



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 26, 2017
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. Preliminary

1.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center

1.02 Call to Order: 5 p.m.

The study session was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Ron Mitchell, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, January 26, 2017. Breaks were taken from 6:33 p.m. to 6:47 p.m., 8:03 p.m. to 8:19 p.m., and 10:31 p.m. to 10:46 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 Stevens, 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. Lasell, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the special meeting of January 26, 2017 as revised with the addition of agenda item 2.08, Reconsideration of Charter School Application: Great Work Montessori School, for five minutes of discussion.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Lasell

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Legislative Platform Review/Update (GP-4)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education discussed its legislative priorities as outlined in the 2017 Jeffco Legislative Platform and received an update on legislative activities to-date.

DISCUSSION: Language and order of legislative priorities in the Platform was reviewed and agreed to following Board discussion. The method and content of legislative reports was outlined, noting 200 bills having been introduced with 400-500 more expected. State funding was discussed and legislation highlighted included House Bill (HB)17-1003, Strategic Plan to Address Teacher Shortages; Senate Bill (SB)17-040, Public Access to Files Maintained by Government Bodies; SB17-057, Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise; and, SB17-061, Additional Funding Charter School Operating Costs. Discussion covered costs of implementation for SB17-040, TABOR refunds, and the uniform mill levy proposal.

CONCLUSION: Board members agreed to emphasize 'predictability of funding' and 'stable revenues for all school districts' in the 2017 Legislative Platform. Legislative directory information and a review of pending legislation was provided to Board members.

2.02 Superintendent Search (GP-4)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received information on the Request for Quotes (RFQ) for superintendent search firms.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed the choice of Ray & Associates as the superintendent search firm covering the qualifications presented. The selection committee choice was unanimous.

CONCLUSIONS: Board members were informed of the next steps in the superintendent search process.

2.03 Jeffco 2020 Update (EL-11)

PURPOSE: Board members received its update on the Jeffco 2020 strategic plan.

DISCUSSION: Staff discussed ongoing work by Jeffco educators to provide students the opportunities available in the 2020 Vision including the website of accessible teacher tools, project-based learning, performance-based assessments, learning progressions, Jeffco's guaranteed and viable curriculum designed for teachers by teachers, and emerging data on Jeffco 2020 from the employee and family/school partnership survey. Discussion covered professional learning community (PLC) work, collaboration, vertical progression, rubrics to measure student competencies, side-by-side coaching, curriculum database, and apprenticeship programs.

CONCLUSION: Board members requested that teachers accompany as presenters for the next Jeffco 2020 update.

2.04 Employee Negotiations (EL-11)

PURPOSE: Board members received information on upcoming negotiations with district employee associations.

DISCUSSION: Staff provided an overview of the negotiations process involving JESPA, JCEA and Proposition 104, team members involved and dates/locations of negotiation sessions open to the public. Discussion covered compensation issues and related budgetary constraints given the failure of November's ballot question 3A (mill levy), remaining competitive in the metropolitan area hiring market and retaining trained personnel.

CONCLUSION: Board members were informed of why the need for \$12-25 million in compensation funds.

2.05 Finance and 2017/18 Budget Overview: Cabinet Recommendations (EL-11)

PURPOSE: Board members received information on the December budget forecast from the State, related proposed legislation, the Governor's budget request, Jeffco's current and developing budgets including reductions, reallocations, one-time funds, reserves, timeline and next steps in the development of the 2017/18 budget.

DISCUSSION: Staff noted the district was not anticipating major funding from the state for the next school year and reviewed the list of reductions/reallocations. Discussion covered impacts of proposed reductions/reallocations, reserves, range of choices.

CONCLUSION: Board members requested public awareness of and opportunity for comment on the budget recommendations/reallocations before Board direction is given.

2.06 Facilities Support of Jeffco 2020 (EL-11)

PURPOSE: Board members received staff recommendations on the direction needed for district facilities.

DISCUSSION: Staff outlined the reasons for the approach to managing facilities resources to meet the goals of the 2020 vision including the movement of sixth grade, improvements to middle schools, school closures and boundary adjustments. Discussion covered the decrease in student funded count of 9,942 over time, the failure of November ballot issues, timelines/commitments and communication to community for 6th grade transitions, process used in identification of school closures and budget direction.

CONCLUSION: Board members requested information on the cost of schools at enrollments of 200, 250 and less than 200 and community meetings on school closures, emphasizing the need to bring the community along as this process moves into the future.

2.07 Policy Review: Board/Staff Linkage 1-4

PURPOSE: Board members conducted the annual review of Board/Staff Linkage (B/SL) policies 1-4.

DISCUSSION: Board members reviewed B/SL-1, Global Governance-Management Connection; B/SL-2, Unity of Control; B/SL-3, Delegation to the Superintendent; and, B/SL-4, Monitoring Superintendent Performance.

CONCLUSION: Board members provided no revisions of B/SL policies 1-4.

2.08 Reconsideration of Charter School Application: Great Work Montessori School (EL-13)

Motion #2 (Motion on Resolution): Upon motion by Ms. Stevens, second by Ms. Lasell, the Board of Education adopted a resolution conditionally approving a charter to Great Work Montessori School as entered into the record. (Attachment A)


Motion by Ms. Stevens, second by Ms. Lasell

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 9, 2017.


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on April 6, 2017.


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

Attachment A - resolution - Great Work Montessori School