



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 21, 2010
3AB Conference 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. Preliminary

1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by the superintendent as two board members and guests were present, in the 3AB Conference Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, October 21, 2010.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that Laura Boggs, Second Vice President, and Robin Johnson, Secretary, were present. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Paula Noonan, Treasurer, arrived at 5:03 p.m., Dave Thomas, President, arrived at 5:07 p.m. and Jane Barnes, First Vice President, joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Breaks were taken from 6:04 p.m. to 6:13 p.m., 6:58 p.m. to 7:05 p.m., and 8:01 p.m. to 8:06 p.m.

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Community Engagement: Jeffco Community Diversity Advisory Council (Ends 1)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education will gain an understanding of the role the Jeffco Community Diversity Advisory Council and the Office of Culture and Diversity play in supporting the district mission, "To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future."

DISCUSSION: Council members reviewed with the Board the mission, purpose, current and historic involvement of the council with Jeffco Public Schools and Jefferson County, accomplishments of the council, and national and local trends in student population. The council hopes to generate culturally responsive learning environments that support and embrace diversity, and generate the intergroup relationships required of a collaborative and prosperous global citizenry in support of the Board's global Ends policy that, *all students are prepared for continuous learning and the world of work in the changing environment of the 21st century.*

Board members discussed how the council works in schools, with teachers, principals, parents and others in district leadership positions to make instruction relevant to students.

CONCLUSION: The Board gained a better understanding of the work of the Jeffco Community Diversity Advisory Council and its support for student success.

2.02 Monitoring: 4th Quarter Financial Report (EL-5, -6)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education will monitor the districtwide financial condition as outlined in executive limitation policies 5 and 6, Financial Planning and Budgeting and Financial Administration, respectively.

DISCUSSION: District staff identified funds, departments and schools monitored closely through the fourth quarter of the 2009/2010 school year. The new Chair of the Financial Oversight Committee, Mary Everson, was introduced. She outlined issues FOC members wished to share with the Board including that the 2009/2010 budget results were better than anticipated through staff cost containment efforts, concern regarding state funding and declining revenues, and tough choices ahead on salaries and benefits. Board discussion covered internal services budgets, charter schools borrowing, Kaiser rebate, budget revenues versus budget appropriation and student activity funds.

CONCLUSION: The Board monitored the 4th quarter financial management of the district and received a report from the Financial Oversight Committee Chairperson.

2.03 Facilities Conditions Assessment and Master Plan (EL-8)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education will gain an understanding of ongoing facilities planning processes, which include: educational adequacy, building condition assessments and life cycle renewal of district facilities. This information will provide a basis for current and future capital improvement decision-making.

DISCUSSION: District staff presented the summary of findings on the condition of all district facilities, outlining the assessment process and timelines, the cost of replacement, indexing based on national facility standards and educational adequacy, and the prioritization evaluation. The average age of district facilities is 33 years, with \$575 million in facilities needs districtwide, and an additional \$342 million forecast of needs by the Colorado Department of Education. Board discussion covered next steps including communication with the community, consistency of facilities across the district, identification of values of the community and Board in facilities and classrooms.

CONCLUSION: The Board gained an understanding of the rigorous process used to identify and delineate facilities conditions in order to establish a master plan for district facilities.

2.04 Budget Forums (EL-5)

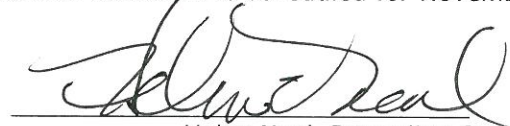
PURPOSE: The Board of Education will discuss how community budget forums will be facilitated by members of the Board on Saturday, November 13 at various school locations to provide current budgetary information including preliminary plans for the development of the 2011/2012 budget; and, to provide an opportunity to lead, communicate and solicit feedback from community and staff.

DISCUSSION: District staff outlined the plan for the budget forums and presented a video on the budget, communications plan and other documents for use at the event. Board discussion covered development of handouts for attendees, the opportunity to take feedback when reduction options are limited in the amounts required to balance the budget, and Board leadership in providing a clear message so the public is informed of choices to be made.

CONCLUSION: The Board offered revisions to the video presentation and agreed that five forums would be scheduled – one for each board member – supported by staff. The revised presentation will be added to the October 26 agenda for review.

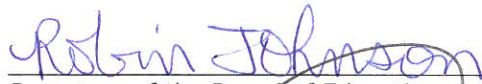
3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for November 4, 2010.

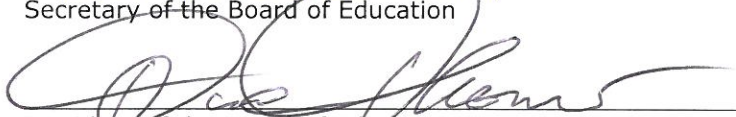


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on December 16, 2010.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education