



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 22, 2008  
Seminar Room

Jefferson County School District R-1  
1829 Denver West Dr., Bldg. 27  
Golden, Colorado

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*Our mission: To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.*

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A special meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, President of the Board of Education, at 8:09 a.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that a quorum of the Board was present – Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; and, Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Sue Marinelli, Secretary, joined the meeting at 8:22 a.m. Dave Thomas, Second Vice President was absent.

### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION:**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (EL-17, COMMUNICATION AND COUNSEL TO THE BOARD):** Ed Bowditch, the district’s contract lobbyist, and members of the school district staff summarized proposed legislation and discussed it with the Board. Mr. Bowditch noted he will provide a weekly update, with new information in red type, hyperlinks to legislation, and priority bills at the beginning of the document.

The Governor’s alignment proposal was discussed along with other pending legislation.

**MOTION #1 (Take Positions on Legislation):** Upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Ms. Marinelli, the Board took positions: to support HB08-1027, Building Inspection Requirements for Educational Institutions; and, to monitor HB08-1011, Statute of Limitations Regarding Sexual Assaults Against Children; HB08-1021, Early Access to Educational Services; HB08-1159, Institute Charter Schools; SB08-21, English Language Proficiency; SB08-23, Establishment of Minimum Requirements for Graduation from High School; SB08-43, School Nutrition, with opposition to the accreditation portion; and, SB08-61, School Exit Exams.

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

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The Board will study documents to prepare a legislative platform statement. Discussion will continue at the regular Board meeting of February 7.

The Board agreed to begin its next special legislative meeting at 7:30 a.m. on January 29.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 24, 2008.

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Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on April 10, 2008.

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Secretary of the Board of Education

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President of the Board of Education