



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 11, 2014
Board Room

Jeffco Public Schools
1829 Denver West Dr., Bldg. 27
Golden, Colorado

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

1. Musical Performance

1.01 Musical Performance by Green Mountain High School

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center (streaming)

The meeting was video streamed live.

2.02 Community Engagement: Community Diversity Advisory Council (CDAC)

The study session was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Ken Witt, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, December 11, 2014. 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. Dan McMinimee, Superintendent, represented the administration.

PURPOSE: The Board of Education learned about Jeffco's Community Diversity Advisory Council and its continuing work with the district.

DISCUSSION: Members of the Student Engagement Office and the Community Diversity Advisory Council reviewed their work and their priorities in areas of changing student demographics, student achievement gap, hiring demographics, diversity and inclusion, hiring and retention of educators, cultural proficiency in the district, equitable school choice and committee representation.

Board discussion covered retaining minorities and the recently released Jefferson Plan, equitable school choice, a school wide approach to issues, and concern that charters were not represented in the presentation.

CONCLUSION: The committee will look at their composition and consider the Board suggestion that they are top heavy with administrators.

The Board suggested that surveys are needed in Spanish.

3. Preliminary

3.01 Call to Order-6:34 p.m.

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Ken Witt, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, December 11, 2014.

A break was taken from 6:27-6:34 pm.

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 – Ken Witt, President; Julie Williams, First Vice President; Lesley Dahlkemper, Second Vice President; John Newkirk, Secretary; and, Jill Fellman, Treasurer. Dan McMinimee, Superintendent, represented the administration.

3.05 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 December 11, 2014 as revised with the addition of Consent Agenda item 6.11, Superintendent Goals, and the movement of Consent Agenda item 6.08, Contract Award: Presence Learning, to the Discussion Agenda, item 8.05 for five minutes of discussion.

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

Motion #2 (Subordinate Motion to Amend Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board voted against adding Discussion agenda item, Current Facility Planning Needs.

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

4. Honors, Recognition and School Reports

4.01 Golf State Champion 5A: Grant Olinger/Pomona HS

The Board of Education recognized Grant Olinger, student at Pomona High School, for his achievement of the 5A state championship in golf.

4.02 Cross Country State Champion 5A: Marcelo Laguera / Pomona

The Board recognized Pomona High School student Marcelo Laguera for his achievement of state champion in 5A individual cross country.

4.03 Gymnastics State Champions: 4A Standley Lake, 5A Pomona

The Board recognized the accomplishments of the 4A Standley Lake High School gymnastics team for achieving first place as a team in state competition. Jordan Ireland/SLHS placed first as an individual for her floor work and 5A Pomona High School's Kelsey Boychuk placed first for vault and all-around.

5. Public Agenda Part One

5.01 Correspondence – December 11, 2014

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

5.02 Public Comment (Agenda Related)

Donna Jack - Evergreen - regarding Agenda Item 7.01 Student Achievement.

John Ford, Stephe Rossi, Barb Aswege, Anthea Samuels, Jon Cefkin, Arik Heim and Jayson Habercorn – JCEA Bargaining Team – regarding Agenda Item 8.04, Teacher Compensation Update.

Amanda Stevens – Lakewood – regarding Agenda Item 8.04, Teacher Compensation Update.

Diane Byers, Anne Davies, Kathryn Byers, Janet Domina – regarding Agenda Item 8.04, Teacher Compensation Update

Jayne Vahle – Littleton – regarding Agenda Item 8.04, Teacher Compensation Update.

Mr. Witt combined Public Comment Part 2 with Part 1.

Donna Jack – Evergreen – regarding transparency, respect, and technology in the board room.

John Horst – Arvada – regarding the direction of education.

Bobbi Sanchez – Lakewood – regarding values.

Jim Fernald – retired teacher – regarding APUSH – CMAS.

