



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 11, 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 3:02 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado. A majority of the Board was present – Scott Benefield, President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Jane Barnes, First Vice President, joined the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** The Board of Education met in the Seminar Room in study/dialogue session for its annual community engagement meeting with the members of the Classified School Employees Association (CSEA).

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to receive an update on the support service areas from the CSEA executive board members.

**DISCUSSION:** The custodial, maintenance, mechanics, office professionals, para-professionals, and food services leaders described the level of work as well as current and future challenges to district support personnel. The Board discussed how an estimated million dollars would be the trade-off to address the requested personnel needs in these areas.

**OUTCOME:** The Board members thanked the leaders of the employee groups for sharing the information and perspective with members.

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (EL-17, COMMUNICATION AND COUNSEL TO THE BOARD):** At 4:05 p.m., Ed Bowditch, the district's contract lobbyist, and members of the school district staff summarized proposed legislation and discussed it with the Board. The Board determined there was no need to revise any previous positions on pending legislation.

The Board agreed on topics of discussion for the March 18 meeting with Jeffco legislators: school finance, CSAP testing and any other pending legislation. The Board requested that the superintendent provide information on the Colorado Department of Education's new accreditation system at a future Board study/dialogue session.

The Board of Education took a break at 5:04 p.m. to 5:35 p.m. and continued its meeting in the Board Room.

**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** The Board of Education met in the Board Room in study/dialogue session.

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to meet in community engagement with the members of the Strategic Planning Advisory Council (SPAC).

**DISCUSSION:** Meeting in small groups with attending members of the SPAC, the Board members discussed three questions to address future work of the Board: 1) What skills will students need for jobs we don't know will exist; 2) How can we tell if a child is a continual learner; and, 3) What does a global perspective mean to you?

**OUTCOME:** The Board members will take the information gathered to hone their Ends 1 policy, "All students explore and develop their potential as productive global citizens in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century environment." (Attachment A)

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 10, 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

Attachment A – SPAC Public Engagement Table Results