



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 17, 2016  
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 Location: Board Room/Education Center (streaming)**

##### **1.02 Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.**

A special meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Ron Mitchell, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, March 17, 2016. Breaks were taken from 6:50 p.m. to 7:04 p.m. and 8:27 p.m. to 8:37 p.m.

##### **1.03 Roll Call**

Roll call indicated the Board was present in its entirety – Ron Mitchell, President; Ali Lasell, First Vice President; Susan Harmon, Second Vice President; Brad Rupert, Treasurer; and, Amanda Steven, Secretary. Dan McMinimee, Superintendent, represented the administration.

##### **1.04 Approve Agenda**

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the study session of March 17, 2016 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

#### **2. Study/Dialogue Session**

##### **2.01 Community Engagement: Early Childhood Education in Jefferson County**

Early Childhood Education Director Marcella Hoefner, West Jefferson Elementary School Principal Wendy Woodland and Chief School Effectiveness Officer Terry Elliott presented aspects of early childhood education in Jefferson County, including introduction of partner

agencies, to ensure students are prepared to learn from day one as they enter kindergarten in Jeffco Public Schools. Partners include Parent Child Home Program, Headstart, Tools of the Mind, ChildFind, CASA, Jefferson County Department of Human Services among others to provide multiple pathways to support children and families.

Board members joined in a purposeful play exercise with guest preschoolers. Discussion covered Jeffco's unique preschool connection to the K-12 system (making it PK-12), outreach to families, program evaluation, community resources, TSGold supports, methods for parents to find best options for their youngsters, and capacity and licensing requirements for expansion of the 44 program system.

## **2.02 Second Quarter Financial Report 2015-2016**

The Board received a clean audit report on the district's second quarter financial report from CliftonGundersonAllen LLP, external auditor. District staff responded to the audit and board member questions regarding kindergarten, PERA, TABOR reserves, charter schools, Budgeting for Outcomes and Student-Based Budgeting, and instructional equipment underspend.

Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) members Gordon Callahan and Mike Bestor responded to questions and thanked the Board for its decision on certificates of participation, service to the community and their opportunity to serve on the FOC.

## **2.03 District Accountability Committee: UIP Feedback**

District Accountability Committee (DAC) Chairperson Julie Oxenford O'Brian reported on the recommendation from the DAC on the district Unified Improvement Plan (UIP), beginning with the year's challenges getting to this point: state assessment transition (no new accountability report this year), state performance data delayed and no growth data, at same time Jeffco transitioning Acuity, NWEA MAP data, and the reconstitution of the DAC last autumn. The DAC played a critical friend role with staff in development of the UIP; critical decision points that were worked through the DAC UIP subcommittee and full DAC: priority performance challenges, identification of root causes and major improvement strategies.

Board discussion covered the three improvement areas: third grade reading, 8<sup>th</sup> grade math, and multiple pathways to successful completion of a Jeffco education.

Board members thanked committee members for the hard work completed on this project to improve student achievement in Jeffco Schools.

## **2.04 Legislative Update**

Board members were informed of the three ballot initiatives submitted for approval related to TABOR for the November 2016 ballot, groups will coalesce on one, all from a statewide bipartisan group led by University of Denver's Dan Ritchie. Signatures would need to be collected and any fiscal impact would be in 2017. Revenue estimates are due March 18 and the Joint Budget Committee will work on school finance after that time. Legislation reviewed included House Bill 16-1162, Salary Increases for Administrators Low Performing Schools; HB16-1225, School Districts Must Post Director Candidate Info; Senate Bill16-148, Require Civics Test Before High School Graduation; other upcoming issues may include data privacy, charter schools, young student detentions, school safety and a school finance task force.

## **2.05 Stevenson Agreement**

Board members heard from community members regarding paragraph 12 in Superintendent Dr. Stevenson's early release agreement. Following discussion with district legal counsel, the

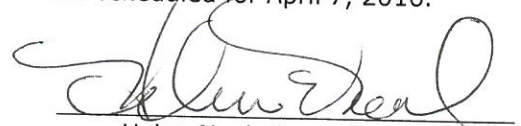
Board directed staff to provide a draft to amend the agreement to allow Dr. Stevenson to volunteer in the school district.

### **2.06 Employee Negotiations**

Staff presented an overview of the work to establish the current contract with JCEA: four negotiations sessions have occurred, the heavy lift is compensation and changes to each article in the contract. Discussion covered three main considerations: grid or salary schedule, compensation increase and market competitiveness.

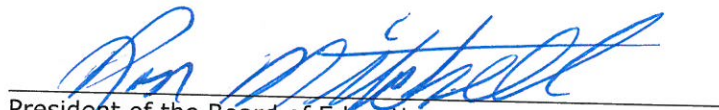
### **3. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 7, 2016.

  
Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on April 7, 2016.

  
Secretary of the Board of Education

  
President of the Board of Education