



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 6, 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.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: A majority of the Board of Education met in the Seminar Room at 5:09 p.m. in study/dialogue session. Jane Barnes was excused from the meeting.

PURPOSE: Board of Education reviewed the second Quarter Financial Report with members of the Financial Oversight Committee and an auditor from Clifton Gunderson.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussion covered the charter schools, the district's Financial Services award to Clifton Gunderson, debt service, Food Services, school carry-forwards, school discretionary funds, risk management, childcare and preschool funds. A statement was shared with the Board from the members of the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) regarding district monitoring of compensation, building improvements through the capital improvement program, and the work of the compensation study team.

OUTCOME: The Board members thanked the volunteer members of the FOC for their oversight work on behalf of the community and district. The study/dialogue session adjourned 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 6:06 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, March 6, 2008. Recess was held from 7:55-8:05 p.m.

02. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Benefield welcomed the audience and acknowledged the musical performance by students at Miller Special School, led by Leslie Iams.

03. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Mr. Benefield, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

04. **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. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

Jane Barnes, First Vice President, was excused from the meeting.

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

2. **HONORS AND RECOGNITION:** Candace Ballantyne, teacher-librarian at Governor's Ranch Elementary, was honored for her achievement of National Board Certification in Library Media/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood. She is Jeffco's second teacher-librarian nationally certified and one of only eight statewide.

The Jefferson Foundation was honored along with participants in the mentoring program "Jobs for America's Graduates" which is involved with over 100 Jeffco students at Arvada, Jefferson and Standley Lake high schools.

3. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Mr. Benefield reminded the audience of three events: County Student Council's Senior Prom March 8, 2-5 p.m., Bear Creek K-8 School; Equity Art Show, in the lobby through April; Elementary Art Show, Red Rocks Community College through March 28.

Mr. Thomas mentioned a publication he read regarding Choice Enrollment that complimented Jeffco Public Schools on its policy. He also shared a parent guide he received while out of town.

Ms. Marinelli attended the groundbreaking at Evergreen Middle School. She also participated in Read Across America at Foothills Elementary.

Mr. Chowdhury commented on a conversation he had with a family at Dakota Ridge High School about their experiences with Jeffco Public Schools.

Mr. Benefield met with a student at Conifer High School regarding a student advisor position to the Board of Education.

4. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**

01. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Public correspondence received by the Board was made available for public perusal.
02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Bill Carwin, Kyler Newmann, Paul Langlois, Deborah Adams, Anna Dienstfrei, Julianne Bird, Becky Garber – Urged the Board not to discontinue the Horticulture program at Warren Tech.
03. **PUBLIC HEARING-PUBLIC INPUT CONCERNING HOPE ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY LEARNING CENTERS:** Heather Omara – Shared information with the Board regarding Hope Online Learning Academy and answered questions regarding the memorandum of understanding.

MOTION #2 (Approve Hope/Jeffco MOU): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the items on the memorandum of understanding between Hope Online Learning Academy and Jeffco Public Schools as presented. (Attachment A)

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

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

MOTION #3 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Chowdhury, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented: 5.01, Policy Governance Monitoring Report EL-5; 5.02, Board Policy for Study-EL-5, Financial Planning/Budgeting; 5.03, Capital Improvement Program Oversight Committee (EL-8); 5.04, Board Approval of Learning Resource Materials Recommended for Use in Jefferson County Public Schools (EL-11); 5.05, Attendance Area Alignment-Saddlebrook, Ralston Valley; 5.06, Employment (EL-3); 5.07, Administrative Appointments (EL-3); 5.08, Resignations/Terminations (EL-3); 5.09, Supplemental Funds-Department of Local Affairs to Standley Lake High School (EL-6); 5.10, Contract Award: Integrated Transportation System (EL-7); 5.11, Contract Award: Toshiba Copiers (EL-5); 5.12, Contract Award: West Jefferson Middle School, Electrical, Lighting, Art, and Chemical Storage Improvements (EL-7); 5.13, Contract Award: Evergreen Middle School Addition/Renovation (EL-7); 5.14, Contract Renewal: Motor Vehicle Fuels (EL-7); 5.15, Donation: Warren Tech (EL-7).

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

6. **ENDS DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING AGENDA:**

01. **ENDS REPORT: EXPANSION OF WARREN TECH TO THE ARVADA WEST GALLERIA (ENDS 3):** Rick Myles, community superintendent; Joe Shaw, principal of Warren Tech; and, Rosemary Peterson, counselor on special assignment, presented the Board of Education with an update on the progress of the expansion of Warren Tech to the Arvada West Galleria facility scheduled to open Fall 2009.

02. ENDS REPORT: DROPOUT PREVENTION AND RECOVERY (ENDS 3):

Rick Myles, community superintendent; Jeremy Felker, director of Student Data Services; Debbie Staten, director of Student Outreach; Tammy Weatherly, director of Secondary Reform; Dave Kollar, project coordinator in Student Services; and, Kenlyn Newman, administrator on special assignment, presented the Board of Education with information on the potential for a Office of Dropout Prevention and Recovery.

7. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:** No discussion items scheduled.
8. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the Board Work Calendar and the agendas for the special meetings of March 11, 13, 18, and 20, 2008.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, April 10, 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

Attachment A: Memorandum of Understanding-HOPE Online Learning Academy