



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 29, 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 met at 4:48 p.m. in the Seminar Room in a study/dialogue session.

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to receive information on Jefferson County's Head Start program with the Jefferson County Commissioners.

DISCUSSION: A presentation was provided by Dr. Debbie Leoung, professor of psychology, Metropolitan State College of Denver, on her Tools of the Mind curriculum work with preschool students to increase their "school readiness." Her project is underway in New Jersey and Ohio, and with just over 400 students through the Head Start program in Jefferson County.

OUTCOME: The Board noted the success of the research project and that New Jersey passed bond measures to fund the program while Colorado state funding is not provided for preschool education.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: The Board met at 5:48 p.m. in the Seminar Room in a study/dialogue session.

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to receive an update on the budget development process.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed updated information from the chief financial officer and Board member Debby Oberbeck.

OUTCOME: A member of the funding community will be invited to join the Leadership Team. Board members will return feedback on Stakeholder Panel members by Tuesday, October 4. The superintendent will continue her written weekly update to

the Board of Education which will be supplemented by information from Debby Oberbeck.

BREAK: The Board postponed the start of the regular business meeting until 7:36 p.m. when a quorum was present. This was due to members' attendance at the dedication of the Jefferson County Stadium and induction of Mel Schwartz as a 2005 trailblazer.

1. **PRELIMINARY**

- a. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Jane Barnes, president of the Board of Education, at 7:36 p.m. in the Board Room of the Educational Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, September 29, 2005. Recess was held from 9:04 to 9:16 p.m.
- b. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Ms. Barnes welcomed the audience.
- c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Ms. Barnes, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.
- d. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present – Jane Barnes, President; Debra Oberbeck, Second Vice President; and, Stephen Dixon, Secretary. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

Vince Chowdhury, First Vice President, arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Hereford Percy, Treasurer, arrived at 7:52 p.m.

e. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Ms. Oberbeck, seconded by Mr. Dixon, it was unanimous to approve the agenda of September 29, 2005 as presented.

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

2. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Prior to the Board meeting members of the Board attended the dedication of the stadium at 6th Avenue and Kipling and honored Mel Schwartz as a 2005 Trailblazer for his support of athletics in Jefferson County Schools.

Earlier in the afternoon the Board held a study session with Jefferson County Commissioners to receive information on the Head Start Program in Jefferson County.

3. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**

- a. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Public correspondence received by the Board was made available for public perusal.

- b. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Richard Waltzman, Jill Stoll and Bill Berryman – informing the Board of their concerns regarding section 9528 of the No Child Left Behind Act relating to military recruiting of high school juniors as it relates to school district policy.

The District is reviewing the policy with legal counsel.

April Sherer – expressing concern that middle school students have been removed from elective classes and placed in strategy classes to improve CSAP scores.

Matt Sherer – expressing concern regarding how tardies are handled at middle schools.

Pat Olive, community superintendent, will meet with Mr. and Ms. Sherer to address their concerns.

4. **ENDS DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING:**

- a. **REPORT ON ELEMENTARY LEVEL (ENDS 1, ALL CHILDREN ARE PREPARED FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE):** Sherida Peterson, chief academic officer; Chrysann McBride, executive director, Department for Learning and Education Achievement; Dave Wendelin, director, English language arts and social studies; and, Nancy Sommer, principal, South Lakewood Elementary, presented information to the Board highlighting reading instruction and assessment at the primary level and answered questions from the Board.

5. **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:**

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION – MADISON HIGH SCHOOL (EL-19, CHARTER SCHOOLS APPLICATION AND MONITORING):**

Leisa Schievelbein – expressing support for the application of Madison High School.

Representatives from Madison High School summarized the application being presented to the Board and answered questions from board members.

b. **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION – PATHWAY TO SUCCESS CHARTER SCHOOL (EL-19, CHARTER SCHOOLS APPLICATION AND MONITORING):**

John Peery, charter school administrator, expressed appreciation to members of the Charter School Review Committee for their work in reviewing the five charter school applications that are being submitted to the Board for approval: Annie Buckley, Laurie Clark, Mary Everson, Lori Genuchi, Courtney Hoskins, Dennis Polk and Jean Wendelin.

Students and staff members who have worked with Dan Mares, coordinator for Pathway to Success Charter School, expressed support for the charter school application.

Mr. Mares summarized the application being presented to the Board and answered questions from board members.

6. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the October study/dialogue session topics.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, October 6, 2005.

Nancy Cook, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on October 20, 2005.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education