



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 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.

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 5:01 p.m. by Ali Lasell, First Vice President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, November 17, 2016. A break was taken from 6:36 p.m. to 6:44 p.m.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present – Ali Lasell, first vice president; Susan Harmon, second vice president; Brad Rupert, treasurer; and, Amanda Steven, secretary. Dan McMinimee, superintendent, represented the administration. Ron Mitchell, president, was excused.

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 special meeting of November 17, 2016 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Public Comment: Northwest Arvada School Boundaries (EL-11)

There were no speakers who signed up for public comment on the northwest Arvada school boundaries.

2.02 Ralston Valley Articulation Area Boundary Adjustments (EL-11)

Motion #2 (Motion on Boundary Adjustment): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens, the Board of Education voted to approve the Coal Creek K-8, Meiklejohn Elementary, Sierra Elementary, Three Creeks K-8, Van Arsdale Elementary and West Woods Elementary designated school boundaries as staff recommended; and, to authorize the Planning and Property Department to prepare the necessary documentation to enact these changes.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

2.03 Charter Schools Annual Waiver Requests (EL-13)

PURPOSE: Board members received information on the two charter school out-of-cycle policy waivers from The New America School and Golden View Classical Academy.

DISCUSSION: Staff noted the Board is taking these requests under study for action in December and will receive the staff recommendation prior to that time.

CONCLUSION: Board members will take action on the waiver requests at a future meeting.

2.04 Autism Spectrum Disorder Support (EL-11)

PURPOSE: Board members received information from staff on the district's work to support the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) program.

DISCUSSION: Staff outlined the district's level of supports (1:2) as a higher staff/student ratio than surrounding districts (1:4 or 1:5) through 19 Significant Support Needs (SSN) centers across the district for secondary students, a middle school ASD at Sobesky and 80 percent of ASD student in the district's general education population. Discussion covered placement-of-of-district (POOD), resource capacity, maintenance of effort, strategic themes for ongoing work involving collaboration, communication and clarity, Colorado Department of Education non-negotiables, and reimbursement of services required to be 40 percent at no more than 17 percent.

CONCLUSION: Board members have a better understanding of the supports and challenges in place for ASD students in Jeffco Schools.

2.05 First Quarter Financial Report 2016/2017 (EL-5, 6)

PURPOSE: Board members received information on the first quarter financial report per policy.

DISCUSSION: The external auditor and director of Finance reviewed items included in the report, noting the district's flag system pointing out negative cash flow for three charter schools with comments from the management letter or single audit finds to be included in the second quarter report. Financial Oversight Committee Chair Brian Valek and FOC Member Gordon Callahan addressed the Board who affirmed the committee's confidence in the staff's reporting.

CONCLUSION: Board members thanked the FOC members and staff for their diligent work.

2.06 Budget and Community Engagement Update (EL-5, 11)

PURPOSE: Board members received an update on the state and district financial outlook and particulars related to school finance along with an overview of the proposed community engagement process.

DISCUSSION: Staff outlined timelines for development of the 2017/2018 budget considering community input and expected state resources. Discussion covered new funding from the state, negative factor impacts, student enrollment, topics for community feedback, and areas to be preserved in budget reductions.

CONCLUSION: Board members were provided information on resources available and situations impacting the superintendent's three areas of focus: environments for learning, compensation and resources to schools. Board members will receive a list of last year's topics used in the online budget tool.

2.07 Charting Next Steps (EL-11)

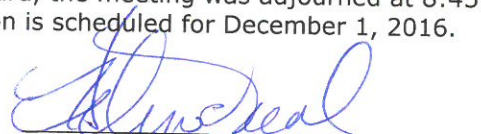
PURPOSE: Board members discussed priorities for the school district given the loss of 3A/3B.

DISCUSSION: Discussion covered salary data which showed Jeffco as fifth of five competitors for incoming teachers in the metro area, deferred maintenance in facilities, consolidations and the time needed by communities if this option is used, sixth grade moves from elementary schools, equitability in student-based budget funds, compensation of staff at pressure points, community engagement, changes to address over-enrollment,

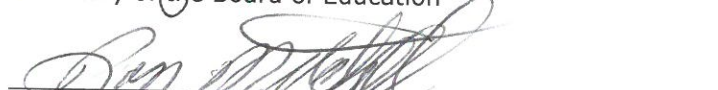
CONCLUSION: Board members determined competitive compensation is a primary concern in order to retain and attract high performing teachers in each Jeffco classroom as the primary driver of student achievement.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 1, 2016.


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on January 12, 2017.


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