



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 29, 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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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 5:02 p.m. the Board of Education met in the Seminar Room to hear the appeal of the decision regarding the expulsion of a student at Mandalay Middle School; and to discuss a specific legal matter with legal counsel.

#### 1. **PRELIMINARY**

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, president of the Board of Education, at 6:03 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, January 29, 2009.

02. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Benefield welcomed the audience.

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

04. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present- Scott Benefield, President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; and, Sue Marinelli, Secretary. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

Jane Barnes, First Vice President; and, Rick Rush, Treasurer, were excused from the meeting.

#### 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: Mr. Benefield, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Thomas

**06. APPEAL OF DECISION REGARDING EXPULSION OF A STUDENT:**

MOTION #2 (Affirm Decision): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to affirm the Superintendent's decision of November 20, 2009, that a student at Mandalay Middle School, student ID #1003553, be expelled from all Jefferson County Public Schools through May 31, 2009; that the Board adopt the Final Determination of Appeal as presented; and that the Administration be directed to serve the Final Determination of Appeal on the student and the student's parents via certified mail, return receipt requested.

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

2. **HONORS AND RECOGNITION:** Players and coaches from Wheat Ridge High School's football team were recognized for winning the state 4A football championship.
3. **COUNTY STUDENT COUNCIL:** Members of county council updated the Board of Education with their thoughts on the budget reductions and the plans for the Senior Ball. Members will also be attending a Diversity Conference at Cherry Creek High School.

Dr. Stevenson proposed County Student Council's involvement in Students for Seniors - a cell phone collection project for middle and high school students in support of senior citizens in Jefferson County.

4. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Members of the Board discussed options regarding budget cuts and the stimulus package.

Mr. Thomas mentioned his involvement with the Colorado Youth Advisory Council.

Dr. Stevenson reported on discussions at a Superintendent's Breakfast.

Ms. Marinelli attended the open house at Warren Tech.

Mr. Benefield attended a fundraiser at Adams Elementary.

Dr. Stevenson attended a Senate Bill 212 meeting.

**5. PUBLIC AGENDA:**

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

02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dan Daley, Denver – Spoke on behalf of his brother Neil Daly in a teacher dismissal case.

Matt Daly, Wheat Ridge – Spoke on behalf of his brother Neil Daly in a teacher dismissal case.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

MOTION #3 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented: 6.01, Recommendation for Dismissal of a Teacher (EL-3, 10, 12, Staff Treatment, Treatment of Students, and School Safety) (Attachment A); 6.02, Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, Eiber Elementary, Molholm Elementary (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.03, Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, Foster Elementary, Russell Elementary (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.04, Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers, Jefferson High School, Wheat Ridge Middle School (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.05, Supplemental Funds-University of Colorado Denver, Department for Learning and Educational Achievement (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.06, Memorandum of Understanding: Jeffco Credit Union (EL-3, Staff Treatment) (Attachment B).

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

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 February 5, 10, and 12, 2009.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, February 12, 2009.

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Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

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

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Secretary of the Board of Education

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President of the Board of Education

I hereby attest that in my opinion the portion of this executive session for which minutes were not kept constituted a privileged attorney-client communication.

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Alex Halpern  
Board of Education Attorney

I hereby attest that the portion of this executive session for which minutes were not kept was confined to the topic authorized for discussion in an executive session pursuant to C.R.S. section 24-6-402(4)(b).

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Scott D. Benefield  
President

Attachment A – Recommendation for Dismissal of Teacher Neil Daly  
Attachment B – Memorandum of Understanding: Jeffco Credit Union