



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 31, 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.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: A majority of the Board met – Scott Benefield, President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; and, Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer - in study/dialogue session at 4:05 p.m. in the Seminar Room at the Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cindy Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Jane Barnes, First Vice President; and, Dave Thomas, Second Vice President, were absent and excused from the meeting. A break was taken from 6:08 p.m. to 6:26 p.m.

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to review a schedule of future discussion topics and community engagements to further the Board's work to lead the district in fulfillment of its Ends policies.

DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed the list of topics generated that members would like to discuss and community groups they would like to meet with over the next two years as they related to the Board's job description (GP-4) and Ends policies 1, 2 and 3.

CONCLUSION: The superintendent will work with staff to schedule topics of discussion as directed by the Board.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: The Board continued in study/dialogue session at 5:15 p.m.

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education to hold its annual public engagement session with the officers of the board of directors of the Jefferson County Administrators' Association (JCAA).

DISCUSSION: The Board received an overview of the work of JCAA, in support of administrators, which includes representation on compensation committees, networking and training opportunities, and lobbying efforts at the state level. JCAA is composed of 300 members with a 30 member board. As the superintendent has increased her focus on principal and leadership professional development, JCAA has been redefining its

support of administrators. Participation is approximately 85 percent school-based and 50 percent central administrators.

Other topics of discussion covered a possible November election, support for the Budgeting for Results (BFR) process and proposals due to the additional supports made available to classrooms, thanks for negotiations efforts and the change to probationary teachers, and the effectiveness of instructional coaches in schools (supports principals, the I²a project and other progress monitoring, helps with teacher turnover, new teachers, professional development within schools, secondary reform efforts, department meetings' focus on instruction not management issues).

CONCLUSION: The Board requested that the information on instructional coaches be shared again with the entire Board at a future meeting. The Board thanked the officers of the JCAA for sharing this time with them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board met in executive session at 6:26 p.m.

MOTION #1 (Move to Executive Session): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Chowdhury, it was approved to move into executive session to discuss negotiations pursuant to C.R.S.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 7, 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