



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 21, 2010

Library
McLain Community High School

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 5:12 p.m. in the Library of McLain Community High School, 13600 W. 2nd Place, Lakewood, Colorado.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board met – Dave Thomas, President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Paula Noonan, Treasurer; and, Robin Johnson, Secretary – for a special meeting. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Jane Barnes, First Vice President, joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m. A break was taken from 6:35 p.m. to 6:51 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION #1 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Ms. Johnson, it was unanimous to approve the Consent agenda as presented: 2.01, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 2.02, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 2.03, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment).

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

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: STUDENTS ENGAGED IN THEIR LEARNING (ENDS 1)

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to discuss with students of McLain Community High School how they are engaged in their learning in Jeffco Public Schools.

DISCUSSION: Discussion involved 12 students and principal, Deb Gard and covered the programs available through the McLain and Warren Tech campuses (two Alternative Cooperative Education or ACE programs, JeffcoNet, JCAPPP for parenting and pregnant teens, Red Rocks Community College, adult English as Second Language, Long View, Home-Based, Graduate On Time and the CB, career-based, adult program). Students at McLain had come from neighborhood high schools, private schools, online and charter schools, homeschooling, and from out-of-state.

The Board discussed responses to the following questions: 1) What does it take to keep kids engaged in schools? 2) What warning signals should we be looking for that tells us students are becoming disengaged? 3) What should we do when students are becoming disengaged? 4) Why do you think we lose kids? 5) What does success look like? 6) Give us recommendations for groups of kids the Board of Education should talk to.

CONCLUSION: The Board members captured themes dealing with fail and recover skills, value of personal interaction, small classes and communities, value of responsibility for own learning, hybrid opportunities that offer support; and, parent assistance in finding available options.

BOARD BUDGET DEVELOPMENT: VALUES (ENDS 1)

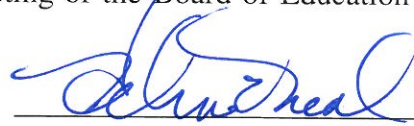
PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to discuss its goals and priorities to increase student achievement which will identify parameters for the superintendent in the development of an adopted 2010/2011 budget by June 30, 2010.

DISCUSSION: The Board was presented with the September draft of its Ends policies as a guide to identify the 'non-negotiable' items to use in budget development. Discussion covered compensation or teacher reductions, staff development, Race to the Top efforts and status, budget assumptions including potential reductions, spend-down of reserves, school closure decisions, furloughs, delay of increased graduation requirements, charge for transportation.

CONCLUSION: The Board scheduled additional time for discussion of norms, governance structure and goals/values of the Board on Saturday, February 6. The Board reached some consensus on non-negotiable items, including: children in schools as much as possible, graduation requirements, and Warren Tech North. A presentation, department-by-department on what each department does with a listing of potential, prioritized reductions and their impact will be scheduled with the Board as requested.

The Board confirmed its agenda for January 28 to include public engagement with student advisors, a presentation on the Lakewood Boys/Girls Club, and budget development. Questions were raised related to: 1) boundary changes for Indian Hills, Molholm, Martensen and Stevens; and, 2) district leadership and hiring practices.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 4, 2010.

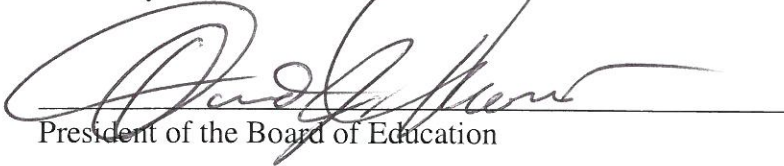


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

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