



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 12, 2007
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.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 7:42 a.m., the Board met in its entirety – Jane Barnes, President; Vince Chowdhury, First Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Second Vice President; Scott Benefield, Secretary; and, Hereford Percy, Treasurer – in study/dialogue session in the Seminar Room, Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Breaks were taken from 8:45 a.m. to 8:55 a.m., 9:55 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. A facilitator from the Colorado Association of School Boards was also present.

PURPOSE: For the Board to continue its review of the application of policy governance in Board work, in particular a review of executive limitation policies.

DISCUSSION: Board discussion covered previous revisions to executive limitation policies as well as how to orient new board members, Ends reports to the Board on the results of the work of staff, and the use of Board Ends statements instead of the budget to control results. Board members practiced how monitoring results and activities differ in providing outcomes for the community.

CONCLUSION: The Board of Education will continue its work to revise its policies, in particular its Ends policies in preparation for the development of the 2008 Strategic Plan; and, the executive limitation policies to better monitor the work of the superintendent and the district's performance to Board standards.

PURPOSE: For the Board to discuss the lobbyist position for Jefferson County Public Schools.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed its values as they relate to representation of Jeffco Public Schools' values at the Colorado Legislature. Staff provided information on the request for proposal (RFP) process to elicit proposals for professional lobbying services.

CONCLUSION: The Board of Education directed the superintendent to proceed with an RFP process to allow for professional firms and individuals to apply, to involve two

Board members (Jane Barnes and Vince Chowdhury), and Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) and Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) representation on a screening committee with finalist interviews held with the full Board and superintendent. In order to create legislative platform policy statements to help guide the work of the new lobbyist, the Board will review the Jeffco Legislative Forum's Statement of Principles as well as similar documents from the Boulder Valley School District and other school districts. The Board agreed to send a letter to Governor Ritter regarding Jeffco's lack of representation in his P-20 Council work.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for August 23, 2007.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on August 23, 2007.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education