



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 28, 2005
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.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: The Board of Education met at 5:05 p.m. in the Board Room in public engagement session with middle level and high school principals.

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to discuss issues of mutual interest with principals of Jeffco middle and high schools.

DISCUSSION: The principals shared their perspectives on Jeffco's 7-12 grade system, the expertise of staff, interventions and accountability measures. Board members addressed communication with individual students and community members, the spectrum of teachers assisting students and how the Board of Education could assist middle and high school principals in their work.

OUTCOME: The Board members will take principal comments into consideration in future decisions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Education was called to order by Jane Barnes, President, Board of Education, at 6:43 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Educational Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, April 28, 2005 to hear the expulsion appeal of a student at Weber Elementary School. 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. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:36 p.m.

MOTION #1 (To Affirm Superintendent's Decision): The Board unanimously affirmed the Superintendent's April 1, 2005 decision that a student at Weber Elementary School, control number BA-05-097, be expelled from all Jefferson County Public Schools through June 3, 2005; that the Board adopt the Final Determination of Appeal as presented; and that the Administration be directed to serve the Final Determination of

Appeal on the student and the student's parent via certified mail, return receipt requested.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Oberbeck, Mr. Percy

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Ms. Oberbeck, seconded by Mr. Percy, for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(F)(I). The Board moved into executive session at 7:37 p.m.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: The Board reconvened in open session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss revisions to Board and District charter school policies.

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to continue its discussion of the Board and District charter school policies begun on April 21.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed revisions provided by staff for Board executive limitation policy 19, Charter Schools Application and Monitoring, and District regulation LBD-R, Charter Schools: Procedures for Applying for a Charter School.

OUTCOME: The Board will revise its May 5 agenda to include an agenda item to accept for study Board executive limitation policy 19, Charter Schools Application and Monitoring. Administration will further revise District regulation LBD-R following Board direction and current procedure. A break was taken by the Board from 8:35 p.m. to 8:43 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 SB05-214, School Accountability; HCR05-1003, Increasing Funding for High Education and Other State Needs...; HCR05-1008, An Amendment to Section 17 of Article IX of the Constitution... Requirement that a School District Spend At Least...; SCR05-007, Authorization of Independent School Districts....

MOTION #1 (Take Position to Support SB05-214 and to Oppose HCR05-1003, HCR05-1008): Upon motion by Ms. Oberbeck, seconded by Mr. Percy, it was unanimous to take a position of support for SB05-214, School Accountability; and, to oppose HCR05-1003, Increasing Funding for High Education and Other State Needs...; and, HCR05-1008, An Amendment to Section 17 of Article IX of the Constitution... Requirement that a School District Spend At Least....

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Dixon, Ms. Oberbeck Mr. Percy

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: The Board continued at 9 p.m. discussing proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2005-06 school year.

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to review proposed meeting dates and its annual work plan prior to formal approval of meeting dates on June 2.

DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed the proposed dates, possible Ends report topics, and public engagement opportunities. The Board discussed member participation in emerging community groups.

OUTCOME: The Board will discuss public engagement strategies with the new Board after November 2005. The Board directed the superintendent to propose a schedule of Ends reports for 2005-06.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the special meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on June 2, 2005.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education