



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 8, 2009
Board Room
Golden, CO

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.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: A majority of the Board met – Sue Marinelli, President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Rick Rush, Secretary/Treasurer; and Robin Johnson, board member - in public engagement session at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado. Cindy Stevenson, superintendent, represented the administration. Jane Barnes, First Vice President, was excused.

PURPOSE: The Board requested time to discuss charter schools in Jeffco Public Schools with community leaders in the Strategic Planning and Advisory Council (SPAC).

DISCUSSION: After the welcome and review of roles and responsibilities for SPAC members by the superintendent, presentations on the charter school review committee process and the differences between charter and option schools in Jeffco were given to committee and Board members. The Board met in four small groups and discussed the following questions: 1) What role should charters play in a large school district? 2) What advice do you have for the Board of Education about criteria for approving charters in Jeffco Schools? 3) Expansion of choice in any system has additional costs. If we think about balancing the desire for choice with the desire for strong neighborhood schools, what advice do you have for the Board of Education? 4) What thoughts do you have regarding the funding of choice versus the funding of neighborhood schools?


CONCLUSION: The Board will take the advice received from the Strategic Planning and Advisory Council under consideration in its deliberations in the upcoming charter school application process.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for September 17, 2009.

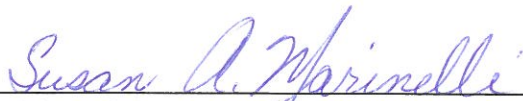


Mary Kay Turner, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on October 1, 2009.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education