



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 7, 2010
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.

1. Study/Dialogue Session

Effective Teaching (Ends 2)

A study session was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education, in Conference Room 3AB of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, October 7, 2010.

The Board met in its entirety - Dave Thomas, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Secretary; and, Paula Noonan, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

PURPOSE: The Board of Education will deepen its understanding of the research in effective instruction and the implications for classroom, school and district applications resulting in an increase in student achievement for all Jeffco students.

DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed and discussed information about defining research for best practice instruction in Jeffco classrooms. A skillful teacher and high quality teaching has been shown through research to be the single most important factor to increase student achievement. Discussion covered the supports for effective teachers and skillful leaders including curriculum (knowing the content-WHAT), assessment (knowing the learners-WHO), instruction (knowing the approach-HOW), leadership (knowing the reason-WHY), and in Jeffco, technology (facilitating teaching and learning). Rigor, relevance and relationships are classroom evidence of teacher success with students. Board members questioned teacher involvement in determining relevance of lessons; how consistent teacher quality is maintained; planning time; time allotted for a teacher to be considered effective; and, embedded professional development.

CONCLUSION: The Board was informed of the research leading to increased student achievement and the strategies Jeffco implements to support teacher and student success.

2. Musical Performance

The Parr Singers from Parr Elementary School performed in the Board Room under the direction of Rachel Adams prior to the start of the regular business meeting.

3. Preliminary

3.01 Call to Order – Board Room

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, October 7, 2010.

3.02 Welcome to Audience

3.03 Pledge of Allegiance

3.04 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. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Breaks were taken from 6:55 p.m. to 7:05 p.m., and 9:25 p.m. to 9:35 p.m.

3.05 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda for the regular business meeting of October 7, 2010 as revised, with the removal of Consent agenda item 7.06, Capital Asset Advisory Committee; 7.07, Appointments: Jefferson County School Finance Corporation; and, 7.13 #8, Supplemental Funds Notification-October 2010 to the Discussion agenda items 9.05, 9.06 and 9.07.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. Honors, Recognition and School Reports

4.01 Destination Imagination Global Winners: Vanderhoof Elementary School, Montessori Peaks Academy

Vanderhoof Elementary team, *Our Name is Bond – Titebond*, and Montessori Peaks Academy team, *Distractable Griffins*, were honored for their second and third place finishes, respectively, at the Destination Imagination Global Finals held in Tennessee in May 2010. The teams competed in the elementary and middle level competition for Breaking News, which involved a structural engineering and media challenge. Students recognized include Sydney McAndres, Brock Arends, Will Coleman, Joshua Bradley, Marshall Haymond, Chloe Bangas, Trey Holifield, Dakotah Mann, Sage Mann, Devan Allen, Mathies, Zykowski, and Taran Meek. Coaches congratulated were Mark Arends, Stefanie Mann and Alicia Allen.

4.02 PTA National Reflections Winners: A.Sanger, K.Christnacht, K.Greve

Anastasia 'Tasha' Sanger/Standley Lake High School, Kimberly Christnacht/Dennison Elementary, and Kinsey Greve/Bergen Valley Elementary were recognized as the only students artists from the State of Colorado to win national honors at the PTA competition in Tennessee in May 2010. The competition's theme was, "Beauty is..."

4.03 CASB McGuffey Award: Jane Barnes

Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education Member Jane Barnes was recognized for receiving the Colorado Association of School Boards McGuffey award for her board work.

5. County Student Council

Student representatives updated the Board members on current activities of the council.

6. Public Agenda

6.01 Correspondence-October 7, 2010

Public correspondence received by the Board of Education was made available for public perusal.

6.02 Public Comment

Council Members Rachel Zenzinger, Shelley Cook and Bob Dyer, and City Manager Craig Kocian – Arvada – regarding Colorado Superintendent of the Year, Dr. Cindy Stevenson.

Jonna Levine, Michelle Winzent, Lynn Huizing, Curt Gilmore, Karen Black, Tom Darnell – Jeffco residents – regarding Board comments on the Strategic Planning Advisory Council.

Jeff Winkelmann – Littleton – regarding utility billing review.

Sharon Edelen – Littleton – regarding Acuity testing.

Emily Miller, Alice Norman, Mike Rushing, Stacy Walker, Eric Westerhausen – Conifer and Indian Hills – regarding mountain bus transportation.

Marta Murray, Dexter Meyers, Lynn Huizing and Jeanne Oliver – Jeffco residents – regarding the Helping Kids Thrive conference and the Board's proclamation for Helping Kids Thrive Day, October 21.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion #2 (Approve Consent Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent agenda: 7.01, Approval of Minutes-September 2, 2010; 7.02, Approval of Minutes-September 16, 2010; 7.03, Approval of Minutes-September 17, 2010; 7.04, Proclamation: Helping Kids Thrive Day (GP-4, Board Job Description) (Attachment A); 7.05, Resolution-Support of Local Administration of Colorado's Social Services System (GP-4, Board Job Description) (Attachment B); 7.06, Expulsion of Students (EL-10, Treatment of Students); 7.07, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 7.08, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 7.09, Resolution to Accept Decision 774, 776 (EL-3, Staff Treatment) (Attachment C); 7.10, Resolution to Accept Decision 778 (EL-3, Staff Treatment) (Attachment D); 7.11, Supplemental Retirement Plan: Amendment Two (EL-4, Staff Compensation) (Attachment E); 7.12, Employee Benefit Cafeteria Plan and HIPAA Certification (EL-4, Staff Compensation) (Attachment F); 7.13, Contract Award: MiPro Consulting-Implementation for PeopleSoft Asset Lifecycle Management (EL-7, Asset Protection); 7.14, Contract Award: GH Phipps-DR Site at 809 Quail (EL-7, Asset Protection); 7.15, Addendum to Contract for Mondo-Data Zone (EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board); 7.16, Addendum to Contract for McRel-Success in Sight (EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board).

