



OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 16, 2014
Auditorium

Arvada High School
7951 W. 65th Avenue
Arvada, Colorado

Our mission: To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.

1. Study/Dialogue Session – 5:30 p.m.

1.01 Location: Auditorium, Arvada High School, 7951 W. 65th Ave., Arvada

1.02 Budget Development Process (EL-5)

PURPOSE: At 5:40 p.m., the Board of Education began an update on the budget development process for 2014/2015 school year including discussion and overviews of the Strategic Planning and Advisory Council (SPAC) Budget Subcommittee, budget process, community outreach, calendar, financial update, and fund balance.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed revisions to the community budget survey, dates for community budget forums, and other aspects of the budget development process.

CONCLUSION: The Board will add a June 19 meeting if needed to adopt the 2014-2015 budget, will hold two budget forums in March on a Monday night, Wednesday night and Saturday morning at locations across the district, and schedule a February Saturday budget study session.

2. Preliminary

2.01 Call to Order – Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Ken Witt, President of the Board of Education, in the auditorium at Arvada High School, 7951 W. 65th Ave., Arvada, Colorado, Thursday, January 16, 2014. Breaks were taken from 6:25 p.m. to 6:39 p.m. and 9:18 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

2.02 Welcome to Audience

2.03 Pledge of Allegiance

2.04 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety – Ken Witt, President; Julie Williams, First Vice President; Lesley Dahlkemper, Second Vice President; John Newkirk, Secretary and Jill Fellman, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

2.05 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the regular business meeting of January 16, 2014, as revised with the movement of Consent agenda items 6.07, Membership: Performance Evaluation Council; 6.09, Administrative Appointments: Executive Director of Employee Relations; 6.20, Boundary Modifications: West Woods Elementary and Van Arsdale Elementary, to the Discussion agenda items 7.04, 7.05, 7.06 for five minutes of discussion each; and, the addition of a new Discussion agenda item 7.07, Amend 2013-2014 Budget by \$7 Million.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

3. Honors, Recognition and School Reports

3.01 State Champions: Boys Lacrosse, Wheat Ridge High School

The Board of Education recognized the Wheat Ridge High School boys lacrosse team for winning the 4A state championship last spring.

4. County Student Council

4.01 County Student Council Presentation – January 16, 2014

Members of the County Student Council presented an update on their activities to the Board of Education including information on Day without Hate and details for the annual Senior Prom.

5. Public Agenda Part One

5.01 Correspondence – January 16, 2014

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

5.02 Public Comment (Agenda Related)

Ladd Parrish, Susannah Parrish, Kristine Mowry – Morrison – regarding 7.03, Expansion of Choice, STEM.

Lisa Cook – Westminster – regarding 7.05, Administrative Appointments, Executive Director of Employee Relations.

Dr. Valeri Leswing – Evergreen – regarding 7.01, Class Dashboard; 7.03, Expansion of Choice, STEM and superintendent selection.

Peter Wagner – Golden – regarding 7.03, Expansion of Choice, STEM.

Thomas Ripp – Arvada – regarding hiring superintendent.

Cheryl Condon – Arvada – regarding hiring practices.

Lee Stevens – Lakewood – regarding 7.02, Short Term Loan for Charter School – Collegiate Academy of Colorado.

Bonnie Scudder, Darren Scudder, Joanie Hendricks, Jennifer Ashworth, David Law, Kaeden Law, Tate Ryner, Gigi Ryner, Ethan Campbell, Mark Campbell, Audie Rubin, Andy Romero, Steven Romero, Regina Lane, Kathleen Rose, Leslie Dible, Kelly Bergman, Susan McGarry, Holly Sharpeta, Melissa Ortega, Mariam MacGregor, Stephen Rodgers, Sharon Felker, Dave Husted, Lee Stevens, Bernadine Fagan, Autumn Teff, Peggy Windle, and Regina Lane – Littleton – regarding 7.03, Expansion of Choice, STEM.

Krista Newton – Littleton – regarding 7.03, Expansion of Choice, STEM.

Meg Wrenn Hollingsworth – Littleton – regarding 7.03, Expansion of Choice, STEM.

Lisa Elliott – Lakewood – regarding 7.05, Administrative Appointments, Executive Director of Employee Relations.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion #2 (Approve Consent Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams, it was voted to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as revised: 6.01, Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2013; 6.02, Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2013; 6.03, Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2013; 6.04, Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2014; 6.05, Policy Revisions to Adopt: Board Ends 1-3; 6.06, Policy to Adopt: BEAA, Electronic Participation in School Board Meetings; 6.07, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.08, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.09, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.10, Supplemental Funds – January, 2014; 6.11, Contract Award: Jeffco Stadium Video Scoreboard, Sports Marketing Package (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.12, Contract Award: Custodial Cleaning Supplies/Equipment (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.13, Contract Award: District-Wide North Area Exterior Lighting Upgrades Bid Package (EL-8, Facilities); 6.14, Contract Award: Free Horizon General Upgrades (EL-8, Facilities); 6.15, Contract Award: Districtwide Breakfast After the Bell Upgrades (EL-8, Facilities); 6.16, Contract Award: Dakota Ridge HS General Improvements (EL-8, Facilities); 6.17, Contract Award: Districtwide Gym Flooring, Bleacher Replacement (EL-8, Facilities); 6.18, Contract Award: Columbine HS General Upgrades Project (EL-8, Facilities); 6.19, District Policy Limited Waiver: Sand in the City Arvada Festival, Arvada West High School.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

7. Discussion Agenda

7.01 Classroom Dashboard

Matt Cormier, executive director, Instructional Technology, Educational Research and Design; Dave Millard, teacher, Weber Elementary School; Jackie Adkins, teacher, Deer Creek Middle School; Jose Martinez III, teacher, Bear Creek High School; Gene Lewis, principal, Bradford Primary; and Informational Technology staff, presented the Board of Education with an

update on the Classroom Dashboard project and responded to questions from members of the Board.

