



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 2, 2006  
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.*

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board of Education met at 5:09 p.m. in the Seminar Room in executive session to seek advice of legal counsel on a specific legal issue and to discuss contract negotiations.

#### 1. **PRELIMINARY**

- a. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Jane Barnes, president of the Board of Education, at 6:04 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, November 2, 2006. Recess was held from 7:23 to 7:33 p.m.
- b. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Ms. Barnes welcomed the audience and recognized the O'Connell Middle School Girls' Choir, directed by Carrie Fletcher.
- c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Ms. Barnes, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.
- d. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety – Jane Barnes, President; Vince Chowdhury, First Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Second Vice President; Scott Benefield, Secretary; and, Hereford Percy, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.
- e. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

**MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda as Revised):** Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as revised with the movement of Consent Agenda items 8.d., Monitoring Report (EL-12) Commitment to Accomplishment, Accountability and Accreditation, BA-06-162;

item 8.f., Monitoring Report (EL-15) School Year Calendar, BA-06-166; and, item 8.p., City of Westminster Use Tax Assessment, BA-06-205/2 to Discussion Agenda, items 7.a., 7.b., and 7.c. and renumbering subsequent agenda items as necessary.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Percy

2. **HONORS AND RECOGNITION:** Karen Brown, third and fourth grade teacher in the Gifted and Talented Center at Coronado Elementary School, was recognized for receiving the national Milken Foundation Educator Award.
3. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Mr. Benefield attended the Guinness Book of World Records finger weaving event at Compass Montessori-Golden. It was also mentioned that he had visited schools in the Arvada articulation area.

Ms. Marinelli attended the groundbreaking ceremony at Golden High School, an event at Warren Tech and also visited several Jeffco preschools.

Ms. Barnes, Ms. Marinelli and Mr. Percy attended the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) conference held in Pueblo.

Members of the Board attended the Jefferson Foundation Crystal Ball.

Mr. Chowdhury attended an I<sup>2</sup>(a) presentation at Columbine High School.

Mr. Chowdhury attended the Chatfield High School teacher forum.

Members of the Board attended the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Region 5 meeting.

Dr. Stevenson visited schools implementing the PBS (Positive Behavior Support) program, and also attended an event at Warren Tech.

4. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**
  - a. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Public correspondence received by the Board was made available for public perusal.
  - b. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no one present to address the Board.
5. **ENDS DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING AGENDA:**
  - a. **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT – COUNTY STUDENT COUNCIL (ENDS 1, ALL CHILDREN ARE PREPARED FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE):**

The Board of Education discussed issues of mutual interest with the students of Jefferson County Student Council. Student representatives from Arvada West, Chatfield, Columbine, Conifer, Green Mountain, Jefferson and Wheat Ridge high schools covered topics included upcoming County Student Council projects, teacher appreciation efforts, school fees, class sizes, college preparation and teacher best practices.

- b. **REPORT ON STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE 3 AND RIGOROUS CURRICULA (ENDS 1, ALL CHILDREN ARE PREPARED FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE):** Debbie Backus, chief academic officer, and members from the division of Instruction presented an overview of the work aligned with Strategic Plan objective 3: ensure students and instructional personnel use curricula, assessments, and the tools of technology aligned with academic content standards. Staff responded to questions from the Board.

6. **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS:**

- a. **PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION – MOUNTAIN PHOENIX (EL-19, CHARTER SCHOOLS APPLICATION AND MONITORING):**

MOTION #2 (Approve charter application): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, a majority of the Board approved the charter application of Mountain Phoenix Community School for 44 students. (Attachment A)

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Mr. Percy

Nay: Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli

7. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

- a. **MONITORING REPORT – COMMITMENT TO ACCOMPLISHMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACCREDITATION (EL-12):**

MOTION #3 (Approve monitoring report): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, it was unanimous to approve the monitoring report for EL-12, Commitment to Accomplishment, Accountability and Accreditation.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Percy

- b. **MONITORING REPORT – SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR (EL-15):**

MOTION #4 (Approve monitoring report): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Ms. Marinelli, it was unanimous to approve the monitoring report for EL-15, School Year Calendar.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Percy

c. **CITY OF WESTMINSTER USE TAX ASSESSMENT:**

MOTION #5 (Approve Payment of Westminster Use Tax): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, it was unanimous to approve the amount of \$268,956.69 be paid to the City of Westminster on behalf of FCI, Inc., subject to the negotiation of an agreement with the contractor which resolves any issues between FCI and Jeffco Public Schools regarding the payment of the use tax. Payment is approved notwithstanding the Board's strong objection to the City of Westminster's imposition of this tax on a public project. The Board further objects because no other municipality in Jefferson County imposes this tax and because the Board believes it constitutes an improper, indirect tax by one public entity on another public entity.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Percy

8. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the agenda for the November 10 study session and the November 16 regular meeting.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

MOTION #6 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Ms. Marinelli, it was unanimous to approve items on the Consent Agenda as presented: 9-a., Monitoring Report-Financial Administration (EL-7), BA-06-022/4; 9-b., Monitoring Report-Asset Protection (EL-8), BA-06-024; 9-c., Board Policy Revision for Study EL-8, Asset Protection, BA-06-025/3; 9-d., Board Policy Revision for Study EL-12, Commitment to Accomplishment, Accountability and Accreditation, BA-06-163; 9-e., Board Policy Revision for Study EL-15, School Year Calendar, BA-06-167; 9-f., Proclamation American Education Week (EL-17, Communication and Counsel to the Board); 9-g., Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment), BA-06-002/10; 9-h., Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment), BA-06-003/8; 9-i., Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment), BA-06-008/10; 9-j., Supplemental Funds, Compass Montessori-Golden, Colorado Department of Education (EL-7, Financial Administration), BA-06-221; 9-k., Supplemental Funds, Family Literacy, Colorado Parent and Child Foundation (EL-7, Financial Administration), BA-06-222; 9-l., Supplemental Funds, Title I Part A, Title II Part A, Title II Part D, Title III, Title IV, Title V, Colorado Department of Education (EL-7, Financial Administration), BA-06-223; 9-m., Supplemental Funds, Social Studies, Colorado Geographic Alliance (EL-7, Financial Administration), BA-06-224; 9-n., Approval of Addendum, Rocky Mountain Deaf School (EL-19, Charter Schools Application and Monitoring), BA-06-195/2; 9-o., Approval of Minutes: October 5, 12, 13, 19, and 24, 2006.

Aye: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Percy

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, November 16, 2006.

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Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on December 7, 2006.

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Secretary of the Board of Education

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President of the Board of Education

I hereby attest that in my opinion the portion of this executive session for which recorded minutes were not kept constituted a privileged attorney-client communication.

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Allen Taggart  
School District Attorney

I hereby attest that the portion of this executive session for which recorded minutes were not kept was confined to the topic authorized for discussion in an executive session pursuant to C.R.S. section 24-6-402(4)(b).

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Jane Barnes  
President