



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 21, 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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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 5 p.m., the Board of Education met in the Seminar Room to hear the appeal of the decision regarding the expulsion of a student at Columbine High School.

**CALL TO ORDER:** A special meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, President of the Board of Education, at 6:04 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado. A break was taken from 7:25 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

**APPEAL OF DECISION REGARDING EXPULSION OF A STUDENT – COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL:** The Board postponed its decision on the expulsion to February 28, 2008 at 7 a.m.

**AWARD OF CONTRACT: K-6 MATHEMATICS PROGRAM: INVESTIGATIONS IN NUMBER, DATA, AND SPACE; AND, THE CONNECTED MATHEMATICS PROJECT 2 (EL-5, 7):**

**MOTION #1 (Approve Award of Contract):** Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the contract award for K-6 Mathematics program: Investigations in Number, Data and Space; and, The Connected Mathematics Program 2.

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

**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** The Board of Education met to receive a presentation on the district's instructional coaching program.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board received a detailed presentation from Debbie Backus, chief academic officer; and Priscilla Straughn, executive director of the Department for Learning and Educational Achievement (DLEA). Additionally, discussion included the views of principals from each level, first year teachers, other DLEA administrators, and Cabinet. Discussion covered how the teacher workload summer 2007 solutions group requested full time instructional coaches, how instructional coaches work with teachers, how they are evaluated, benefits to full time versus half time, first year teacher support, principal support, and training of instructional coaches. Most elementary and middle schools have half-time instructional coaches; high schools have full time instructional coaches since passage of the 2004 mill levy override election.

**OUTCOME:** The Board is better informed on how instructional coaches work to support student achievement.

**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** At 7:30 p.m., the Board of Education discussed the possibility of student advisors to the Board of Education.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board and superintendent reviewed with district legal counsel possible parameters to student involvement in Board work as a student advisor to the Board of Education. Board expectations and student responsibilities were discussed.

**OUTCOME:** Scott Benefield will work on a draft proposal to bring to the Board at a future meeting for discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:55 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board unanimously agreed to move into executive session to seek advice of legal counsel on a specific legal matter, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board reconvened in open session and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for March 6, 2008.

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Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

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

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Secretary of the Board of Education

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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.

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Alex Halpern  
Board of Education Attorney

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.

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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