



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 1, 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. Study/Dialogue Session

1.01 Location – Education Center

1.02 Monitoring: 1st Quarter Financial Report (EL-5, 6)

A study session was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Lesley Dahlkemper, President of the Board of Education, in the Model Classroom of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, December 1, 2011. Introductions were made of those present.

A majority of the Board met – Lesley Dahlkemper, President; Paula Noonan, First Vice President; Jill Fellman, Secretary; and, Robin Johnson, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Laura Boggs, Second Vice President, joined the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

PURPOSE: The Board of Education monitored the districtwide financial condition as outlined in Board executive limitation (EL) policies 5, Financial Planning and Budgeting, and EL-6, Financial Administration, through a review of the first quarter financial report.

DISCUSSION: Kathleen Askelson, executive director of Finance, introduced Paul Niedermuller, CPA and partner with Clifton Gunderson, the district's external auditor, who reviewed the audit and findings that have been rectified by the district. The Board reviewed all funds and took comments from members of the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC).

CONCLUSION: The Board of Education thanked the members of the FOC present and look forward to receiving feedback on the suggested list of budget reductions from the FOC in January.

2. Musical Performance

The orchestral group from West Jefferson Middle School performed in the Board Room under the direction of Laura Garrison prior to the start of the regular business meeting.

3. Preliminary

3.01 Call to Order – Board Room

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Lesley Dahlkemper, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, December 1, 2011. A break was held from 7:20 pm to 7:28 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 – Lesley Dahlkemper, President; Paula Noonan, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Jill Fellman, Secretary; and, Robin Johnson, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

3.05 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the regular business meeting of December 1, 2011 as revised with the movement of Consent Agenda item 6.01, District Calendar 2012/2013, to the Ends Development and Monitoring Agenda, item 7.01, and renumbering subsequent agenda items.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan

Nay: Ms. Boggs

Motion #2 (Extend Time): Ms. Boggs moved to extend the Board's discussion of the District Calendar by 45 minutes. The motion failed for lack of a second.

4. Honors, Recognition and School Reports

Ms. Dahlkemper noted that the Evergreen High School gymnasts will be honored at the January 19 meeting due to adverse weather conditions in traveling to the Education Services Center.

4.01 2011 Institution Award-Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Jeffco's Office of Diversity and Inclusion, through the work of Dr. Irene Griego and Dr. Angelique Acevedo-Barron, was honored for receiving the 2011 Institution Award from the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME). The work of the Jeffco office is to promote understanding, respect and appreciation of diversity. The success of the Diversity and Inclusion office lies in improved school climates, mediating issues of difference and improving connections to schools.

Dr. Stevenson congratulated Dr. Griego on her appointment by Governor Hickenlooper as a new University of Colorado Regent. Dr. Griego's swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for Friday, December 2.

4.02 9News Teacher Who Cares-Michelle Guerra

Dakota Ridge High School Spanish teacher Michelle Guerra was honored for being named a 9 Teacher Who Cares for November 2011 by Denver media KUSA/Channel 9.

5. Public Agenda

5.01 Correspondence-December 1, 2011

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

5.02 Public Comment

Tom Graham – Arvada – regarding the NAME Award.

Russ Haas – Golden – regarding hiring and textbooks.

Deb MacPhee, Stephanie Seybold, Sheila Atwell, Stacey Klein – Conifer – regarding the budget development process.

Andy McKean – Lakewood – regarding Liberty Day.

Regan Benson – Littleton – regarding a student issue.

George Meyer – Lakewood – regarding Jeffco Economic Development Corporation.

Jim Powers – Lakewood – regarding congratulations to new board members and the district calendar.

Jon DeStefano – former board member – regarding district achievements.

6. Consent Agenda

Motion #3 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent agenda: 6.01, Supplemental Funds-December 2011; 6.02, Employee Benefit Cafeteria Plan Changes and HIPPA Certification (EL-3, Staff Treatment) (Attachment A); 6.03, Supplemental Retirement Plan: IRS Required Changes (EL-4, Staff Compensation) (Attachment B); 6.04, Contract Award: MSN Communications-Cisco Hardware/Software Maintenance (EL-7, Asset Protection); 6.05, Contract Award: Construction Manager/General Contractor for Controls Conversion (EL-7, Asset Protection).

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Boggs, Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan

7. Ends and Monitoring Agenda

7.01 District Calendar 2012/2013 (EL-14)

Motion #4 (Approve District Calendar 2012/2013): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, the Board approved the district calendar for the 2012/2013 school year. (Attachment C)

Motion #5 (Table Calendar Discussion): Upon motion by Ms. Boggs to table the discussion of the district calendar, the motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion #6 (Call the Question): Upon motion by Ms. Boggs to call the question for a vote on the district calendar prior to Board discussion, the motion failed for lack of a second.

Members of the calendar committee present in the audience were identified. Ms. Fellman shared her experience as a member of the calendar committee. Dr. Stevenson outlined the reasons to support the one-year calendar brought forward: 1) a majority of those surveyed support the current calendar structure; 2) it is a reasonable interpretation of the monitoring parameters for a district calendar; 3) unknowns and communication issues of a three-year calendar cycle related to the impacts of upcoming budget work, current examination of the effective use of time in schools and other efforts to address student achievement. The calendar reflects 175 student contact days, including the four fewer days due to the two percent employee salary reduction in 2011/2012.

Ms. Noonan pointed out that the Board agreed to the conditions of the employee summit in the adoption of the budget and that a longer school year would be preferable if the district had the resources to offer one. Ms. Boggs suggested a community process be started before approving the calendar.

Motion #7 (Call the Question): Upon motion by Ms. Noonan to call the question for a vote on the district calendar, second by Ms. Johnson, the Board agreed to call the question.

Motion by Ms. Noonan, second by Ms. Johnson
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan
Nay: Ms. Boggs

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan
Nay: Ms. Boggs

8. Discussion Agenda

8.01 Effective Governance and Student Achievement (Ends 1)

Mr. Jim Weigel facilitated a discussion of the Board regarding a review of its written Ends policies or goals for student achievement, specific priorities of board members, trade-offs and community engagement to discern what the district is to accomplish for which students.

The Board requested that Mr. Weigel work with them on January 5, 2012.

9. Board and Superintendent Comments

Board members Fellman, Dahlkemper, Johnson and Boggs described recent school visits.

Ms. Boggs and Ms. Dahlkemper discussed how and when the Board agreed to work with Mr. Weigel on effective governance.

10. Weekly Update Discussion

Ms. Boggs and Ms. Noonan discussed issues regarding choice enrollment. Dr. Stevenson will provide the Board with information as requested.

11. Develop Next Agenda

11.01 Board Work Calendar

11.02 Special and Regular Meetings of December 15, 2011 and January 5, 19, 2012

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and special and regular meetings of December 15, 2011 and January 5 and 19, 2012.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 19, 2012.


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on January 19, 2012.


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

Attachment A – Resolution – Employee Benefit Cafeteria Plan Changes and HIPPA Certification
Attachment B – Supplemental Retirement Plan IRS Required Changes
Attachment C – 2012/2013 District Calendar