



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 19, 2012
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. Executive Session

1.01 Student Matter

Motion #1 (Executive Session for Expulsion Appeal): At 5:12 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Noonan, the Board unanimously voted to enter into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., to discuss and receive legal advice from its independent conflicts counsel, Alex Halpern, on specific legal questions pertaining to the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact and Recommendation in a student expulsion matter, and pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(h), C.R.S., pertaining to discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person involved.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Noonan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The Board reconvened in open session in the Board Room at 6:11 p.m.

2. Musical Performance

The singing group, Illusions, from Standley Lake High School performed in the Board Room under the direction of Randy Hise prior to the start of the regular business meeting.

3. Preliminary

3.01 Location – Education Center

3.02 Call to Order – Board Room

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:11 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, January 19, 2012.

3.03 Welcome to Audience

3.04 Pledge of Allegiance

3.05 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. Breaks were taken from 6:36 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and 8:23 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

3.06 Approve Agenda

Motion #2 (Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education approved the agenda as revised for the regular business meeting of January 19, 2012, with the movement of Consent Agenda item 7.15, Expulsion of Students, to the Ends Development and Monitoring Agenda, item 8.04, for two minutes of discussion; movement of Consent Agenda item 7.02, Approval of Minutes-November 10, 2011, to the Discussion Agenda, item 10.01, for two minutes of discussion; movement of Consent Agenda item 7.03, Approval of Minutes-November 17, 2011, to the Discussion Agenda, item 10.02, for two minutes of discussion; movement of Consent Agenda item 7.06, Approval of Minutes-December 15, 2011, to the Discussion Agenda, item 10.03, for two minutes of discussion; and, renumbering subsequent agenda items. A friendly amendment by Ms. Boggs was accepted to add 10 minutes at the end of the meeting to review board performance.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3.07 Appeal Decision Regarding Expulsion of a Student-Dakota Ridge High School-January 19, 2012

Motion #3 (Affirm Expulsion): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, the Board of Education affirmed the Superintendent's decision of November 30, 2011, that a student at Dakota Ridge High School, student identification number 202734, be expelled from all Jefferson County Public Schools through May 31, 2012; that the Board adopt the Final Determination of Appeal as presented; and that the Administration be directed to serve the Final Determination of Appeal on the student and the student's parents via certified mail, return receipt requested.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Ms. Boggs

4. Honors, Recognition and School Reports

4.01 4A Softball State Champions – Wheat Ridge High School

The Wheat Ridge High School softball team with coach Marty Stricklett were recognized for achieving the 4A state championship in softball, their third title in four years. Senior pitcher Elle Madsen earned most valuable player honors from the Denver Post.

4.02 2A Marching Band State Champions – D'Evelyn Junior/Senior

Members of the D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School marching band and band director Steve Martin were recognized for achieving their first 2A state title for marching band.

4.03 4A Gymnastics State Champions – Evergreen High School

The Evergreen High School gymnastics team with coach Marnie Bello were recognized for achieving the 4A division state championship for team gymnastics. Senior Ashley Perry won the all-around title with first place finishes on the vault, uneven bars and second-place on balance beam.

4.04 5A Football State Champions – Columbine High School

The Columbine High School football team with coach Andy Lowry were recognized for capturing the 5A state football championship in an exciting game against Lakewood High School. This is Columbine's fifth state championship, second with Coach Lowry, who was named The Denver Broncos 2011 Coach of the Year.

4.05 National Board Certified Teachers: Andrea Gilmore, Dena Goldberg, Ken Kelsey, Cheryl Manning, Stephen Soich

The Board recognized five Jeffco teachers who have attained National Board Certification with the National Board for Professional Teacher Standards. The certification is the gold standard in affirming excellence in the classroom.

5. County Student Council

Student representatives will update the Board of Education at the February 2, 2012 meeting.

6. Public Agenda

6.01 Correspondence-January 19, 2012

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

6.02 Public Comment

Due to overcapacity in the Board room, the fire marshal directed the superintendent to clear the room. The time segments for the groups in support of instrumental music were condensed to 25 minutes to present statements to the Board and then allow individuals to leave.

