



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 2, 2010
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. Study/Dialogue Session

Citizens' Committee (EL-11)

A study session was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education, in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, September 2, 2010. Introductions were made of those present.

The Board met in its entirety - Dave Thomas, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Secretary; and, Paula Noonan, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

PURPOSE: The Board of Education will receive an update from the citizens' committee currently studying the potential for future bond and mill levy override elections.

DISCUSSION: The Board received an update from volunteer citizen leaders who are investigating when and whether to approach voters to support additional funding for operating and facilities costs of Jeffco Public Schools. Discussion covered the state's ability and tax policy to support funding public education, a community's ability to raise local funds, and the steps taken by the committee and the Board of Education before a ballot question on a mill levy override or a bond election goes to voters.

CONCLUSION: The Board was informed of the process and work involved before the Board of Education would determine to approach voters for additional funding for operating and/or facilities costs of the district.

2. Preliminary

2.01 Call to Order – Board Room

A regular meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, September 2, 2010.

2.02 Welcome to Audience

2.03 Pledge of Allegiance

2.04 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety - Dave Thomas, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Secretary; and, Paula Noonan, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. A break was taken from 7:20 p.m. to 7:29 p.m.

2.05 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education approved the meeting agenda for the regular business meeting of September 2, 2010 as revised, with the removal of Consent agenda item 5.11, Capital Asset Advisory Committee, at the request of the Superintendent; and, additionally, the removal of Ends and Monitoring agenda items 6.02 through 6.04, Monitoring and Policy Review for EL-1, Global Executive Constraint; EL-9, Emergency Superintendent Succession; and, EL-6, Financial Administration, respectively.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Noonan, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Thomas

3. Honors, Recognition and School Reports

3.01 4A Girls' State Soccer Champs: Wheat Ridge High School

Wheat Ridge High School girls' soccer team was honored, for the second year in a row, as 4A State champions. Coach Dan Watkins was also recognized.

3.02 Wright Way Award: Lisa Myles, Peggy Miller

Lisa Myles, principal at Summit Ridge Middle School, and Peggy Miller, principal at Bergen Meadow Elementary School, were recognized as finalists for the Wright Way Award given by the Colorado Principals' Center at the University of Colorado at Denver.

3.03 Destination Imagination Global Winner: Conifer High School

The *SPL* team members, Joe Cenedella and Megan Morgenthaler, were congratulated for their third place finish at Global Finals in May 2010 in Knoxville, Tennessee. The team competed in the *DI-Bot Challenge* which focuses on robotic technology. Ms. Morgenthaler was recognized as the recipient of the top scholarship given to graduating seniors.

4. Public Agenda

4.01 Correspondence-September 2, 2010

Public correspondence received by the Board of Education was made available for public perusal.

4.02 Public Comment

No one signed up to address the Board of Education.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion #2 (Approve Consent Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent agenda: 5.01, Approval of Minutes-August 5, 2010; 5.02, Approval of Minutes-August 19, 2010; 5.03, Approval of Minutes-August 20, 2010; 5.04, Board Policy for Study: GP-01, -02, -05, -07, -06E; 5.05, Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.06, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.07, Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 5.08, Selected Books for Elementary School Libraries in Jefferson County Public Schools (Ends 1); 5.09, Supplemental Funds Notification: September, 2010 (EL-6, Financial Administration); 5.10, Contract Award: American's Choice (EL-5, Financial Planning/ Budgeting).

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

6. Ends and Monitoring Agenda

6.01 Monitoring: Make Your Voice Heard Student Survey (Ends 1)

Debbie Backus, chief academic officer, and Dr. Carol Eaton, executive director of Instructional Data Services, provided the Board of Education with the key findings from student responses to the biennial census taken by 61,000 Jeffco students grades 2 - 12. The Make Your Voice Heard student survey covers student perceptions on academics, relationships, parent involvement and expectations. In a five-point scale, mean scores of 3.5 or higher represent a positive response. Key findings include: high levels of agreement were increased or sustained at the elementary level; middle school students showed very slight declines or sustained prior positive results, and high school students showed some gains and sustained results with a few slight declines. Both middle and high school students showed statistically meaningful differences for gender, ethnic and grade level comparisons.

Staff will take this information and work with school staff and cultural proficiency efforts to address gaps in perception that seem to mirror achievement gaps. Additionally, focus groups with students will probe further on areas in need of attention including middle school writing and gender and ethnic gaps.

The Board discussed how this data could be used as a monitoring tool: trend lines versus setting numbered goals, data delineated by Board ends policy, and reasonable movement to expect on goals.

7. Discussion Agenda

7.01 Selection of Colorado Association of School Board Delegate (GP-1)

Motion #3 (Appoint Johnson as CASB Delegate): It was moved by Mr. Thomas, second by Ms. Noonan to make Robin Johnson the Board delegate to the CASB Delegate Assembly in October 2010.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, second by Ms. Noonan
Final Resolution: By order of the President, Jane Barnes is appointed delegate to the CASB Delegate Assembly in October 2010

Ms. Johnson and Ms. Boggs will accompany Ms. Barnes to the Delegate Assembly to learn the process.

7.02 Governance Process Policies: GP-15, -16

Motion #4 (Accept Policies GP-12 through GP-16 for Study): It was moved by Mr. Thomas, second by Ms. Noonan, to accept for study Board governance process policies 15, Cost of Governance; and, GP-16, Monitoring Board Governance Process and Board/Staff Linkage Policies; and to adopt revisions on October 7, 2010.

A friendly amendment was made, offered by Ms. Boggs and Ms. Barnes and was accepted by Mr. Thomas, to accept GP-12 through GP-14 for study and to work with the meeting facilitator on these policies on September 16.

Motion by Mr. Thomas, second by Ms. Noonan
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

Revisions were proposed to GP-15, Cost of Governance.

8. Board and Superintendent Comments

Ms. Barnes shared concerns heard from parents on principals not taking choice enrollment students. Dr. Stevenson responded that it may be the case due to 'right-sizing' schools to capacity and financial considerations such as staffing at grade level that schools can't take open enrollment students.

Ms. Barnes would like the Board to discuss successful school programs and how to create more.

Ms. Barnes apologized for her tone in a forwarded voice mail and reminded Board members to take care in leaving messages.

9. Weekly Update Discussion

There were no comments or discussion of the Superintendent's weekly update.

10. Develop Next Agenda

10.01 Board Work Calendar

10.02 Special and Regular Meetings of September 16, 17 and October 7, 2010

The Board of Education discussed its work calendar and special and regular meetings of September 16, 17 and October 7, 2010. The Board requested that Dr. Stevenson reschedule the Diversity Advisory Council from September 16 to another date when more time could be spent with the council members. The Board requested that Ms. Boggs take Dr. Stevenson's executive limitation monitoring schedule and prepare a complete schedule of Board policy work for September 16-17.


11. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for October 7, 2010.


Marta Neil, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on October 7, 2010.


Secretary of the Board of Education


President of the Board of Education