



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 12, 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.

ROLL CALL: At 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room, the Board met in its entirety – Dave Thomas, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Paula Noonan, Treasurer; and, Robin Johnson, Secretary – for a special meeting of public engagement. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, was absent due to national superintendent of the year finalist events in Washington, D.C. Cabinet members represented the administration.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SESSION:
“STUDENTS ENGAGED IN THEIR LEARNING” WITH STRATEGIC PLANNING
AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

PURPOSE: The Board of Education met with members of the district Strategic Planning and Advisory Committee to discuss members’ perceptions on how students are engaged in their learning in Jeffco Public Schools.

DISCUSSION: At 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., small group discussion with the Board members covered conversation from the following questions: What does it take to keep kids engaged in schools? What warning signals should we be looking for that tell us students are becoming disengaged? What should we do when students are becoming disengaged? Why do you think we lose kids? Give us your recommendations for groups of kids the Board should talk to. Topics covered include relevancy, use of technology and quality teachers, among others. (Attachment A)

CONCLUSION: The Board thanked the members of the Strategic Planning and Advisory Committee for their assistance in advising the Board as it moves forward to further define its goals for student achievement.


**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:
FACILITY USAGE**

PURPOSE: The Board of Education met to discuss pending facility usage decisions and Board norms.

DISCUSSION: At 7:47 p.m., the Board discussed responses to the media, visits to schools, and communication among Board members. Additionally, the Board discussed closure of title schools and at-risk populations, allowing schools' programs to develop for their buildings, grade configuration changes and the addition of Wheat Ridge Middle Schools outside the final recommendations of the committee but within the original 51 options studied.

CONCLUSION: The Board will move forward with motions as determined on January 9 and will continue its norms work at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 14, 2010.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on March 25, 2010.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education

Attachment A – Chart of SPAC Feedback