



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 21, 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.*

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## 1. Preliminary

### 1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 5:00 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, March 21, 2013.

### 1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present – Lesley Dahlkemper, President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Treasurer; and, Jill C. Fellman, Secretary. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Paula Noonan, First Vice President, joined the meeting at 5:04 p.m. Breaks were taken from 6:40 p.m. to 6:48 p.m. and 8:06 p.m. to 8:11 p.m.

### 1.04 Approve Agenda

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

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

## 2. Study/Dialogue Session

### 2.01 Monitoring: Second Quarter Financial Report (EL-5, 6)

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education monitored the districtwide financial condition of the district.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff and external auditors provided information on funds, departments and charter schools being monitored closely through the second quarter. Expenditures are right on 50 percent as expected. Information was provided regarding items 'on the radar,' including POOD (Placed Out Of District) student expenditures higher than the prior year, settlement of the forward delivery agreement, school finance act, and new mill levy and bond funds.

Comments were shared by the Financial Oversight Committee Chairperson, Mary Everson, regarding support for monitoring and guidance to charter schools; satisfaction with the appointments filling FOC vacancies; thanks for restructure of audit committee and policy revisions with FOC input, and direction for FOC provided by the Board; and, approval of long-range planning to extend reserves and strategically expend funds.

Board discussion covered the election expense, settlement agreement, FOC recommendation of one percent COLA assumption, and monitoring of Mountain Phoenix charter school.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board has an understanding of the financial condition of the district.

## **2.02 Ends Discussion: Gifted and Talented Programming (Ends 1, 3)**

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education gained a more thorough understanding of the Gifted/Talented programming offered in Jeffco Schools.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff presented information on GT demographics, how/when students are identified, compliance with statutory requirements, programming options for the differing profiles of GT students, the range of services at neighborhood and center schools and the programming focuses on growth, multiple strengths and/or other needs such as learning/physical disability and social/emotional support, current status of students' placements, center school and cluster model instruction, and options for concurrent enrollment, online learning, early graduation and hybrid schedules.

Board discussion covered the 250 GT student wait list (40 of which are out of district students), professional development for teachers, analysis of models for effectiveness, choice of GT students for neighborhood schools at 85 percent, intervention approach to provide acceleration and differentiation of instruction, best ages for positive identification of GT students (7 and 13 years), budget for GT programming and capacity building in teachers throughout the district, requirements for GT endorsement for teachers, costs to parents for support of GT child beyond district resources, taking reserves to open another center school, and outreach to minority GT communities.

Motion #1 (Extend Discussion): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan, the Board voted to extend the discussion period by 15 minutes.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Noonan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**CONCLUSION:** The Board will continue its discussion as it works to balance all budget priorities.

## **2.03 Ends Discussion: New Generation of Data Management (Ends 1, 3)**

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education was informed on the work of the Collaborative Curriculum Alignment Project (C-CAP) and the Innovative Instructional System to ensure Jeffco students meet their potential throughout their Jeffco educational career.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff presented information regarding the district's response to the rate of change and amount of data available to instructional staff, teachers and principals to increase student achievement using new tools to personalize student instruction and address teacher workload. Discussion covered the integration of systems, personal devices used by teachers and students, financial resources available for implementation, data security and FERPA safeguards, misinformation being spread, and communication efforts underway.

Motion #2 (Extend Discussion): Upon motion by Ms. Dahlkemper, second by Ms. Johnson, the Board voted to extend the discussion period to 8:00 p.m.

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

**CONCLUSION:** The Board is more informed of the work to increase student achievement in Jeffco and across the country through these efforts.

## 2.04 Legislative Update (EL-11)

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

**DISCUSSION:** Information was provided on school finance legislation pending second reading on April 1. Dr. Stevenson shared the concerns and hopes for the school finance work. The Board discussed how it will remain informed of legislative issues.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board will meet with members of the Jefferson County legislative delegation Friday morning, 8:00 a.m. at the State Capitol to share the impacts of current funding discussions on Jeffco Schools.

## 2.05 Community Engagement Survey Results (EL-11)

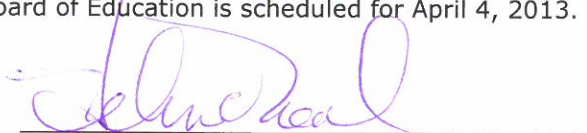
**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education reviewed the results of its community engagement survey prior to determining a topic for the April 27 engagement session.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board reviewed the 1,004 responses, with 77 percent self-identifying as parents, and the highest rated topic of interest: increasing student achievement. Board members discussed possible methods of engagement on this topic including as a full board, evening sessions, pairing up, and Fall 2013 engagement sessions.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board will review draft discussion questions at the April 4 study session.

## 3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 4, 2013.

  
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Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

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

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