



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 22, 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.

ROLL CALL: At 8:02 a.m., a majority of the Board was present – Scott Benefield, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; and, Vince Chowdhury, Treasurer. Dave Thomas, Second Vice President was excused from the meeting. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. A break was taken from 9:00 a.m. to 9:06 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The Board of Education met with the district lobbyist, Ed Bowditch, to review pending legislation.

MOTION #1 (Support HB08-1357, Align State and Federal Educational Assessments): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Benefield, the motion failed.

Aye: Mr. Benefield, Ms. Marinelli
Nay: Ms. Barnes
Abstain: Mr. Chowdhury

MOTION #2 (Oppose Portion of Penry Amendment): Upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Benefield, the Board agreed to oppose the portion of the Penry amendment language on e-pass tests, and in its place to suggest, tests are to be determined once standards are in place.

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

MOTION #3 (Support Intent of Romanoff/Johnson Proposal): Upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Benefield, the Board agreed to support the intent of the Romanoff/Johnson proposal to address TABOR and Amendment 23 financial issues.

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

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 9:06 a.m., the Board received an update from staff on the new public website design.

DISCUSSION: As part of the follow up to the recommendations of the communications audit, the Communications Services department has worked to make the external website more user friendly to the public. The Board was informed that the new public website (new URL: jeffcopublicschools.org) would be launched mid-May 2008 with a soft launch with employees May 1. Three prototypes were developed and useability tests were conducted with parents, students and community members. Quick links were identified by what people said they needed most, Google search capability is available for the contents of the Jeffco site, and a navigation bar is standard on the left. School websites will not change as they meet their audience needs. A Budgeting for Results (BFR) proposal for 2008-09 will fund staffing for upkeep of the website.

OUTCOME: Board members were informed of the change to the district's external website.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for May 1, 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