



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 7, 2010
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.

PRELIMINARY

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting was called to order by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education at 5:13 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; Paula Noonan, Treasurer; and, Robin Johnson, Secretary – for a special meeting. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Breaks were taken at 7:17 p.m. to 7:28 p.m., and 8:20 p.m. to 8:26 p.m.

RESOLUTION: REFUNDING OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS-SERIES 2009 (EL-7)

MOTION #1 (Approve Resolution): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to adopt the renewed resolution presented by Sherman & Howard, bond counsel, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Series 2009 refunding bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$245,000,000 and related required agreements, for a net present value savings of at least \$5.71 million.

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

2. STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:

2.01 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to begin its discussions with the contract lobbyist on pending public education legislation of the 2010 General Legislative Session.

DISCUSSION: The lobbyist outlined activities for the Board related to the upcoming session: beginning January 13 and ending May 12, calendar two morning meetings with Jefferson County legislators, weekly written and emailed update on legislation, anticipated k-12 funding reductions, tax policy changes, teacher effectiveness and evaluation/career ladder issues.

CONCLUSION: The Board directed the superintendent to schedule a February 4 special meeting for an update on legislation.

2.02 ENDS REPORT: STUDENTS ENGAGED IN LEARNING (ENDS 1)

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to receive information from staff on what is known about engaging students in their schooling and an update on this ongoing work in Jeffco Public Schools.

DISCUSSION: Principals and administrators working with students at McLain Community High School, Connections Learning Center (formerly the Johnson Program), Brady Exploration School, Community Superintendent's office and the Dropout Prevention and Recovery office shared what is done with struggling students in Jeffco to motivate them to learn and stay engaged in learning. Discussion covered known predictors of struggle and success, leveraging resources to meet needs, adult relationships with students, graduation and completion rates, students preschool through 21 years of age, school information nights and orientations, and supportive program partnerships countywide.

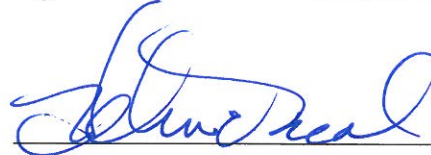
CONCLUSION: The Board updated the public engagement questions to share with constituent groups, starting with the Strategic Planning Advisory Council (SPAC), then McLain students and the Board's student advisors: 1) How would you define that we've had success when students are being engaged? 2) What warning signals should we be looking for in classrooms? 3) What do you think it takes to keep kids engaged? 4) What does success look like? 5) Do you think every child is connected to an adult?

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION #2 (Move to Executive Session: Employee Negotiations): At 7:29 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Johnson seconded by Ms. Noonan, the Board of Education unanimously agreed to move into executive session to discuss negotiations with its employee associations, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(e). At the 8:20 p.m. break, Mr. Thomas stepped out of the executive session to inform those waiting for the Facilities Usage agenda discussion, that it would be postponed to a future meeting due to the extended time in executive session. The Board reconvened in open session at 9:08 p.m. Mr. Thomas

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 14, 2010.

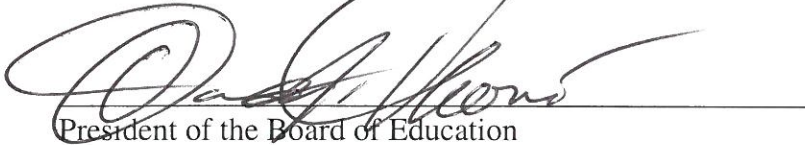


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on June 24, 2010.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education