



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 19, 2010  
Seminar Room

Jefferson County School District R-1  
1829 Denver West Dr., Bldg. 27  
Golden, Colorado

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### 1. Preliminary

#### 1.02 Call to Order

At 5:05 p.m., Allen Taggart, legal counsel and executive director of Employee Relations, responded to questions from Mr. Thomas and Ms. Boggs related to election questions and facility use.

A special meeting was called to order at 5:22 p.m. by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education, in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, August 19, 2010. Introductions were made of those present.

#### 1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present - Dave Thomas, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; and, Paula Noonan, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Robin Johnson, Secretary, joined the meeting at 5:53 p.m. A break was taken from 6:27 p.m. to 6:37 p.m.

#### 1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Boggs, second by Ms. Noonan, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda for August 19, 2010 as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

Not Present at Vote: Ms. Johnson

## 2. Study/Dialogue Session

### 2.01 Monitoring: Standards-Based Grading (Ends 2)

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education will deepen its understanding of the importance of standards-based grading to ensure a guaranteed and viable curriculum resulting in an increase in student achievement for all Jeffco students.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board received information regarding the rationale for implementing a standards-based grading system and the work to be conducted before expanding the system district-wide. Discussion covered communication with students, parents and teachers in the middle schools currently implementing the system (Carmody, Creighton, Dunstan, Falcon Bluffs, and O'Connell middle schools), the reliability of communication on student performance between and among teachers, increased rigor and expectations for students, multiple opportunities to increase learning (no ceiling) and to reflect on teacher feedback, grades for work habits separate from academic knowledge, and interventions in place to supplement core instruction for differentiated instruction.

Middle school principals noted that student achievement has increased through having more students placed in classes at the high school level based more on individual skills rather than letter grade, more comprehensive parent/student/teacher conversations on student learning, and more 21<sup>st</sup> century skill development such as collaboration, intrinsic versus extrinsic motivators, reflection on self preparation and advocacy skill development.

Any teacher workload increase was addressed as part of the communication process and, as with any new learning, standards-based grading will take additional time until learned as did the (CAP) Curriculum Alignment Project document.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board was informed of the work ahead for the middle level task force on future implementation at remaining middle schools as planned for fall 2011.

### 2.02 Governance Process Policies

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education continued its review from August 5 of the Board governance process policies, which outline norms of behavior.

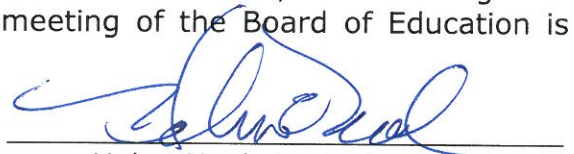
**DISCUSSION:** The Board discussed the President's ability to delegate duties to other board members. Additionally, the proper use of authority, appropriate decorum when acting as board members, and ethical and

businesslike behaviors of board members were discussed in relation to two recent inappropriate actions of a board member at Green Mountain High School and in a meeting with a state legislator.

**CONCLUSION:** Revisions were made to GP-05, President's Role; GP-06, Annual Work Plan; and, GP-07, Board Member Code of Conduct. The Board will accept the policies for study at a future meeting prior to adopting revisions discussed.

### 3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for August 26, 2010.



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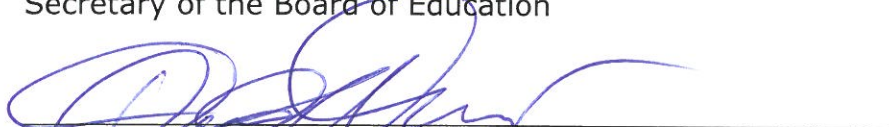
Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on September 2, 2010.



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Secretary of the Board of Education



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President of the Board of Education