7.02 Short Term Loan for Charter School – Collegiate Academy of Colorado

Motion #3 (Motion to Approve Loan): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams, the Board of Education voted to approve a \$400,000 loan to Collegiate Academy Charter School for the purpose of meeting their budgetary requirements.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt
Nay: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman

7.03 Expansion of Choice

Motion #4 (Motion to Make Board Committee and Charge): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Mr. Witt, the Board of Education voted to make the choice committee a board committee and to add Board governance process policy GP-13, Committee Structure, with organizational charter and charge to the committee as presented by Mr. Witt.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Mr. Witt
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

***9.01 Public Comment Part Two**

David Brazzell – Arvada – regarding 2014-2015 community survey proposed questions.

Ann Leonard, Darcy Wood, Molly Snyder, Daniel Hutchings, Devin Granbery, Jennifer Granbery, Amanda Stevens, Julia Brenner, Gwen Powell, Sharon Koenig, Tammy Story, Tammy Kerr, Evie Hudak – Lakewood, Arvada, Morrison – regarding Colorado Department of Education School Readiness Grant.

Regan Benson – Morrison – regarding transparency.

Dr. Valeri Leswing – Evergreen – regarding academic school hours.

David DiGiacomo, Dave Thomas, Debby Oberbeck, Jon DeStefano, Judy Pierce, Richard Rush, Sue Marinelli – Arvada, Westminster, Pine, Littleton, Evergreen – former board members regarding board and citizen relationship, transparency.

7.04 Membership: Performance Evaluation Council (1338)

Item was tabled and will be carried to February 6 agenda to discuss committee selection process for the Performance Evaluation Council.

7.05 Administrative Appointments: Executive Director of Employee Relations

Motion #5 (Motion for Executive Session: Personnel Matter): Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams, to move into executive session for ten minutes of discussion on a personnel matter related to the administrative appointment of the executive director of employee relations, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)(I).

Motion by Mr. Witt, second by Ms. Williams
Final Resolution: Motion Fails
Yea: Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt
Nay: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman

Per Mr. Branum, district legal counsel, and concurred by Brad Miller, board attorney, the motion requires a two-thirds vote (four) in favor in order to move to executive session. The Board of Education discussed the topic in public.

Motion #6 (Motion to Not Approve Hire of Nicole Tuescher): Upon motion by Mr. Witt, second by Ms. Williams, the Board of Education voted not to approve the hire of Nicole Tuescher, executive director of Employee Relations, and to hold off on filling this position until such a time as a new superintendent can weigh in and in the interim existing staff and existing legal contracts are used to fill the need.

Motion by Mr. Witt, second by Ms. Williams
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt
Nay: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman

7.06 Boundary Modification: West Woods Elementary, Van Arsdale Elementary

Motion #7 (Motion to Approve Reconfiguration of West Woods and Van Arsdale Elementary): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams, the Board of Education voted to approve reconfiguration of the West Woods and Van Arsdale Elementary School Boundaries; and, to authorize the Planning and Property Department to prepare the necessary documentation to enact the change.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

7.07 Amend 2014-2014 Budget: 7 Million Reserves ---Walk On

Motion #8 (Motion to Add Discussion Item to January 30 Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Witt, second by Mr. Newkirk, the Board of Education voted to reject the motion adding this discussion item to the January 30 agenda specifically addressing spending \$7 million in the 2013-2014 school year.

The 2013-2014 Adopted Budget assigns \$9 million to budget reserves. Due to the statutory deadline to amend on January 31, 2014 the current year budget, Mr. Newkirk added this item to address the Board's November 21 statement to spend reserves on: 1) reducing fees, 2) parity in per pupil charter school funding; and, 3) one-time bonus to teachers and classified staff, in the amounts of \$3 million, \$2 million and \$2 million, respectively.

Motion by Mr. Witt, second by Mr. Newkirk
Final Resolution: Motion Fails
Yea: Mr. Newkirk, Mr. Witt
Nay: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Williams

8. Policy Work

8.01 Board Governance Process Policy 13, Committee Structure (GP-13)

The Board of Education discussed posting board committee recordings online, board members were asked to consider for January 30 discussion board direction for the work of the Audit and Financial Oversight committees, and Mr. Witt will circulate a proposal on January 30 for a board committee on Technology and Data Security.

9. Public Agenda Part Two

***9.01 Item moved up in the interest of time to accommodate public attendance.**

10. Develop Next Agenda

10.01 Board Work Calendar

Motion #9 (Motion to Add Study Session with Board Attorney): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board of Education voted to reject the motion to add a study session with the Board attorney on scope of work, etc. on February 6, 2014.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Dahlkemper
Final Resolution: Motion Fails
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman
Nay: Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

Motion #10 (Motion to Expand STEM Program): Upon motion by Ms. Dahlkemper, second by Ms. Fellman, the Board of Education voted to expand the STEM program to 6th grade at Deer Creek Middle School.

Motion by Ms. Dahlkemper, second by Ms. Fellman
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Williams
Nay: Mr. Newkirk, Mr. Witt

10.03 Special and Regular Meetings of January 30 and February 6, 2014

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and special and regular meetings of January 30 and February 6, 2014.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 6, 2014.


Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on February 6, 2014.

Handwritten signature of John J. Newbit in cursive script.

Secretary of the Board of Education

Handwritten signature of Kathleen Witt in cursive script.

President of the Board of Education