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# OFFICIAL MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 8, 2016  
Board Room

Jeffco Public Schools  
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. Study/Dialogue Session

### 1.01 Overview of the Charter Authorizer Statutes and Jeffco Processes (GP-13)

The study session was called to order at 5 p.m. by Ron Mitchell, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, September 8, 2016. 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.

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to be informed of the statutory guidelines related to authorizing charter schools and the process employed by Jeffco Public Schools for reviewing charter school applications.

**DISCUSSION:** Legal counsel Kristin Edgar reviewed the legal and statutory requirements in the charter school application process. District staff reviewed district timelines, processes and oversight of charter school applications.

Discussion covered Jeffco Schools stakeholder review of applications, requirements for application, justification of Board decision on approval/denial of application not being counter to 'contrary to the best interests of the pupils, school district or community,' chartering authority of school district versus state chartering authority, legal requirement for composition of charter board membership (none), board requests for materials, and waivers.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board will schedule another time to learn about Jeffco Schools management of the charter school renewal and waiver processes. The Board accepts for study this meeting the charter application of Great Work Montessori with its public hearing on October 6.

## 2. Preliminary

### 2.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center (streaming)

**Call to Order-6 p.m.**

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Ron Mitchell, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, September 8, 2016. A break was taken from 6:27 pm to 6:42 p.m.

## **2.02 Welcome to Audience**

## **2.03 Pledge of Allegiance**

## **2.04 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.

## **2.05 Approve Agenda**

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Lasell, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the regular business meeting of September 8, 2016 as revised with the removal of Consent agenda item 5.18, Recommendation for Dismissal of Teacher, from the meeting agenda.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Lasell

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

# **3. Honors, Recognition and School Reports**

## **3.01 National Spanish Spelling Bee: Paola Carrera**

The Board of Education recognized Paola Carrera, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Jefferson Jr./Sr. High School and Edgewater Elementary graduate, who placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation at the National Spanish Spelling Bee in San Antonio in July.

## **3.02 Destination Imagination: Global Finalists**

The Board of Education recognized Jeffco students and two graduates who placed first or second in Colorado to advance to Global Finals, competing against over 8,000 students from 20 countries in 1400 teams. Honored teams and students included: I Can't Pronounce This Team's Name/Devinney Elementary – 1<sup>st</sup> place elementary level: Improve Challenge "Close Encounters" – students Kaelen Peters, Lauren Matthews, Ryan Von Kaenel, Amanda Artman, Nathaniel Olivares, Sebastian Olivarez; manager: Rhonda Peters; Just Glue It/Conifer and Columbine High Schools – 3<sup>rd</sup> place senior level: Scientific Challenge "Get a Clue" – students Anna Morgenthaler, Riley Morgenthaler, Danielle Sanchez, Hailey Stokes; manager: Tina Morgenthaler; Last of the Dennison DI Winning Masters/Dennison Elementary – 6<sup>th</sup> place middle level: Structural Challenge "Musical Mashup" – students Katrina Py, Tesla Chavez, Karina Li, Kaden Daugherty, Riley Sawinski; managers: Lynne Py, Randy Chavez; Shadows of the World/Dennison Elementary – 20<sup>th</sup> place elementary level: Technical Challenge "Pace of Change" – students Aliana Justus, Demetra Matzakos, Freya Nagy, Sammy Sawinski, Lauren Smiley, Jack Stalmaker; managers: Tara Sawinski, Sara Farrar Nagy; Green Bubbles/Green Mountain High School – 43<sup>rd</sup> place senior level: Technical Challenge "Pace of Change" – students Kyra Holtan, Caleb Nael, Emily Walker, Jaeda Oliver, Karen Lentz; manager: Kevin Cogswell; and, Penguinz/Green Mountain High School, CU/MSU – 1<sup>st</sup> place university level: Structural Challenge "Musical Mashup" – GMHS graduates Shane McClung, Ryan Meyer; Ben Cogswell, Dakota Mann; manager: Keven Cogswell.

### **3.03 Colfax Marathon: Jeffco's winning teams**

The Board of Education recognized the nearly 250 employees who participated in 49 relay teams for the Colfax Marathon. Four Jeffco teams of teachers and coaches placed: first and third in the women's division and two teams placed in the public schools division. Each of these four teams received funds from Kaiser Permanente to donate to the charity of their choice, Jeffco Schools Foundation.

## **4. Public Agenda Part One**

### **4.01 Correspondence –September 8, 2016**

### **4.02 Public Comment (Agenda Related)**

Mindy McCall, Carrie Garcia Coy, Lorri Avery, Donna Nemer – Lakewood – regarding agenda item 6.01, Social Emotional Support for Students (Ends 1).

