



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 13, 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.

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, President of the Board of Education, at 5:07 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety – Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; and, Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, superintendent, represented the administration. A break was taken from 6:19 p.m. to 6:32 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Ms. Barnes, the Board unanimously agreed to move into executive session to seek advice of legal counsel, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b). The Board reconvened in open session at 5:29 p.m.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 5:29 p.m., the Board met to discuss student advisors to the Board of Education.

PURPOSE: For the Board to review a draft application and job description developed by Mr. Benefield on student advisors to the Board of Education.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed what number of students should advise the Board and whether student advisors should align with a director district, required grade point average (GPA), required attendance, whether advisors will vote on issues, information shared with advisors, when to begin and how long the terms for the advisor program.

CONCLUSION: The Board agreed to five student advisors aligned with Board member districts, students should have a 2.5 GPA and will not be voting on matters before the Board. The program will begin in fall 2008 with the following terms: district 1/two year, district 2/one year, district 3/ two year, district 4/one year, district 5/two year. Deadline for applications will be April 30. The language addressing the role of the Board President will be revised. The Board will continue its discussion to fine tune

other topics, including: documents shared with students and required attendance versus topic-driven attendance for meetings.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 6:32 p.m., the Board met in study/dialogue session.

PURPOSE: For the Board to review and discuss the 2008-2009 budget projections and assumptions and the budget development process as follow-up to its February 12, 2008 discussion.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed changes to special education staffing, new assumptions including 2.2 percent inflation (CPI), revenues, compensation and non-compensation items. The superintendent reviewed mill levy override history, district reductions (\$25 million 1999 mill levy override, \$23.6 million reductions 2002/03 through 2004/05) and shared that the only reductions restored after the 2004 mill levy override were those that directly impacted students. The Board reviewed reductions for 2008/09 and the ongoing and one-time funding recommendations.

CONCLUSION: The Board gave clear direction to staff to build an executive summary draft budget for the purposes of community input and public hearings. The superintendent will provide information on the number of students who opt-in to Jeffco who are given special education services.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 10, 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

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

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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).

Scott D. Benefield

President