



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 12, 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.

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting was called to order by Scott D. Benefield, President of the Board of Education at 5:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board met – Scott D. Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; and, Rick Rush, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Sue Marinelli, Secretary, joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Breaks were taken from 5:57 p.m. to 6:05 p.m. and 6:52 p.m. to 7:02 p.m.

At 5:00 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 Evergreen High School; and to discuss a specific legal matter with legal counsel. The Board came into open session at 5:56 p.m.

APPEAL OF DECISION REGARDING EXPULSION OF A STUDENT:

MOTION #2 (Affirm Decision): Upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Rush, it was unanimous to affirm the Superintendent's decision of February 11, 2009, that a student at Evergreen High School, student identification number 2024344, be expelled from all Jefferson County Public Schools through May 29, 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: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Mr. Rush, Mr. Thomas
Absent: Ms. Marinelli

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES UPDATE (EL-11, COMMUNICATION AND COUNSEL TO THE BOARD): Ed Bowditch, the district's contract lobbyist, and members of the school district staff summarized proposed legislation and discussed it with the Board.

MOTION #3 (Take Positions on Legislation): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board took positions: to support SB09-160, Alternative Teacher Programs and Licensure; and, to monitor HB09-1304, Suspend Writing CSAP and Grade 9-10 CSAP; SB09-64, Building Inspections Related to Utilities; SB09-130, Scholarships Children with Autism Pilot; and, SB09-237, Grounds for Mandatory Expulsion.

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

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:

BENEFITS PROGRAM 2009/2010 (EL-11, COMMUNICATION AND COUNSEL TO THE BOARD): Lisa Eacker, director of Employee Benefits, and members of the Benefits Advisory Committee reviewed recommendations for employee benefits open enrollment period in May with activation for the 2009-2010 school year. Discussion included providers recommended, plan design changes, wellness program successes, and the long-term affordability of employee benefits.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, at 8:07 p.m. the Board of Education unanimously agreed to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)(I).

ADJOURNMENT: The Board reconvened in open session at 8:40 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for March 19, 2009.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on May 7, 2009.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education