



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 10, 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 Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education at 5:07 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated that the Board met in its entirety – Dave Thomas, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Secretary; Paula Noonan, Treasurer – for a study/dialogue session. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:

BOARD MONITORING: COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (EL-6, FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received a review of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by Clifton Gunderson with members of the Financial Oversight Committee and district staff.

DISCUSSION: The external auditor highlighted areas covered in the annual report. The Financial Oversight members addressed the Board regarding the district's reserves, the balance of the budget needs, charter schools deficiencies, ongoing compensation costs, proactive decisions regarding finances, the dedicated and professional staff of the district and the transparency and communications on the district budget.

CONCLUSION: The Board thanked the Financial Oversight Committee for its work in advising the Board on pending financial issues.

1. **PRELIMINARY**

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education, at 6:14 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, December 10, 2009.

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

03. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Mr. Thomas, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

04. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety—Dave Thomas, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Secretary; and, Paula Noonan, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

05. **APPROVE AGENDA: MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda):** Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as presented with the stipulation that when Nina Lopez arrives for the Colorado Race to the Top agenda item, that the agenda be revised to begin that portion of the agenda whenever it occurs.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

2. **CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION #2 (Approve Consent Agenda):** Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Barnes, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as presented: 2.01, Charter School Renewals for Study - Free Horizon Montessori, Lincoln Academy, Montessori Peaks Academy and Rocky Mountain Deaf School (EL-13); 2.02, Expulsion of Students (EL-10); 2.03, Employment (EL-3); 2.04, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3); 2.05, Administrative Appointments (EL-3); 2.06, Supplemental Funds – Colorado Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant to Foster Elementary, Russell Elementary (EL-6), 2.07 Supplemental Funds - Colorado Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant to Jefferson High School/Wheat Ridge Middle School (EL-6); 2.08, Contract Award: Paper Products for Food and Nutrition Services (EL-7); 2.09, Purchase of Support Vehicles and Equipment (EL-7); 2.10, Board Committee Assignments 2009/2010; 2.11, Certification: 2009 Mill Levies for Collection in 2010 (EL-6) (Attachment A).

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

3. **PUBLIC AGENDA:** Regan Benson - Littleton - regarding a Board response to her November 22 email correspondence.

Craig Sheffield – Lakewood – regarding parental access to students' history of book check out.

4. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

01. PRINCIPAL FEEDBACK ON FACILITY USAGE OPTIONS: Dr. Stevenson presented principal feedback on the Facilities Usage current proposals. The Board of Education will study the feedback and be prepared to discuss it at a future meeting.

02. RACE TO THE TOP: Nina Lopez from the Colorado Department of Education, provided information on Colorado's Race to the Top efforts and requested Board of Education support of the state's work.

MOTION #3 (Approve MOU to Participate on Race to the Top): Upon motion by Ms. Boggs, seconded by Ms. Noonan, it was unanimously approved to have the Board President sign a memorandum of understanding to participate with the state on Race to the Top efforts. (Attachment B)

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

03. BOARD OFFICE BUDGET REDUCTIONS: The Board of Education will consider their budget in the future. County charges for elections will be explained to the Board at a later date.

5. **ENDS DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING AGENDA:**

01. BOARD DETERMINES STAFF QUESTIONS: STUDENT ENGAGEMENT PRESENTATION: The Board of Education will meet with the Strategic Planning and Advisory Council members on January 12 regarding students begin engaged in their learning. Issues to be addressed in a January 7 staff presentation to the Board on this topic may include: retention and retrieval efforts, special needs, and connections with adults.

6. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Ms. Barnes attended the CASB board budget meeting prior to the CASB annual conference. The Board should consider what it wants left of the education system when finances improve, as opposed to what is easy to cut.

Ms. Boggs enjoyed the discussion on brain studies and how children are engaged.

Mr. Thomas attended a workshop on community engagement, noting Board engagement with government and municipalities as part of a formal agenda. He also volunteered to go to city council meetings.

Ms. Johnson attended the CASB new board member and the Race to the Top workshops.

Ms. Noonan attended a CASB discussion regarding the four quadrants of how Boards make decisions. She also volunteered at her grandson's 3rd grade class as she does every week, with a goal to have each student proficient on their writing CSAP.

Dr. Stevenson attended the Pomona state championship football game.

7. **WEEKLY UPDATE DISCUSSION:** Mr. Taggart discussed the February 10, 2010 hearing for the Lotus Charter appeal to the state board. The appeal process was explained to the Board.

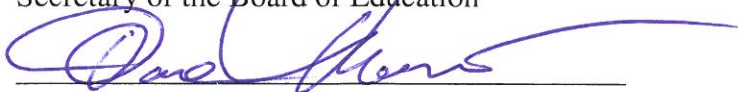
Ms. Boggs asked for feedback from Lorie Gillis on the Jefferson County Parents for Budget Responsibility meeting. Lorie has prepared a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to address the group's questions.

8. **DEVELOPMENT NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed its work calendar and the regular meeting of January 14, 2010.
- 9: **ADJOURNMENT:** 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, January 14, 2010.


Marta Neil, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on March 25, 2010.


Secretary of the Board of Education


President of the Board of Education

Attachment A – Resolution – 2009 Mill Levies for Collection in 2010
Attachment B – MOU – Race to the Top