



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 22, 2010
Seminar 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.

PRELIMINARY

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting was called to order by Jane Barnes, First Vice President of the Board of Education, at 5:03 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board met – Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Secretary; and, Paula Noonan, Treasurer – for a special meeting. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Dave Thomas, President, was excused from the meeting. A break was taken from 6:00 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA:

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Ms. Boggs, seconded by Ms. Noonan, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:

2.01 BOARD ENDS DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to further its work in defining its Ends policies to prepare for the coming 2010-2011 school year.

DISCUSSION: The Board members discussed how the Board would become a more effective team and to realize its draft End, *the Jeffco Board of Education will be effective and responsible and will function as a highly effective team*. Information was shared from the Lighthouse Project, a study of the relationship between school board leadership

and student learning completed by the Iowa School Boards Association Foundation; as well as reference to information from the Colorado Association of School Boards and author Patrick Lencioni. The Lighthouse study found that school boards in high achieving districts were different from boards in low achieving districts in two main areas: beliefs and an understanding and focus on school renewal that included five key roles of an effective board (focus on student achievement; allocate resources to needs; monitor returns on investment; use data; and, engage the community).

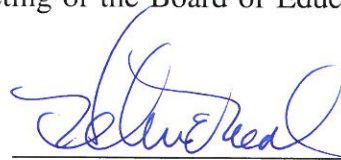
Results of a self-assessment survey were shared and briefly discussed. Of six areas surveyed, all areas were identified as needing work by board members. Discussion covered the need to better mentor new board members and potential candidates to the Board, and the additional time needed by the new facilitator to prepare for work with the Board which will require the postponement of the August 6-7 retreat in Estes Park.

In reviewing the draft Ends and the monitoring strategies for the Board, members discussed how to think about information received from staff: *how will this get the district to the Board's ends? Do we know this will get us what we want?* Presentations have been scheduled for upcoming meetings on Standards-Based Grading, CSAP results, Make Your Voice Heard Student Survey data, the Unified Planning Process; and, teacher effectiveness. Community engagement will be scheduled as well.

CONCLUSION: The Board members agreed to use the self-assessment survey to monitor their progress toward meeting their Board end. Pending the availability of Mr. Thomas and the facilitator, the following dates were tentatively held for extended meeting time for the Board to work on effective teamwork and leadership: August 27, 1-5 p.m., September 3, 11-3 p.m., September 17, Noon-4 p.m.; and, August 5, 5 p.m.

Board members will continue to discuss the draft Ends and their monitoring, and to review governance process policies. An agenda item will be prepared for August 5 to accept the draft Ends policies for study and approval on August 26.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for August 26, 2010.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on August 26, 2010.

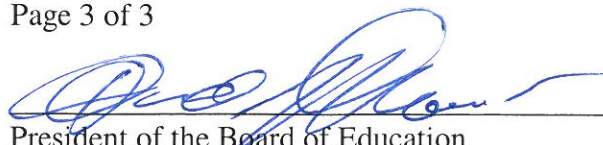


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President of the Board of Education