Rick Moody, Crissy Duran, Glen Mizenko, Amy Woodley, Leanna Castillo, Michael Alcorn, Tammy Ahmed, Beth Steigerwalt, Mike Nelson, Hannah Smith, Elke Diefendorf, Christina Riedl, Ilse Niemeyer, Molly Malone, Kristin Miller, Bryce Melaragno, Michelle Ewer, Kelan Rooney, Dakotah Intriglia, Mark Miller, Bob Zachman, Clay Gibson, Cole Gibson, Kathy Gibson, Joseph Musick, Ciara Moe, John Hermanson, Craig Melhorn, Doug Kelly, Kathy Kelly, Hope Hosier, Greg Piotraschke, Amy Campbell, Stephanie Long, Rhonda DePalma, Jacob Rogers, Kay Rudisill, Kelly Dieter, Michelle Van Sickle, Kathleen Rannez, Jodi Knapp, Charlie Riebe – Lakewood, Arvada, Conifer, Pine, Littleton, Westminster, Morrison, Erie, Henderson, Denver, Golden, Evergreen, Aurora – parents, students, staff, residents – regarding disagreement with proposed elementary music budget reductions.

Jim Curtis, Michelle Winzent, Tom Murray, Steve Burkholder, Rachel Zenzinger, Ruth Annette Carter, Michelle Patterson, Melanie Able, Marta Murray, Pam Feeley, Jonna Levine, Kelly Johnson – Lakewood, Golden, Arvada – regarding support for the superintendent’s contract renewal.

Board president Dahlkemper requested Steve Bell, chief operating officer, address the Board on the Rocky Mountain Deaf School’s (RMDS) new school site.

Dale Rosene, Bill Moreaux, Michael Davenport, Scott Mann – Lakewood – regarding reconsideration of the site for the new RMDS school.

Nancy Bridenbaugh – Golden – regarding the new RMDS school site and the BEST grant.

Mia White – Littleton – regarding support for the new RMDS site.

Justin Buckhold – Lakewood – regarding support for the new RMDS site.

Rachel Zenzinger, Mark Deven, Bob Fifer – Arvada – regarding an update on the partnership projects between the City of Arvada and Jeffco Public Schools.

Ben Thompson, John Baskin, Andrea Sabadosh, Elizabeth Reed – teachers – regarding budget reductions.

Kay Evans – Broomfield – regarding board member behavior.

Regan Benson – Littleton – regarding son’s expulsion.

Motion #4 (Remove from Meeting): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Fellman, the Board of Education agreed to expel Ms. Benson from the meeting for disruptive behavior.

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

Motion #5 (Executive Session-Legal Advice): At 8:58 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board of Education moved into executive session to seek advice of legal counsel on specific legal matters, pursuant to CRS § 24-6-402(4)(b).

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:06 p.m. The Board of Education has the right to maintain decorum during a board meeting. The Board asked that Ms. Benson be removed from the building if proper behavior is not maintained.

Julie Manuel – Arvada – regarding no salary reductions.

Sheila Atwell – Evergreen – regarding budget reductions.

George Meyer – Lakewood – regarding student behaviors.

Charlie Riebe – Golden – regarding budget reductions.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion #6 (Approve Consent Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent agenda as revised: 7.01, Approval of Minutes-November 3, 2011; 7.02, Approval of Minutes-December 1, 2011; 7.03, Approval of Minutes-December 14, 2011; 7.04, Charter School Renewal for Study: Collegiate Academy of Colorado (EL-13, Charter Schools Application and Monitoring); 7.05, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 7.06, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 7.07, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 7.08, Supplemental Funds Notification-January 2012; 7.09, Bus Purchase for 2011-2012 (EL-7, Asset Protection); 7.10, Contract Award: Food Services Disposable Paper Products (EL-7, Asset Protection); 7.11, Contract Award: Motor Vehicle Fuel for 2012-2013 (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

8. Ends and Monitoring Agenda

8.01 Financial Oversight Committee Feedback-Suggested Budget Reductions

As the time was nearly 9:30 p.m., this item was tabled for a future meeting.

8.02 Monitoring/Policy Review: ELMR-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board

Motion #7 (Approve Monitoring Report EL-11): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, the Board of Education approved the monitoring report on EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board.

The Board will address any revisions to policy through its work with Jim Weigel at a future meeting.