## **5. Consent Agenda**

Motion #2 (Motion to Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens, the Board of Education approved the Consent agenda as revised: 5.01, Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2016; 5.02, Approval of Minutes: June 14, 2016; 5.03, Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2016; 5.04, Approval of Minutes: July 28, 2016; 5.05, Approval of Minutes: August 2, 2016; 5.06, Approval of Minutes: August 8, 2016; 5.07, Approval of Minutes: August 25, 2016; 5.08, Monitoring: EL-1, Global Executive Constraint; 5.09, Monitoring: EL-6, Financial Administration; 5.10, Monitoring: EL-9, Emergency Superintendent Succession; 5.11, Resolution: Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (GP-1, Governance Commitment; EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board)(Attachment A); 5.12, Charter School Application: Great Work Montessori School (EL-13, Charter Schools Application and Monitoring); 5.13, Supplemental Funds Notification: September 2016 (EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board); 5.14, Donation: Columbine High School (EL-11, Communication and Counsel to the Board); 5.15, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.16, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.17, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.18, Contract Award: Life Long Learning Center Paving Improvements (EL-8, Facilities); 5.19, Contract Award: Replacement Bus Purchase (EL-8, Facilities); 5.20, Contract Renewal: Chromebook (EL-7, Asset Protection); 5.21, Contract Award: Office Supplies Districtwide-Staples Business Advantage (EL-7, Asset Protection); 5.22, GC Selection: Sierra Elementary School Phase II Addition/Remodel (EL-8, Facilities).

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **6. Ends Discussion Agenda**

### **6.01 Social Emotional Support for Students (Ends 1)**

Staff presented information on the work being implemented with new, additional general funds for social-emotional supports for students in schools. Based on a three year period of data related to Jeffco student suicide risk, behavioral incidents, truancy rates and threat assessments, funds are being directed in strategic ways to help students develop flexibility and resilience in their academic and life learning. Schools received supports of one FTE per articulation area and all middle schools have a full time social emotional learning specialist prioritized for this work.

Discussion covered research showing cost/benefit for every \$1 spent there will be \$11 of benefit for social emotional learning, with successful benefits for students through age 25, the collaboration of schools, communities and families to make the learning of the five competencies relevant for students, integration with the Jeffco 2020 Vision, positive feedback from staff, principals, community partners (Jefferson Center for Mental Health) and future qualitative and quantitative reports on progress monitoring.

## **6.02 Graduation Guidelines Update (Ends 2)**

Due to the State Board of Education's directive for school districts to review graduation readiness for English and Math as well as Jeffco's 2020 Vision opportunities, graduation requirements and demonstrations of readiness are being reviewed for students graduating in 2021 (current 8th graders). Workgroups are meeting to develop multiple pathways for graduating seniors to demonstrate readiness and competency meeting Jeffco graduation requirements set by the Board of Education and the readiness guidelines for English and Math from the state.

Board discussion covered costs to families to meet requirements, mandate by state with no additional funding for staff work, communication to understand options, student by student analysis to ready for college and career, and partnerships in developing and finalizing this work.

## **7. Policy Work**

### **7.01 Policy Review: EL-1, Global Executive Constraint**

No revisions were proposed to Board executive limitation policy EL-1, Global Executive Constraint.

### **7.02 Policy Review: EL-9, Emergency Superintendent Succession**

No revisions were proposed to Board executive limitation policy EL-9, Emergency Superintendent Succession.

## **8. Public Agenda Part Two**

### **8.01 Public Comment (Not on Agenda)**

Jim Fernald – Lakewood – regarding support for bond and mill levy ballot questions, impact of marijuana, menu of options for graduation.

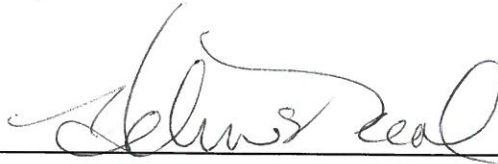
## **9. Develop Next Agenda**

### **9.01 Board Work Calendar**

### **9.02 Special and Regular Meetings of September 22 and October 6, 2016**

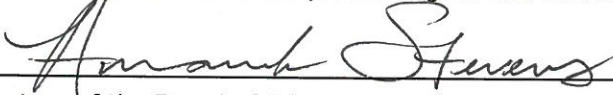
## **10. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for October 6, 2016.

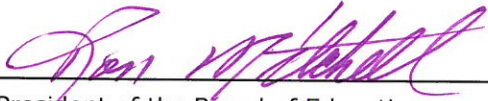


Helen E. Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on October 6, 2016.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education

Attachment A – resolution – Support for SCFD Reauthorization