



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 8, 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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**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** At 11:06 a.m., majority of the Board met – Jane Barnes, President; Sue Marinelli, Second Vice President; Scott Benefield, Secretary and, Hereford Percy, Treasurer. Vince Chowdhury, First Vice President, arrived at 11:10 a.m. - in study/dialogue session in the Board Room at the Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Breaks were taken from 12:30 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., 1:05 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.

**PURPOSE:** The Board met in study/dialogue session to review the Financial Trends Monitoring report with members of staff.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board received and discussed trend data on demographics, staffing, student achievement, funding versus the consumer price index (CPI), compensation, capital and facilities, and insurance.

**CONCLUSION:** The Superintendent will provide responses to the Board on those questions not addressed in discussion.

**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** At 11:45 a.m., the Board met in study/dialogue session.

**PURPOSE:** For the Board to discuss the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) with members of the Financial Oversight Committee and external auditors Clifton Gunderson.

**DISCUSSION:** Three members of the Financial Oversight Committee, as well as representatives of Clifton Gunderson, noted that the information provided in the CAFR does not differ but in format from financial information provided earlier in the year through the quarterly reports. The external auditor noted that the district earned an unqualified opinion, the cleanest financial statement offered, on its annual report and internal control audit. One finding was noted on page 148, regarding an amount of \$1,077.00 reported to the federal government, the process for which will be corrected for

2006. Among other areas, discussion covered charter school bond transactions, special education funding rules and regulations, and that the Jefferson County Treasurer's Office and smaller districts ask for copies of the Jeffco CAFR.

**CONCLUSION:** Board members requested that statements from the financial trend monitoring report be included in the introduction of the CAFR as a comprehensive overview of financial monitoring.

**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** At 1:40 p.m., the Board continued its open session in retreat with facilitators from the Colorado Association of School Boards.

**PURPOSE:** For the Board to discuss its governance, expectations and values as a Board of Education.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board discussed community expectations, its role in reflecting those expectations and how the Board holds the Superintendent accountable to meet the expectations. Legislative issues affecting the Board's work were discussed, including financing and the exercise of local control. The Board was guided through a discussion of its Ends policies and how responsive the policies are to the Board's work.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board agreed to schedule future meeting time to revise its Ends policies.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 11, 2007.

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Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on January 11, 2007.

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Secretary of the Board of Education

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President of the Board of Education