



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 30, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:06 p.m. upon motion by Sue Marinelli, seconded by Dave Thomas, a majority of the Board of Education met in the Seminar Room 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, April 30, 2009. A break was taken from 7:13 p.m. to 7:23 p.m. and 8:03 p.m. to 8:09 p.m.
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; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; and, Rick Rush, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

Jane Barnes, First Vice President, was 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. Rush, Mr. Thomas

2. HONORS AND RECOGNITION:

The Board of Education recognized Taylor Verdun, Bear Creek High School student, who skis for the Evergreen Girls Ski Team, and Zach Petrick, Evergreen High School, for their state champion skiing performance in Girls' Giant Slalom and the league Skimeister award, respectively.

The Board of Education recognized Dr. Janet Filbin, director of Jeffco's Instructional Data Services, for earning the *Dissertation of the Year* award from the American Educational Research Association's (AERA) Leadership for School Improvement division.

3. 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: 3.01, Approval of Minutes: March 19 and 24, 2009; 3.02, Policy Governance Monitoring Report: Emergency Superintendent Succession (EL-9); 3.03, Board Policy for Study: Emergency Superintendent Succession (EL-9); 3.04, Supplemental Funds: Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, School to Work Alliance Program (EL-6, Financial Administration); 3.05, Supplemental Funds: City of Arvada, Arvada High School, Lawrence Elementary (EL-6, Financial Administration); 3.06, Contract Award: Architectural/Mechanical/Electrical Upgrades (EL-8, Facilities).

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

4. PUBLIC AGENDA:

01. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Public correspondence received by the Board of Education was made available for public perusal.
02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Annie Coppick and Peter Jeans, Evergreen parents, regarding mountain area bus service for preschoolers.

5. ENDS DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING AGENDA:

The Board of Education discussed monitoring district work, as applied to preschool busing, through its policies outlining superintendent work parameters and the reasonableness of her actions within those parameters.

Discussion continued and covered Board member understanding of the rationale for district budget actions in communication with its community members, agenda items for information versus for decision on different topics covered in policy. A future Board discussion will address whether members believe they have too much control or not enough control as a Board of district work. Board work is brought forward through a

meeting agenda which must have decision components, monitoring components and information components, in that order. Members determine what else they need to know on a topic, why and when. The focus of Board work is student achievement.

6. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:** There were no discussion items.

7. **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AGENDA:**

01. **TEACHER DISMISSAL MATTER: ACT ON HEARING OFFICER'S FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION (EL-3, 10, 12):**

MOTION #3 (Teacher Dismissal Matter): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the Order for Retention of Neil Daly. (Attachment A)

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

8. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:**

Ms. Marinelli visited the arts awards on Monday night. She also visited Bell Middle for the Golden area articulation meeting.

Mr. Benefield and Mr. Thomas attended the Jeffco PTA annual conference celebration. Mr. Benefield also attended the Columbine stake teacher appreciation event on Sunday for Mr. Rush.

Mr. Rush attended the Student Council *Day Without Hate* Day and showed the audience the event t-shirt.

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

10. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed its next meeting on May 7 and canceled its June 6 retreat date.

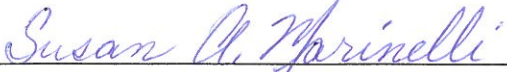
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:03 p.m., upon motion by Sue Marinelli, seconded by Dave Thomas, the Board of Education unanimously moved into executive session in the Seminar Room to discuss negotiations, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(e).

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Board reconvened in open session at 8:40 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, May 7, 2009.

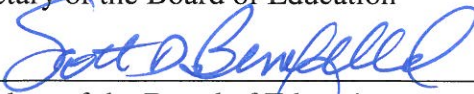


Marta Neil, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on June 4, 2009..

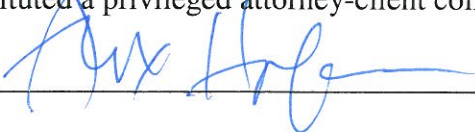


Secretary of the Board of Education



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.



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).



Scott D. Benefield
President

Attachment A – Order of Retention: Neil Daly