



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 22, 2016
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. Preliminary

1.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center

1.02 Call to Order: 5 p.m.

The study session was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Ron Mitchell, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, September 22, 2016. A break was taken from 5:56 p.m. to 6:04 p.m.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated the Board was present in its entirety – Ron Mitchell, president; Ali Lasell, first vice president; Susan Harmon, second vice president; Brad Rupert, treasurer; and, Amanda Steven, secretary. Dan McMinimee, superintendent, represented the administration.

1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the special meeting of September 22, 2016 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Jefferson Articulation Area Update (Ends 1-3)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update on first year outcomes of the Jefferson Area Plan as well as learned the focus for student achievement and school effectiveness in the current year.

DISCUSSION: Central staff and principals from Edgewater and Molholm elementaries and Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School provided information to the Board on adult behaviors with students focused on high expectations, core curriculum, English development (if needed) and assessments to drive necessary instruction. The first of three pillars of the plan, involving culturally responsive behaviors and family engagement, has helped student accountability and family involvement. A parent university begun in January 2016 had over 400 parents for a series of monthly meetings to identify assets to assist students. The second pillar, professional learning, has engaged each grade level, teacher retention has increased 30-40 percent, and sharing among colleagues with identification of barriers and doorways to working with students. Current year focus is on self-assessment and focus for progress monitoring, trends, gaps and what to do about it. The final pillar, language for achievement, brought dual language and student engagement departments to assist with teacher strategies to help students feel more connected to their school and learning.

Board discussion focused on resources provided for student success, teacher retention, evidence of success (student involvement in programs/sports/clubs, student enrollment and teacher retention increasing, and student academic data improvement).

CONCLUSION: Board members applauded the work going on in the Jefferson Area and in particular requested information on community/wrap-around schools and differentiated learning.

2.02 Pre-Apprenticeship Program (Ends 2)

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to receive information on pre-apprenticeship programs in Jeffco Schools.

DISCUSSION: Board members received information on Warren Tech programs and the pilot program at Arvada High School with building and trades partners for multiple student pathways for future employment opportunities. A multi-craft core curriculum meets Jeffco graduation requirements and the 2020 Vision through a three-year apprenticeship program that students may join sophomore-senior years and leave before completing if it doesn't meet their pathway decisions. The facilities/instruction at Warren Tech and the Arvada High School apprenticeship pilot facilitate 'real life' application of learning for students with an opportunity to see a future with that learning.

CONCLUSIONS: The Board will receive updates on how the career/technical education pilot proceeds at Arvada High School.

2.03 CASB Resolutions/Delegate Selection (GP-4, EL-11)

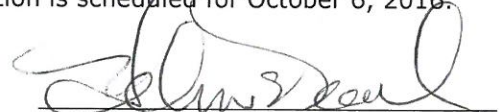
PURPOSE: Board members reviewed the resolutions directing the efforts of the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) for the 2017 legislation session to be discussed at the CASB Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly in October.

DISCUSSION: Board members determined Amanda Stevens would be the Jeffco Board delegate to the CASB conference. Discussion covered the standing and legislative resolutions. There were no concerns expressed with the standing resolutions on local governance, finance and student achievement. Legislative resolutions #1-4, 6-10, 12 and 17 the Board had no concerns; #5, related to regulatory control of school districts; #11, related to elimination of PARCC tests; #13, related to end-of-course assessments for science and social studies, members would support if flexibility for student learning is the object; were mixed in support; and, #14, related to concurrent enrollment; #15, related to school resource officers; and #18, related to cannabinoids, were not to be advocated. More information was needed for #16, related to student count, before the Board would weight in.

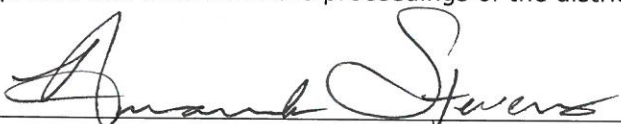
CONCLUSION: Ms. Stevens will represent the Jeffco Board position on legislative issues among members of the Colorado Association of School Boards. The superintendent will provide additional information to the Board on staff reaction to the student count resolution.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for October 6, 2016.


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on October 6, 2016.


Secretary of the Board of Education
President of the Board of Education