



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 28, 2013
Room 4E

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 5:01 p.m. by Lesley Dahlkemper, President of the Board of Education, in Room 4E of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, February 28, 2013.

1.03 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, and, Robin Johnson, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Jill C. Fellman, Secretary, joined the meeting by speakerphone. A break was taken from 6:55 p.m. to 7:02 p.m.

1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Approve Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan, the agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Jeffco Priorities and Budget Allocations (Ends 1-5)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an overview from Dr. Stevenson of current reform and budget priorities in Jeffco Public Schools.

DISCUSSION: The superintendent provided information on fiscal stewardship of 3A and 3B funds, efforts underway to ensure great teachers and school leadership, communications on these projects, and budget alignment recommendations for the 2013/2014 school year. Some of the new work being implemented in Jeffco includes: Gates iPD Challenge grant for individualized professional development, evaluation and effectiveness systems of SB-191 for teachers and principals, collaborative curriculum alignment project of Common Core State Standards, READ Act, new student assessments (PARCC), shared learning infrastructure to

assist with data management for personalized student instruction, progress monitoring of students, personal devices for student use, restructure of school management team to support principal leadership in schools, and Jefferson Foundation efforts in support of district priorities. The innovative and structural changes are focused on making a positive difference for students and align with the District and School Performance Frameworks. The superintendent noted many of these efforts are state mandated changes, others are promises made to voters, and all budget recommendations align funding where it will gain the most advantage for student success.

Board discussion covered changes to the evaluation rubrics, what the READ Act requires of district resources, impact of sequestration on Title funds, funding for Information Technology efforts, proactive security spending of operating funds at schools, rebuilding district reserves, and strategic investments for teachers and students to prepare for 21st century learning.

CONCLUSION: The Board has an understanding and materials to respond to community questions on the work ahead for Jeffco Schools. The Board will receive formal 2013/2014 budget recommendations at the upcoming March 7 regular meeting.

2.02 Plans for Community Engagement (Ends 1-5)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education discussed its plans for community engagement in connection with its Ends-related work to increase student achievement.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed how it might proceed to engage community members in the issues facing Jeffco Schools, including review of a draft policy on community engagement and strategies already in place engaging (budget forums, EngageJeffco, tele-townhall) the community.

Board members proposed statements to be included, revised and removed from examples provided for a draft Jeffco Board community engagement policy. Discussion covered a spring engagement and how to make the time valuable for community members.

CONCLUSION: The Board will continue its discussion on March 7.

2.03 Board Director Boundaries (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education reviewed and discussed proposed revisions to Board director district boundaries to comply with state statute.

DISCUSSION: Staff presented two options for board director district boundaries in compliance with statutory requirements to balance populations following the 2010 census. The proposals provided less than one percent of variation in population between the districts and provided high school level continuity while working with elementary populations. The superintendent clarified that school attendance boundaries are not impacted by the director district boundary changes. Discussion covered where current board members live, that all five members represent all students in Jeffco and that all board members are voted on by all county voters, and keeping high school cultures intact as a community of interest for areas without a city center.

Ms. Boggs moved that staff figure out how to move district 5 into a more southbound arrangement. The motion failed for lack of a second.

CONCLUSION: The Board directed the superintendent to prepare option 2 for Board action on March 7.

2.04 Legislative Update (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update on pending legislation.

DISCUSSION: Information was provided on school finance measures being discussed in the Legislature and Board discussion covered: no data runs for allocation of funds in the new plan have been available; November ballot measure for nearly \$1 billion for k-12 funding (\$200/person in Colorado) before any additional revenue is allocated; impacts for local mill levies; the 'communitarian' nature of individuals for this school finance effort to be successful; sustainability of current school finance plans; and, the complexity of balancing adequacy, equity, at-risk and world class system funding needs.

CONCLUSION: The Board will continue to receive updates to monitor pending legislation and directed Mr. Bowditch to share Board concern on issues related to backpack funding, local control and lack of a data run. Mr. Bowditch will also send information to Board members on the annual 'clean up' bill by the Colorado Department of Education, HB13-1219.

2.05 Audit Committee (GP-13)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education discussed its membership for the new audit committee as outlined in Board governance process policy 13, Committee Structure.

Motion #2 (Select Board Members): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Fellman, the Board voted to select Jill Fellman and Robin Johnson to the audit committee.

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

DISCUSSION: Ms. Johnson addressed Ms. Boggs' concern regarding a conflict of interest. Ms. Noonan stated that the treasurer of the Board of Education should be on the audit committee.

2.06 BEST Grants in Jeffco

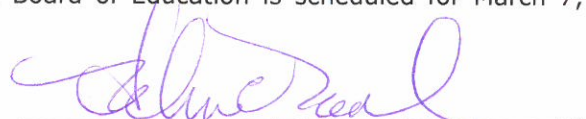
PURPOSE: The Board of Education was informed of the two BEST grants for submittal from the district to the Colorado Department of Education.

DISCUSSION: The superintendent provided information from Long View High School and Free Horizon charter school as the district's two schools pending the Board president's signature to submit grant proposals for school building funds from the state. Matching funds are required for BEST grants.

CONCLUSION: The Board may include BEST grants in future facilities masterplanning discussions.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for March 7, 2013.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on April 4, 2013.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education