



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 5, 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.*

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**STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION:** A majority of the Board of Education met at 5 p.m. in the Seminar Room with members of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) oversight committee. Sue Marinelli joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

**PURPOSE:** For the Board of Education to receive an update on the bond program and an evaluation of the work of district staff in supporting the 2005-2010 bond program with members of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) oversight committee.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff reviewed a report of their work with the Board. Discussion included questions on program contingencies, Weber Elementary and Creighton Middle School. New committee member, Phillip Infelise, was welcomed with other members of the CIP committee. The CIP committee reported they have been favorably impressed by the responsiveness of staff in tough decisions regarding Wheat Ridge High School, have been called upon to mediate issues with school communities and when surplus funds are requested on projects. Overall, the committee agreed the Jeffco community should be impressed with the product it is receiving from the bond funds.

Discussion included a proposed bond, the increase in costs associated with building and remodeling facilities, the needs across the district for facility upgrades or maintenance, renovations for the Long View/Johnson programs on the Warren Tech campus, Brady Exploration School, athletic facilities, and classroom technology upgrades.

**OUTCOME:** The Board members thanked the volunteer members of the CIP oversight committee for their continued work on behalf of the community and Board of Education.

1. **PRELIMINARY**

01. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, president of the Board of Education, at 6:03 p.m. in the Board

Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, June 5, 2008. Recess was held from 7:35-7:43 p.m.

02. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Benefield welcomed the audience.
03. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Mr. Benefield, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.
04. **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.

05. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as revised, with the removal of Consent Agenda item 6.19, Recommendation for Dismissal of a Teacher – B. Svendsen, and renumbering Consent Agenda items as necessary.

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

2. **HONORS AND RECOGNITION AND SCHOOL REPORTS:** Former State Senator Norma Anderson and former Arvada Mayor Ken Fellman addressed the Board on the citizen effort to support Jeffco Public Schools.

Members of the Green Mountain community addressed the Board regarding the need for a bond issue and mill levy override for improvements at Green Mountain High School.

Members of the Evergreen community addressed the Board regarding the need for a bond issue and mill levy override for improvements to schools in the Conifer and Evergreen areas.

Members of the South Jeffco and athletics community addressed the Board regarding the need for artificial turf at Jeffco high schools.

The Board of Education honored students whose art has been purchased by the district for its collection of student art. The works will be displayed in the Board room for one year. The following students were honored: Kaitlin Askelson, Conifer High School, *Geisha*; Julia Bingham, West Jefferson Middle, *The Depth of Song*; Taylor Fukui, Falcon Bluffs Middle School, *Pandas*; Quanta Gauld, Wheat Ridge High School, *Tunnel Vision*; Nathan Gravelding, Maple Grove Elementary, *Tree in the Mountains*; Kinsey Greve,

Bergen Meadow Elementary, *Two Zebras*; Audrey Twigg, Arvada High School, *Exist 2*; and, Grace Zitoli, Miller Special, *Ring Painting*.

Kathleen Askelson, director of Accounting; and Lisa Anderson, manager of General Accounting, were recognized for being awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

Mona Sandoval, executive director of The Jefferson Foundation; Nancy Hoffmaster, founder of Serving Kids; and Mary McNeil, executive director of the Jefferson County Administrators Association (JCAA), shared information with the Board of Education about the serving kids program and honored all of its volunteers.

3. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**

01. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Public correspondence received by the Board was made available for public perusal.

02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ed Reffitt – Advised the Board of his opposition to a tax increase.

Sharon Edelen – Requested copies and an explanation of the I<sup>2</sup>a test results for her students. Ms. Backus and Ms. Kastberg met with Ms. Edelen to address her requests.

Applewood Valley Association – Requested information from the Board regarding the plan for improvements at Stober Elementary.

4. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Members of the Board attended Jeffco High School graduations.

Ms. Barnes shared her recent personal experiences related to job experiences for students in her travels with the Navy.

5. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:** There were no discussion agenda items at this time.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION #2 (Approve Consent Agenda):** Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

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

01. **REPORT ON COMPENSATION STUDY TEAM:** Ms. Barnes and Ms. Marinelli, along with members of the Compensation Study Team, updated the Board on the ongoing work of the Compensation Study Team.

**8. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AGENDA:**

01. **ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATION OF THE 2008-2009 BUDGET IN COMPLIANCE WITH C.R.S. 22-44-107 (EL-5):**

MOTION #3 (Approve 2008-2009 Budget): Upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to adopt the resolution for the adoption and appropriation of the 2008-2009 budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009. (Attachment A)

02. **SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 (EL-5):**

MOTION #4 (Approve Supplemental Appropriation): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to adopt the resolution for the supplemental appropriation of funds and budget adjustments for fiscal year 2007-2008 as provided in the resolution and background material. (Attachment B)

9. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the Board Work Calendar and the agenda topics likely scheduled for the regular meeting of August 21, 2008. The special meeting of August 28 was cancelled.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

MOTION #5 (Move to Executive Session): At 8:24 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Thomas, it was unanimous to move into executive session to seek advice of legal counsel on a specific legal issue.

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:39 p.m. at which time Mr. Benefield reviewed Board protocols with members of the Board.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, August 21, 2008.

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Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

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Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on August 21, 2008.

*Susan A. Marinelli*

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Secretary of the Board of Education

*Scott Benfield*

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President of the Board of Education

Attachment A: Resolution - Adoption and Appropriation of the 2008-09 Budget

Attachment B: Resolution - Supplemental Appropriation for 2007-08