



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 26, 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.

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, President of the Board of Education at 5:09 p.m. in the Seminar Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present – Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; and Rick Rush, Treasurer – for a special meeting. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Sue Marinelli, Secretary, joined the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

0.01 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (EL-17, COMMUNICATION AND COUNSEL TO THE BOARD):** Ed Bowditch, the district's contract lobbyist, facilitated discussion on pending legislative issues of mutual interest with Jefferson County state legislators and members of the Board of Education.

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to support HB09-1057, Parental Leave Academic Activities; HB09-1214, School District Reporting Requirements; SB09-170, Nondiscrimination in Higher Education Funding; SB09-228, Flexibility to Use State Revenues; to oppose SB09-131, Require Physical Activity Public Schools; and to monitor, in particular, HB09-1151, Oversight School Building Inspections; HB09-1182, Changes to Online Education Funding; and SB09-89, State Charter School Institute.

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

1. **PRELIMINARY**

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, president of the Board of Education, at 6:11 p.m. in the Board

Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, February 26, 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 the Board was present in its entirety- Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.
05. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

MOTION #2 (Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as amended with the removal of Consent Agenda item 6.02, Policy Governance Monitoring Report (EL-11) Communication and Counsel to the Board, to a future meeting agenda for executive session discussion.

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

2. **COUNTY STUDENT COUNCIL:** Members of the County Student Council presented an update on their activities to the Board of Education.
3. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Members of the Board attended the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Winter Legislative Conference in Denver.

Ms. Marinelli attended the Bear Creek Articulation Area meeting at Brady Exploration School.

Mr. Benefield commented on the stimulus package and mentioned he attended the Gifted/Talented Spring Parent Seminar.

Mr. Thomas attended the Jefferson Articulation Area meeting at Jefferson Senior High. He also requested a future discussion on the policy for students who do not attend school.

Mr. Rush attended accountability meetings at Normandy and Blue Heron Elementary. He also attended a town hall meeting and a presentation on child readiness. A school visit was made to McLain Community High School to observe the JeffcoNet program.

Dr. Stevenson attended a Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) meeting and gave an update on school finance.

4. **WEEKLY UPDATE DISCUSSION:** Board of Education members and the superintendent discussed topics of interest.

5. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**

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

02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Justin Collins – Spoke on the appealed decision on Learning Resources Challenge (book challenge).

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 amended: 6.01, Approval of Minute: February 5, 10, 2009; 6.02, Board Policy for Study – Communication and Counsel to the Board (EL-11); 6.03, Supplemental Funds – Colorado Department of Education, Arvada Middle School (EL-6, Financial Administration).

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

7. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

01. **APPEALED DECISION ON LEARNING RESOURCE CHALLENGES: CARRIE (EL-1):**

MOTION #4 (Book Challenge: Carrie): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to affirm the Superintendent's decision that *Carrie* by author Stephen King remain on middle school library shelves.

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

02. **APPEALED DECISION ON LEARNING RESOURCE CHALLENGES: CHRISTINE (EL-1):**

MOTION #5 (Book Challenge: Christine): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to affirm the Superintendent's decision that *Christine* by author Stephen King remain on middle school library shelves.

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

03. APPEALED DECISION ON LEARNING RESOURCE CHALLENGES: CUJO (EL-1):

MOTION #6 (Book Challenge: *Cujo*): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to affirm the Superintendent's decision that *Cujo* by author Stephen King remain on middle school library shelves.

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

04. APPEALED DECISION ON LEARNING RESOURCE CHALLENGES: THE GIRL WHO LOVED TOM GORDON (EL-1):

MOTION #7 (Book Challenge: *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon*): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to affirm the Superintendent's decision that *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon* by author Stephen King remain on middle school library shelves.

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

05. DISTRICT PURCHASING CARD PROGRAM (EL-11): Lorie Gillis, chief financial officer, presented information on the district's purchasing card program and processes.

06. FACILITIES USAGE COMMITTEE WORK (EL-11): Dr. Stevenson presented the Board of Education members with an update on the work-to-date for the Facilities Usage Committee. The Board gave direction on the mission and charge of the committee.

07. GUIDELINES FOR STAFF/STUDENT OBSERVANCES OF RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS (EL-11): The Board of Education received an update from Cynthia Whitlock, executive director of School Management, and members of the Religious Holiday Committee, on the guidelines that were developed regarding religious holiday scheduling.

8. DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA: The Board discussed its work calendar and the agenda items for the regular and special meetings of March 5 and 12, 2009.

9. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, March 5, 2009.

Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

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Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on March 19, 2009.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education