



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 21, 2011
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

1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 5:08 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, April 21, 2011.

1.03 Roll Call

A quorum of the Board was not present - Dave Thomas, President; and, Laura Boggs, Second Vice President. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Jane Barnes, First Vice President, joined the meeting at 5:13 p.m. Paula Noonan, Treasurer, joined the Board at 5:14 p.m. Robin Johnson, Secretary, was excused from the meeting. Breaks were taken from 6:10 p.m. to 6:17 p.m., and 7:56 p.m. to 8:04 p.m.

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Draft 2011/2012 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to review a draft Board of Education meeting schedule for the 2011/2012 school year and to identify parameters for its Annual Work Plan, GP-6-exhibit.

DISCUSSION: The two Board members reviewed the proposed meeting schedule, based on the Board's practice of one regular and two special Thursday meetings a month to avoid Board conferences, Strategic Planning and Advisory Council meeting, graduations and holidays.

CONCLUSION: Staff will add a January 5 and remove a February 23 date for special meetings. Staff will verify correlation of the monitoring timeline on GP-6-exhibit with policy dates. GP-6-e will be discussed at a future date with the full Board.

2.02 Legislative Update (EL-11)

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to receive an update and provide direction, if necessary, to the contract lobbyist for the 2011 legislative session.

DISCUSSION: Ed Bowditch reported on the topics of budget, priority legislation and other legislation. Discussion covered new legislation introduced, \$31 million in funding expected to return to schools (a 5.8% change from the Governor's proposed budget), bills signed into law, killed and still pending action.

CONCLUSION: The Board received an update on the state budget, pending legislation and the outcome of legislation on which the Board took positions.

2.03 Athletics Budget Reductions 2011/2012

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to receive information and discuss Board member questions related to facilities and athletic fees.

DISCUSSION: The director of Athletics and Activities reviewed what constitutes athletic participation in Jeffco Public Schools: 26 total sports, 361 total teams, 12,646 total participants in 2010/2011, breakdown of student athletes per sport, and the proposed reduction for 2011/2012 of \$800,000 (nearly 10% of the department budget) with the goal for reductions being to not eliminate opportunities for student participation. Discussion covered information on fees by sport, fundraising, equipment, facility costs and uses by sport for schools and stadiums and non-district facilities; rental expenses, admission fees and team contributions; work with municipalities' facilities, and increased expense to parents (most through \$25 participation fee increase).

CONCLUSION: The Board directed the Athletics department to continue to consider equity and how it is addressed through support for each sport offered in the district.

3. Ends Development and Monitoring

3.01 Monitoring: ELMR-8 Facilities and Facilities Master Plan

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to accept the monitoring report on Board executive limitation policy 8, Facilities, as presented; and, to discuss, with the invited members of the Capital Asset Advisory Committee (CAAC), the use and purpose of master planning.

DISCUSSION: A presentation outlined the work done to date on district facilities master planning (FMP), including explaining the value to a FMP, the criteria and assumptions used in development, and the role of the advisory committee. The district has \$2 billion in assets (12 million square feet) and the financial health of the district has been the driver of data and research based analysis for facilities planning districtwide. Guided by the Board's Ends and the Call to Action, the FMP is developed and balanced through committee work and community input. Additional criteria used in planning and FMP recommendations include academic achievement, building condition, choice enrollment, schools enrollment, and costs.

Discussion covered communication with the community, frustration with the Board's actions/inaction on facilities decisions, timelines for 2012 work, strategic and realistic plans on which to solicit community input, removal of preschools, and alignment of facilities decision making with the Board's schedule.

CONCLUSION: The Board will develop its work plan on the issues related to facilities and once agreement is reached with staff the Citizens Asset Advisory Committee (CAAC) will join the Board to move forward with next steps to involve broader community input.

4. Study/Dialogue Session

4.01 Board Office Budget Reduction 2011/2012

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to provide final direction on reductions to the Board office budget for 2011/2012.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed payments to BoardDocs, contract lobbyist, CASB and NSBA memberships, mileage and phone reimbursements, travel and conference expenses, audit fees, facilitators and Jefferson Foundation.

CONCLUSION: The Board determined to eliminate mileage (\$10,000) and phone reimbursements (\$3,000) and the Jefferson Foundation (\$68,000).

4.02 Board Report on Budget Forums

PURPOSE: For the Board members who hosted April 16 budget forums to update the full Board on last Saturday's event.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed that there were no surprises at any of the three budget forums, questions about fee increases, employee compensation, etc.

CONCLUSION: Clarification was sought of and given by Ms. Boggs that she will present the Board's position of support for the summit package and budget presentation when hosting the April 30 budget forum at Evergreen Middle School.

3. Adjournment

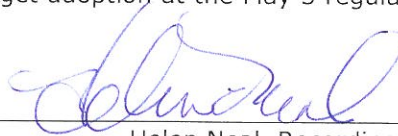
Ms. Boggs asked when the Board voted on open negotiations. Ms. Barnes and Mr. Thomas indicated that last year the Board had given direction for closed negotiations.

Motion #1 (Close Negotiations): Upon motion by Ms. Noonan that negotiations be closed, second by Mr. Thomas, the motion failed.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for May 5, 2011.

Ms. Boggs asked for clarification on aspects of budget adoption at the May 5 regular business meeting. Mr. Thomas responded.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on May 5, 2011.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education