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

8.03 Monitoring/Policy Review: ELMR-14, School Year Calendar

Motion #8 (Approve Monitoring Report EL-14): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, the Board of Education approved the monitoring report on EL-14, School Year Calendar.

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

Motion #9 (Accept Policy EL-14 for Study): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, the Board of Education accepted revisions to executive limitation policy EL-14, School Year Calendar, for study.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8.04 Expulsion of Students (EL-10)

Ms. Boggs noted her concern with Jeffco expulsion numbers. She will share data she has on this matter with Board members prior to further discussion by the Board.

9. Statutory Requirements Agenda

9.01 Public Hearing: Charter School Renewal Contract-Mountain Phoenix Community School (EL-13)

Representatives from Mountain Phoenix Community School presented information to the Board of Education and responded to questions.

Motion #10 (Approve Contract Renewal): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education approved the charter contract renewal for Mountain Phoenix Community School for a five year term.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9.02 Superintendent's Contract 2012/2013

Motion #11 (Approve Contract Renewal): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Noonan, the Board of Education approved the employment of Dr. Cynthia Stevenson as superintendent and the contract between Dr. Stevenson and the school district, which was presented to the Board prior to the Board meeting.

Board members noted the superintendent's leadership in having given up between 16-17 percent of her compensation over the past several years and that research shows longevity in a quality superintendent's tenure is critical to positive student achievement. Ms. Noonan noted that despite incorrect statements made earlier in public comment, the superintendent has been evaluated by the Board.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Noonan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10. Discussion Agenda

10.01 Approval of Minutes-November 10, 2011

Motion #12 (Approve Minutes-November 10, 2011): It was moved by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, to approve the minutes of November 10, 2011 as presented. A friendly amendment by Ms. Boggs was accepted to delete the reference to working with CASB.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

10.02 Approval of Minutes-November 17, 2011

Motion #13 (Approve Minutes-November 17, 2011): It was moved by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs, to approve the minutes of November 17, 2011 as presented.

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

10.03 Approval of Minutes-December 15, 2011

Motion #13 (Approve Minutes-November 15, 2011): It was moved by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, to approve the minutes of December 15, 2011 as presented.

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

11. Board and Superintendent Comments

Ms. Fellman thanked José Martinez, community superintendent, for his assistance with school visits.

Ms. Boggs commented on PERA and noted that the Outdoor Education Lab Schools are not currently funded in our budget for next year. She asked for clarification on budget issues: full day kindergarten is not built into the budget and an increase in transportation fees is built into the budget.

Ms. Dahlkemper thanked José Martinez, community superintendent, and Mike Little, principal at Jefferson High School, for the school visit. She also commended Peg Kastberg, community superintendent, and the principals, staff and community at Deane and Stein elementary schools for being named Centers of Excellence.

Ms. Boggs requested that the website reflect the reduction amount to be used at the January 28 community budget forums.

Ms. Boggs asked if Alameda High School had changed its name. The superintendent said the principal would need to bring an agenda item to the Board of Education to change a school name.

12. Weekly Update Discussion

Ms. Boggs asked for clarity regarding information shared in October that the district was under budget in FTE. The superintendent clarified the information.

13. Develop Next Agenda

13.01 Board Work Calendar

13.02 Special and Regular Meetings of January 26 and February 2, 2012

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and special and regular meetings of January 26 and February 2, 2012. Consensus was reached for members to refrain from attending board committee meetings until the Board discusses committee communications to the Board.

14. Review of Meeting

The Board of Education briefly reviewed its work and agreed to discuss this review portion of a meeting agenda at a future date with Jim Weigel.

Motion #14 (Executive Session-Negotiations): It was moved by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Noonan, to move into executive session to discuss contract negotiations, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(e).

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

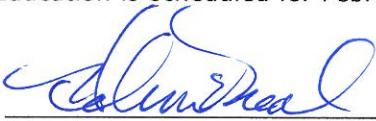
The Board of Education reconvened in open session at 11:10 p.m.

Motion #15 (Board Representation at Summit): It was moved by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, to determine Board members Lesley Dahlkemper and Paula Noonan to represent the Board of Education at the negotiations Summit on February 4.

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

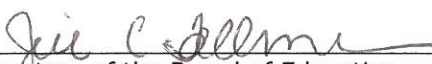
15. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 2, 2012.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on March 1, 2012.



Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education