



## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### SPECIAL MEETING OATH OF OFFICE

November 21, 2013  
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.*

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### **1. Preliminary**

#### **1.01 Reception for Outgoing Board Members – 5 p.m.**

#### **1.02 Call to Order – Board Room**

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, November 21, 2013. A break was taken from 7:31 p.m. to 7:42 p.m.

#### **1.03 Welcome to Audience**

#### **1.04 Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **1.05 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 Michele Patterson. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

#### **1.06 Approve Agenda**

Motion #1 (Approve Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Patterson, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the special meeting of November 21, 2013, as presented.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Patterson

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **2. Certification of the Canvass of the Regular Biennial School Board Election**

## **2.01 November 5, 2013 Official Abstract Results (GP-1)**

Motion #2 (Declare Results of Election): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education voted to adopt the resolution declaring the results of the November 5, 2013, regular biennial school board election as presented. (Attachment A)

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

## **3. Oath of Office**

### **3.01 Oath of Office: Districts 1, 2, 5**

The Honorable Stephen M. Munsinger, District Court Chief Judge of the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board of Education members John Newkirk, Julie Williams and Ken Witt. (Attachment B)

## **4. Board Reorganization and Election of Officers**

### **4.01 Board Reorganization and Election of Officers**

Nomination #1 (Appoint Board President): Nomination from John Newkirk to appoint Ken Witt as President of the Board of Education for Jeffco Public Schools.

Nomination by Mr. Newkirk  
Final Resolution: Nomination Carries  
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

Nomination #2 (Appoint First Vice President): Nomination from John Newkirk to appoint Julie Williams as First Vice President of the Board of Education for Jeffco Public Schools.

Nomination by Mr. Newkirk  
Final Resolution: Nomination Carries  
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

Motion #3 (Appoint Secretary): Upon motion by Ms. Williams, second by Mr. Witt, the Board of Education voted to appoint John Newkirk as Secretary of the Board of Education for Jeffco Public Schools.

Motion by Ms. Williams, second by Mr. Witt  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

Motion #4 (Appoint Treasurer): Upon motion by Ms. Dahlkemper, second by Mr. Witt, the Board of Education voted to appoint Jill Fellman as Treasurer of the Board of Education for Jeffco Public Schools.

Motion by Ms. Dahlkemper, second by Mr. Witt  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

Motion #5 (Appoint Second Vice President): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Mr. Newkirk, the Board of Education voted to appoint Lesley Dahlkemper as Second Vice President of the Board of Education for Jeffco Public Schools.

Motion by Ms. Fellman second by Mr. Newkirk  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

Motion #6 (Appoint Asst. Treasurer): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board of Education voted to reappoint Lorie Gillis to the position of assistant treasurer.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk second by Ms. Dahlkemper  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

Motion #7 (Appoint Asst. Secretary): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Fellman, the Board of Education voted to reappoint Helen Neal to the position of assistant secretary.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk second by Ms. Fellman  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

## **5. Community Engagement**

### **5.01 Public Comment**

Tracie Sudermann – Lakewood – Cornerstone charter school opens July 2014 or 2015, review prior denial of charter application.

Sheila Atwell – Evergreen – excited about new Board, listen to entire community, Jeffco Students First will monitor.

Tom Coyne – Golden – Public Education and Business Coalition goals for Jeffco.

Jim Curtis – Lakewood – pass on 'keys to family car' to next generation for adequate education.

Kelly Johnson – Golden – parent of two thriving students, know critical role Jefferson High School and Jeffco Public Schools for at-risk youth.

Barb Stolte – Arvada – fifth generation, 53 years, continue high achievement record with collaboration, connect with alumni, value teachers.

Jonna Levine – Arvada – set direction for finest school district; love neighborhood schools, on right track; not another Dougco.

Erik Velapoldi – Arvada – parent, run schools smoothly and value teachers, no rabbit holes, increase transparency, Jeffco Schools is envy of Colorado and country, preserve.

Ronald Castagna – employee – Honor your service on Board, visit schools and understand complexity, invitation to Lakewood High School.

Autumn Francis – employee – fifth year teacher, why not teacher in another district: love it here, push all kids to succeed inside and outside the classroom.

Don Cameron – employee – relationship with John Newkirk's family, civil and interactive.

James Buck – employee – children's success due to teachers, shortsighted decisions have long-term impacts to property values.

Linda Slobodin – employee – 17 years Lakewood High School art educator, impacts other areas of students' lives, listen to those who play instruments.

James Fernald – employee – new Board scares all colleagues if dismantle system in Jeffco Schools, have courage.

Elizabeth Morgan – employee – look at the great things going on in our schools.

Yassmina Wechky – Lakewood – student thanks all teachers, they help me reach my goals.

Ines Fernanda Calvete Barrios – Lakewood – first year student in U.S. learning language, teachers helped understanding of many things, reading and writing English, keep them doing this work.

Andrea Stevens – Lakewood – happy with GT programming.

Bill Bottoms – Lakewood – Strategic Planning and Advisory Council (SPAC) citizen chair on expectations for Board, constituents are students present and coming.

Phyllis Albritton – Evergreen – governance as cornerstone of leading and different from campaigning, representing more than special interests, prove fears wrong.