Don Cameron – teacher – regarding promises made to employees, and School Board actions.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion #3 (Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman, the Board of Education approved the Consent agenda as revised: 6.01, Approval of Minutes-November 6, 2014; 6.02, Monitoring: EL-8, Facilities; 6.03, Charter School Renewal Contracts: Free Horizon Montessori School, Lincoln Academy, Montessori Peaks and Rocky Mountain Deaf School (EL-13, Charter Schools Application and Monitoring); 6.04, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.05, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.06, Resignations/Termination (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.07, Supplemental Funds Notification-December, 2014; 6.08, Contract Award: Districtwide Mechanical Upgrades Wheat Ridge, Jefferson, Lakewood Articulation Areas (EL-8, Facilities); 6.09, Contract Award: Districtwide Mechanical Improvements Conifer/Evergreen Articulation

Areas (EL-8, Facilities); 6.10, Certification: 2014 Mill Levies for Collection in 2015 (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.11, Superintendent Goals.

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

7. Ends Discussion

7.01 Student Achievement: Third Grade Reading (Ends 1)

Dr. Syna Morgan, chief academic officer, and Matt Flores, executive director of Curriculum and Instruction, provided information on challenges and action steps for struggling readers in Jeffco schools. Included in the discussion were principals from Vivian, Lumberg Elementary, and Eiber Elementaries, and Achievement Director, Karen Quanbeck.

Mr. McMinimee proposed an all reading day for central offices to go into schools March 2, 2015 in celebration of Dr. Suess' birthday.

8. Discussion Agenda

8.01 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (EL-5, EL-6)

Kathleen Askelson and Paul Niedermuller, independent auditor from CliftonAllenLarson, LLP presented information on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. No financial inaccuracies were noted.

8.02 2015/16 Budget Development-Governor's Proposed Budget Update, Initial Board Direction (EL-11)

Lorri Dugan, budget director, provided information to the Board regarding 2014/2015 enrollment and an update of the Governor's proposed budget.

8.03 2015/16 Budget Development-Community Engagement Tool and Budget Forums (EL-11)

Staff requested direction and approval of proposed plans and specific input on demographic groups for the survey and table group discussion topics for the budget forums.

Budget forum dates were determined for January 22, 24 and 28 with 2 sessions each day.

Regarding the budget survey, School Accountability Committees and the Strategic Planning and Advisory Council will make recommendations to the Board along with questions submitted by each Board member and the third party vendor will craft questions for the Boards' final approval.

Motion # 4 (Motion to Draft Questions for Outside Party): Upon motion by Ms. Dahlkemper, second Ms. Fellman, the Board of Education voted to include the initial draft list of district proposed questions crafted by district leaders including the questions submitted by each Board member, to the third party vendor for review and final assimilation.

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

8.04 Teacher Compensation Update (EL-4)

Amy Weber, chief human resources officer, presented an update to the Board on the current status of teacher compensation and continued work.

8.05 Contract Award: Presence Learning (EL-7)

Motion #5 (Motion to Approve Contract Award): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams, to authorize the director of Purchasing to negotiate and execute an agreement with Presence Learning for online speech language and occupational therapy services in an estimated annual amount of \$267,300.00.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Ms. Williams

9. Policy Work

9.01 Policy Revision: GP-17, Community Engagement

Motion #6 (Motion Clarifying Language in GP-17): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Mr. Witt, to add language with a sentence stating that the board must assure that the diversity of our communities' voices (parents, non-parents, at risk, affluent, minority and the like) are adequately represented in community engagement activities.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Mr. Witt

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10. Public Comment Part Two

10.01 Public Comment (Not on Agenda)

See Public Comment Part Two under 5.02

11. Develop Next Agenda

11.01 Board Work Calendar

11.02 Regular Meetings of January 15, 2015

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and regular meetings of January 15, 2015.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 15, 2015.


Marta Neil, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on February 5, 2015.


Secretary of the Board of Education


President of the Board of Education