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

8. Ends and Monitoring Agenda

8.01 Dialogue with Staff: Monitoring Ends 1-3

Debbie Backus, chief academic officer; Dr. Carol Eaton, executive director of Instructional Data Services; Priscilla Straughn, executive director of the Department for Learning and Educational Achievement (DLEA); and, Laura Munro, executive director of Diverse Learners, discussed with the Board of Education the key measures for monitoring Board Ends policies 1 through 3 regarding student achievement.

The Board discussed how the best measures are student grades and the district's move toward a standards-based grading system, and the District Performance Framework which measures some content standards tested through the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP). Additionally, discussion covered how to identify meaningful data on student improvement, what the district would need to do to meet the Board's goals (outlined in the Strategic Plan), what the Board would need to do to support the steps to increase student achievement; and, the Board's use of anecdotal and research-based data in making decisions effecting student achievement.

9. Discussion Agenda

9.01 Appeal of Superintendent's Decision (EL-11)

Motion #3 (Reject Appeal): It was moved by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, to reject the Benson appeal and support the superintendent's decision as final.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas
Nay: Ms. Boggs

9.02 Budget Development Process for 2011/2012 (EL-11)

Lorie Gillis, chief financial officer, presented information on the budget development process for the 2011/2012 school year. Discussion covered the Board's community budget forums planned for the morning of November 13 and again in Spring 2011, conservative budgeting figures to be used in communications given the uncertainty in state funding, and the Board's October 21 review of the clear messages to be shared with the community for consistency and fidelity across the county.

9.03 Governance Process Policies: GP-13, -14 (EL-11)

The Board discussed Governance Process policies 13, Committee Structure, and 14, Process for Addressing Board Member Violations. Revisions were proposed to GP-13, #4 to reflect the new Capital Asset Advisory Committee.

9.04 Capital Asset Advisory Committee (EL-8)

Motion #4 (Approve Membership): It was moved by Ms. Barnes, second by Ms. Boggs, to approve the recommended membership of the Capital Asset Advisory Committee as presented.

Motion by Ms. Barnes, second by Ms. Boggs
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas
Nay: Ms. Boggs

9.05 Colorado Association of School Boards Resolutions for 2010 (GP-1)

The Board vested its delegate to the assembly, Ms. Barnes, with the power to use her judgment on voting Jeffco resolution positions after hearing debate and with the assistance of the other attending board members.

9.06 Appointments: Jefferson County School Finance Corporation (EL-6)

Motion #5 (Approve Appointments): It was moved by Ms. Barnes, second by Ms. Boggs, to reappoint Glen E. Keller, Jr., Judy Pierce, Wayne Van Arsdale and Dr. John Peper and appoint Richard Rush to the Jefferson County Schools Finance Corporation Board of Directors.

Motion by Ms. Barnes, second by Ms. Johnson
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

9.07 Supplemental Funds Notification – October, 2010 (EL-6)

Motion #6 (To Be Informed of Supplemental Funds): It was moved by Ms. Barnes, second by Ms. Boggs, to be informed of the supplemental funds awarded to Jeffco Public Schools as presented.

Board members commented on the federal Edujobs funds listed in #8 of the agenda item.

Motion by Ms. Barnes, second by Ms. Boggs
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

10. Board and Superintendent Comments

Ms. Boggs commented on the Jeffco Open Dedication ceremony, the superintendent's community forums, and the superintendent's radio interview with Mike Rosen.

Ms. Johnson commented on attending the Arvada K-8 Dedication, and the Great Education Colorado rally at the Capitol.

11. Weekly Update Discussion

There were no comments or discussion of the Superintendent's weekly update.

12. Develop Next Agenda

12.01 Board Work Calendar

12.02 Special and Regular Meetings of October 21, 26 and November 4, 2010

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and special and regular meetings of October 21, 26 and November 4, 2010.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for November 4, 2010.

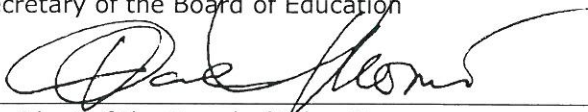


Marta Neil, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on November 4, 2010.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education

- Attachment A – Proclamation – Helping Kids Thrive Day
- Attachment B – Resolution – Support of Local Administration of Colorado’s Social Services System
- Attachment C – Resolution – Grievance #774, #776
- Attachment D – Resolution – Grievance #778
- Attachment E – Resolution – Supplemental Retirement Plan Amendment #2
- Attachment F – Resolution – Cafeteria Plan and HIPPA Privacy Plan Sponsor Certification