with progress monitoring.

CONCLUSION: The Board members found that overall, extended involvement in the I2a project resulted in better student achievement outcomes when participating students were compared to non-participating, otherwise similar students.

PURPOSE: At 6:38 p.m., the Board continued its study/dialogue session in the Seminar Room to continue its discussions of the budget development process.

DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed the timeline for upcoming budget work and adjusted the focus and date for Stakeholder Panel feedback to the Board to include reaction to Board budget decisions to date and advice on coming years' reductions/thinking for the future and the impacts on students/schools.

Staff reviewed the changes in budget assumption figures and the five year projections. With 87 percent of the budget being compensation, the majority of upcoming expenditures are in compensation and difficult to reduce as negotiated items. The Board received information on possible trade-off savings as reductions, the list of budget workgroup proposed reductions by impact category, and collected community comments from the Jeffco website.

The Board reviewed the outcome of the first "Challenges and Choices" community budget forum on January 3 at Belmar Library.

CONCLUSION: The Stakeholder Panel meeting will be postponed to February. The Board will have assistance at the community budget meetings from Cabinet members and Communications Services. The Board received an update on district funds and CSAFE.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 15, 2009.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on February 12, 2009.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education