



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 19, 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.

1. PRELIMINARY

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, president of the Board of Education, at 6:04 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, March 19, 2009.

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

03. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Board of Education welcomed Boy Scout Troop 21 from Arvada to present the flags and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Boy Scouts of Troop 21: Sam Burnell, Ian Davis, Andrew DePree, Sam Kupernik, Mason Rose, Josh Snyder, Seth VonRenzell.

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, RECOGNITION AND SCHOOL REPORTS:** John White, principal Moore Middle School, was honored for receiving the Outstanding Administrative Leadership in Reading Award from the Colorado Council International Reading Association (CCIRA).

Members of the Financial Services Department, Lorie Gillis, Kay Bridges, T.J. McGrath, Marci Jasek and Lorri Dugan, were honored for receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for excellence in financial reporting. They also were awarded the Meritorious Budget Award by the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO), for excellence in the preparation and issuance of the current year, 2008-2009, school system annual budget.

Tammy Weatherly, director of Secondary Reform; Kelly Curran, teacher on special assignment; and, Annie Evans, Arvada West High School teacher, were honored for their outstanding commitment to the Advanced Placement program work through the Department for Learning and Educational Achievement. Their work with the College Board Pre-AP program has resulted in over 1700 secondary Jeffco teachers being trained in the use of high level instructional strategies.

The Board of Education recognized Zack Cheatham, a Lakewood High School student, as the only student in Colorado to be selected for the 2009 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band. Zack has also been chosen for the University of Colorado Honor Band, All-County Jazz and All-County Symphonic Band.

The Board of Education received a brief presentation of the Deer Creek Middle School team's Future Cities Competition project, which won the Colorado Region competition. In February, the team traveled to Washington, D.C. to compete nationally with 110 students. *Team Aerius* members: Zach Goodman, Nathan Moore and Whitney Szeliga; Jacquie Adkins and Carrie Malinowski, teacher-mentors; and, Ken Szeliga, engineer-mentor.

3. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**

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

02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No one was present to address the Board.

4. **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: 4.01, Approval of Minutes: February 26, March 5, 2009; 4.02, Policy Governance Monitoring Report: Communication and Counsel to the Board (EL-11).

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

5. **STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:**

PURPOSE: At 6:45 p.m., the Board met in study/dialogue session in the Seminar Room to discuss with student advisors, “How best to recruit for next year’s student advisors?”

DISCUSSION: Board members and five student advisors discussed how the students believed the Board should recruit for next year’s student advisor. Discussion covered the successful County Student Council’s Senior Citizens Prom; for recruiting to make announcements through the PA system at high schools and ask teachers/principals for possible candidates; an earlier start to the school year and an informal night to introduce each other to begin the next year; food in schools and facsimile weapons. Students reported that they communicate messages from the Board through County Student Council.

CONCLUSION: The Board thanked the students for joining them for the discussion and look forward to the April 23 meeting when student advisors are next scheduled to meet with the Board of Education.

PURPOSE: At 7:14 p.m., the Board continued in study/dialogue session to discuss the suspension and expulsion process in Jeffco Public Schools.

DISCUSSION: Board members received information from the Student Conduct Code on mandatory and discretionary issues, legal requirements, monitoring for consistency, services for students suspended or expelled, and Board involvement on issues.

CONCLUSION: The Board appreciated the review.

PURPOSE: At 7:55 p.m., the Board continued in study/dialogue session to monitor the superintendent’s report on executive limitation policy EL-11, Communication and Council to the Board.

DISCUSSION: The CASB facilitator, Jim Weigel, led the Board members in a direct inspection of the policy monitoring. The Board reviewed each policy statement for having been reasonably met by the superintendent.

CONCLUSION: The Board requested information on trends in k-12 education, time for Board discussion of the growth model and community engagement. The Board proposed revisions to policy EL-11 for approval at the next regular meeting.

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 9:04 p.m., upon motion by Sue Marinelli, seconded by Dave Thomas, 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).

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

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Board reconvened in open session at 9:22 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, April 16, 2009.

Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on April 30, 2009.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education