



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

8 a.m., March 17, 2005
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.

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting was called to order by Jane Barnes, President of the Board of Education, at 8:07 a.m. in the Seminar Room of the Educational Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, March 17, 2005.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety – Jane Barnes, President; Vince Chowdhury, First Vice President; Debra Oberbeck, Second Vice President; Hereford Percy, Treasurer; and, Stephen Dixon, Secretary. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Breaks were taken from 8:55 a.m. to 9:07 a.m., 10:27 a.m. to 10:35 a.m., and 12:05 p.m. to 12:13 p.m. Steve Dixon left the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (EL-17, COMMUNICATION AND COUNSEL TO THE BOARD): Mary Sharon Wells, the district's contract lobbyist, and members of the school district staff summarized proposed legislation and discussed it with the Board. Updates on legislation were discussed for HB05-1194, (TABOR reform); SB05-200, Financing of Public Schools; HB05-1311, Annual Evaluation of the Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Grant Program; HB05-1057, Parental Notification of Postsecondary Educational Opportunities.

Board members commended staff for the information prepared for and shared with legislators on March 15 regarding Jeffco Schools' state funding level.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: The Board met in study/dialogue session at 9:07 a.m.

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to discuss the development of the 2005-06 budget.

DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed the 2005-06 budgetary general assumptions, planned and projected budget assumptions to 2009-10, and projections on budgetary

fund balance versus generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) fund balance before review and discussion of each proposed budget reduction for 2005-06.

OUTCOME: The Board directed the Superintendent to provide alternatives for the proposed reduction in library media technicians (LMT) and the impacts on schools if the work of the LMT were reduced. The Board directed the Superintendent to begin drafting the executive summary of the 2005-06 budget to be reviewed on March 31.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hereford Percy, seconded by Debra Oberbeck, for an executive session to seek the advice of legal counsel on a specific legal matter, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b). The Board moved into executive session at 11:18 a.m.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:05 p.m. to begin a study/dialogue session.

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to discuss a change in the elementary math program.

DISCUSSION: The Board asked questions of the Superintendent and chief academic officer covering interest by schools, roll-out plan and “opt-out” option, cost of program change, pilot performance, improvements shown, incentives to schools and the type of resources needed in the elementary level for improvement in math skills.

OUTCOME: The Board directed the Superintendent to proceed with a decreased monetary incentive for schools and to hold costs to \$2.5 million over the three year implementation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hereford Percy, seconded by Debra Oberbeck, for an executive session to discuss contract negotiations, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(e). The Board moved into executive session at 12:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board reconvened in public session at 1:22 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on April 14, 2005.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education