



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 17, 2008
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.

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, President of the Board of Education, at 5:12 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado. A break was taken from 5:52 p.m. to 5:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated that the Board met in its entirety – Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; and, Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: The Board of Education met with members of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Oversight Committee and district staff.

DISCUSSION: The Board received the committee and staff reports on the work of the district's bond program as of November 2007. Staff reported that three-quarters of the program has been expended with 91 percent of projects complete. Work is on schedule and on budget. The committee members reported that projects have met stakeholders' expectations, staff has been very responsive to requests, and that equity among projects has been a top priority as much as possible. Community perceptions of projects in Wheat Ridge and Evergreen were discussed.

OUTCOME: There will be community communications on the status of projects in August 2008 and through the *Jeffco Quarterly*. Board members thanked the members of the CIP Oversight Committee for their continued good work on behalf of the district.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 5:56 p.m., the Board of Education received an update on the graduation requirements policy.

DISCUSSION: The superintendent reviewed feedback she had received from the Strategic Planning Advisory Council (SPAC) and students as well as reviewed the three options for electives that the Board reviewed earlier. After discussion, a majority of the

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Board directed the superintendent to include option two for one semester of health/wellness and physical education. Additional questions covered how to afford the new graduation requirements (placeholder in general assumption in budget), and how credit recovery will be accessed (many principals currently offer options to struggling students, progress monitoring offers opportunity to intervene before course failure, extended semester for some students, guided study halls, quarter credits, secondary reform efforts).

OUTCOME: There will be continued conversation on graduation requirements at the next regular Board meeting when the superintendent will bring final revisions to the meeting agenda for Board action. Scott Benefield will serve on the Financial Services RFP committee.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 24, 2008.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on June 5, 2008.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education