



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 24, 2008
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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: In the Seminar Room at 5:12 p.m., upon motion by Dave Thomas, seconded by Jane Barnes (via speakerphone), the Board of Education unanimously agreed to meet in executive session to seek legal advice on specific legal matter, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b). The Board reconvened in open session at 5:58 p.m.

1. PRELIMINARY

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, president of the Board of Education, at 6:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, January 24, 2008.
02. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Benefield welcomed the audience.
03. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Mr. Benefield, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.
04. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety - Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President (by speaker phone); Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; and Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

Mr. Thomas was excused from the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

05. APPROVE AGENDA:

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

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

2. **HONORS AND RECOGNITION:** The Honorable Troy A. Eid, United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, presented Board member Dave Thomas with a plaque for his outstanding service as former executive director for the Colorado District Attorney's Council. Mr. Thomas is now in private practice.

Members of the girls' cross-country team from Dakota Ridge High School, along with their coach Mike Callor, were recognized for winning the 2007 state cross-country championship.

Members of the boys' cross-country team from Wheat Ridge High School, along with their coach Scott Chamberlain, were recognized for winning the 2007 state cross-country championship.

Alexa Rogers, Dakota Ridge High School; Evan Appel, Wheat Ridge High School; Kevin Williams, D'Evelyn High School and his coach, Micah Porter, were recognized for placing first in their individual cross-country races.

3. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:**

Mr. Thomas attended the Jefferson articulation area meeting at Stevens Elementary.

Members of the Board attended the West Chamber Inaugural Luncheon.

Ms. Marinelli updated the Board on the work she has been doing with the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) on early childhood education and preparing for the national conference in Washington, D.C. Ms. Marinelli also noted her work with the compensation study team.

Ms. Barnes and Ms. Marinelli attended a reception for the Jefferson County Public Library.

Mr. Chowdhury attended a community meeting hosted by the state legislators.

Mr. Chowdhury shared information on the article he submitted to Your Hub newspaper appealing to the community to be involved with K-12 education.

Ms. Barnes commented on her work with the compensation study team and updated the Board on her work with the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) and actions taken at the retreat. She also thanked fellow board members for allowing her to be present through a conference call for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Benefield reported that the Board had spent time going through pending legislation that is being presented at the State Legislature.

Mr. Benefield attended the grand opening for the new Staples store in Golden.

Dr. Stevenson updated the Board on her meetings with school staff.

4. PUBLIC AGENDA:

01. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Public correspondence received by the Board was made available for public perusal.

02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Kelly Mossholder, Kevin Jones, Randy Hall, Mollie Beall, Jim Foster, Susan Simons - addressed the Board regarding the future of the floral and landscape program at Warren Tech.

Scott Smith – addressed the Board regarding the change to the physical education requirement in the revised graduation requirements.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION #2 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented: 5.01, Sale of Right-of-Way for County Highway 73 at West Transportation Terminal (EL-7); 5.02, Supplemental Funds-Grant for Artificial Turf Field at Golden High School (EL-7, 8); 5.03, Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education to New America School (EL-6); 5.04, Supplemental Funds-Colorado Parent and Child Foundation to Family Literacy (EL-6); 5.05, Application to the City of Lakewood for Fees-in-Lieu-of Land Dedications (EL-6, 7); 5.06, Approval of Amendment to the Supplemental Retirement Pension Plan (EL-7) (Attachment A); 5.07, Medical Plan Benefits for 2008/09 (EL-6).

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

6. ENDS DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING AGENDA:

01. REPORT ON GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS REVISIONS (ENDS 1):

MOTION #3 (Approve Graduation Requirements Revisions): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, a majority of the Board voted to approve the revisions to graduation requirements for Jefferson County Public Schools' graduates beginning with the class of 2013.

Aye: Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Thomas

Nay: Ms. Barnes, Mr. Benefield

7. DISCUSSION AGENDA: There were no items for discussion.

8. STATUTUORY REQUIREMENTS AGENDA:

01. PUBLIC HEARING – CHARTER RENEWAL – COMPASS MONTESSORI-GOLDEN (EL-13, CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION AND MONITORING): Representatives from Compass Montessori-Golden were present to answer questions from the Board regarding the renewal application.

02. PUBLIC HEARING – CHARTER RENEWAL – WOODROW WILSON ACADEMY (EL-13, CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION AND MONITORING): Representatives from Woodrow Wilson Academy were present to answer questions from the Board regarding the renewal application.

9. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the special and regular meeting agendas of January 29, 31, and February 7, 2008.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, February 7, 2008.

Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

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

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education

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

Allen Taggart
School District Attorney

I hereby attest that the portion of this executive session for which 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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Scott D. Benefield

President

Attachment A – resolution, amendment #2 to Supplemental Retirement Pension Plan