



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 15, 2009  
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.*

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**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 5:05 p.m. in the Seminar Room at Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cindy Stevenson, superintendent, represented the administration.

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to receive a report on district accreditation.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff reviewed the alignment of the four sections of work required by the State of Colorado through the Accreditation Process, and in turn, what the district requires of each school through the School Improvement Process. The four sections include 1) state requirements focus on minority students and students of poverty; Jeffco added goals for gender and special needs; 2) academic measures; 3) culture and climate; 4) action plan on urgent challenges for student proficiency, growth and gaps. Discussion also covered scoring measures and progress monitoring system supports.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board is informed of the process and work associated with Jeffco Public Schools meeting state accreditation requirements.

#### 1. **PRELIMINARY**

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, president of the Board of Education, at 6:09 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, January 15, 2009.

02. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Benefield welcomed the audience and acknowledged the musical performance by students from Rocky Mountain Academy of Evergreen and their director, Gretchen Moritz.

03. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Mr. Benefield, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

04. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety - Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; and Rick Rush, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

05. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Rush, Mr. Thomas

2. **HONORS AND RECOGNITION:** January is National Board of Education Appreciation month. The Superintendent recognized the members of the Board of Education for their dedication and countless hours of work each contributes to the school district and community.

3. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Members of the Board of Education provided an update on discussions held during the “Challenges and Choices” community budget meetings.

Mr. Rush attended the Strategic Planning Advisory Council meeting. He also attended a CDM (cooperative decision-making) meeting at his neighborhood elementary school.

Mr. Thomas mentioned he attended the hearings for truancy court.

4. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**

01. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Public correspondence received by the Board of Education was made available for public perusal.

02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Frank Lay, Lakewood – Expressed concerns about the asbestos contractor hired at Creighton Middle School.

Kory Mitchell, Commerce City – Owner of ESA, Inc., addressed the concerns brought forth by Mr. Lay.

Bob Smith, chief operating officer, and Cheryl Humann, executive director, Construction Management, provided the Board of Education with information regarding the selection process for contractors in the district.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION #2 (Approve Consent Agenda):** Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: 5.01, Approval of Minutes: December 11 and 18, 2008; 5.02, Board Policy No Revisions – EL-6, Financial Administration; 5.03, Board Policy No Revisions – EL-7, Asset Protection; 5.04, Board Policy for Approval – EL-10, Treatment of Students, EL-12, School Safety; 5.05, Board Policy for Adoption – EL-14, School Year Calendar; 5.06, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.07, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.08, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.09, Superintendent Contract Addendum 2007-2008 (EL-1, Global Executive Constraint); 5.10, Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education, Mountain Phoenix Community Charter School (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.11, Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education, Student Services (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.12, Supplemental Funds-Kaiser, Warren Tech North (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.13., Supplemental Funds-Medicaid, Health Services (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.14, Supplemental Funds-Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation, Family Literacy (EL-6, Financial Administration).

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Rush

**6. ENDS DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING AGENDA:**

**01. REPORT ON DROPOUT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY (END 1):**

The Center for the Social Organization of Schools at Johns Hopkins University has recently completed an analysis of Jefferson County Public Schools' data. Rick Myles, community superintendent, and Dave Kollar, director for Dropout Prevention and Recovery; presented the results of the analysis and how it ties to initiatives in the Office of Dropout Prevention and Recovery.

**7. DISCUSSION AGENDA:** There were no discussion items brought forward.

**8. DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed its work calendar and the agenda items for the special and regular meetings of January 20, 22, and 29, 2009.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, January 29, 2009.

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Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

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Secretary of the Board of Education

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President of the Board of Education