Todd Friesen – Wheat Ridge – new parent on impact of teacher, respect and value teachers, protect their salaries.

Tammy Story – Morrison – Jeffco is strong school district, achievements from hard work and dedication for all students and strives to improve; never fix things that aren't broken.

Barbara Ramseur – Littleton – advocate for neighborhood schools and their diversity; global culture not competitive between our schools.

Joseph Linton – Golden – assessments, shortsightedness of not passing Amendment 66.

Rex Wood – employee – political views irrelevant just as in classroom; most important thing is children and learning.

Steve Dorman – Littleton – thanks Boggs and Noonan welcome Board, look forward to leadership, greater transparency; tighter care of budget.

Jennifer Pierce – Golden – accountability board parent for 10 years, likes Ends 1, ask people 'in the field' to meet the goal.

Diana Mittelstet – Arvada – ask teachers, we really do know what we're doing.

Lauren Kott – Lakewood – nine year teacher, real results for students, will partner with Board, be courageous.

Michelle Burnett – Lakewood – 10 year teacher and Jeffco 'product,' a profession whose members can't be replaced, collaboration, highly effective through professional development, asks for trust, please trust me/us.

Judy Merkel – Evergreen – relocated here in '80s for quality of Jeffco Public Schools, proud of Board.

Cheryl Mosier – Littleton – parent, community member and teacher shared information on Common Core with community and the Board is welcome.

Barb Goodman – Arvada – thanks to Dr. Cindy Stevenson and Board for new responsibility, proud parent of graduate, learn about district before making changes.

Michelle Brown – Westminster – drive to make things better keeps me involved, collaborative work for solutions (Outdoor Education Lab Schools and budget reductions), following another district is not the Jeffco way.

Susan Miller – Golden – parent and GT leader working with administration.

John Ford – Arvada – family history with Jeffco since 1965 floods, neighborhood schools offer great education.

Shawna Fritzler – Arvada – 1 in 3 Jeffco kids live in poverty, who represents them.

Barb Aswege – Wheat Ridge – importance of collaboration, kids do it daily in class.

Heather Wenger – Lakewood – 2090 S. Wright St legal fees impact.

Kimberly Brock – Golden – Golden Schools Foundation proud of our neighborhood schools, on the right track.

Joel Newton – Edgewater – Edgewater has 95% free and reduced student population, community rallies around our schools, teachers excellent but can't be all things students need.

Sunny Flynn – Littleton – Teaching Strategies Gold (TS Gold) concerns: privacy, transparency, benefits, Race to Top program.

Peter Boddie – Littleton – state law for options and charters, encourage Board to listen to parents, expand choices, set high standards and good citizens.

Lisa Cook – Westminster – listening to all voices with respect.

Drew McDonald – Lakewood - six year teacher stuck at second year pay.

## **6. Develop Next Agenda**

### **6.01 Board Work Calendar**

Motion #8 (Appoint CASB Delegate): Motion by Ms. Dahlkemper to appoint Ms. Fellman as the delegate for the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) conference failed for lack of second.

Motion #9 (Appoint CASB Delegate): Upon motion by Ms. Williams, second by Mr. Witt, the Board of Education voted to appoint John Newkirk as the delegate for the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) conference.

Motion by Ms. Williams second by Mr. Witt

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

Motion #10 (Schedule Board Retreat): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Dahlkemper, the Board of Education voted to schedule the Board Retreat for Saturday, December 14, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Wheat Ridge High School.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk second by Ms. Dahlkemper

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

Motion #11 (Set Facilitator for Retreat): Upon motion by Mr. Newkirk, second by Ms. Williams, the Board of Education voted to use Jane Barnes as the facilitator for the Board of Education retreat on December 14, 2013.

Motion by Mr. Newkirk second by Ms. Williams  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

Motion #12 (Board Meeting Times): Upon motion by Mr. Witt, second by Mr. Newkirk, the Board of Education voted to change start times of the Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education meetings with study sessions being held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and regular meetings beginning at 6:30 p.m., on an ongoing basis.

Motion by Mr. Witt second by Mr. Newkirk  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Mr. Newkirk, Ms. Williams, Mr. Witt

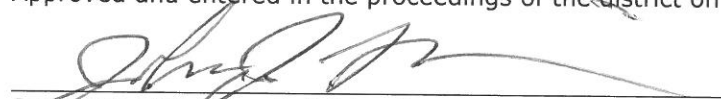
Mr. Witt read a statement requesting information for upcoming priorities for the Board of Education and items for the December 12, 2013 regular meeting.

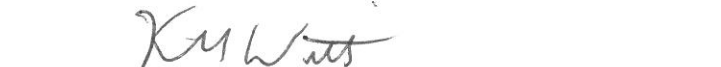
## 7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 12, 2013 at Lakewood High School, 9700 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at 6:30 p.m.

  
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Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on January 16, 2014.

  
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Secretary of the Board of Education

  
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President of the Board of Education

Attachment A – resolution – Declaring the Results of the Election of School District Directors Held on November 5, 2013

Attachment B – Oath of Office and Affidavit – Newkirk, Williams, Witt