



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 18, 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 met – Scott Benefield, President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; and Sue Marinelli, Secretary - in study/dialogue session at 4:05 p.m. in the Seminar Room at Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cindy Stevenson, superintendent, represented the administration. Jane Barnes, First Vice President, joined the meeting at 4:12 p.m. Breaks occurred from 4:55 p.m. to 5:12 p.m., 5:24 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 7:31 p.m. to 7:37 p.m.

PURPOSE: The Board met to interview the applicants for the open director district 5 seat.

DISCUSSION: The Board was informed that three applicants withdrew their application: Spencer Larkin, Charles Marquez and Tina Francone. The following applicants responded in 15 minutes to three questions provided in advance, one confidential question and a final statement: Jamie Adler Rodriguez, Larry Eigel, Mary Everson, Susan Settanni, Paula Noonan, Alonzo Rodriguez and Richard Rush. The Board conducted four interviews prior to and three following the regular business meeting. Questions addressed community work, the district's strengths and opportunities for change, role of the school board and policy governance.

CONCLUSION: The interviews continued following the regular meeting. At the conclusion of the interviews, Board members listed one at a time, taking turns, each member's top three choices of candidates. The top candidates were Paula Noonan, Richard Rush, Mary Everson, Jamie Adler Rodriguez and Susan Settanni. Applicants with more than one mention of support will be invited for a final 20 minute interview on October 2: Mary Everson, Paula Noonan, Rick Rush. The Board will determine final questions.

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, September 18, 2008.
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. 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, removing Consent Agenda items 6.04 Policy Governance Monitoring Report EL-6, Financial Administration; and 6.06 Policy Governance Monitoring Report EL-8, Facilities, to the October 2 meeting agenda; and, 6.15, Contract Award: Motor Vehicle Fuels to Discussion agenda item 7.02.

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

2. **HONORS, RECOGNITION AND SCHOOL REPORTS:** Coach Shane Freehling and members of the Ralston Valley High School boys' baseball team were recognized for winning the 4A state baseball championship last spring.

The Board of Education recognized Emily Blok, Conifer High School, and her coach, Nancy Kacz. Ms. Blok won 4A state titles in the 100, 200, and 400 meter runs and was also named the *Colorado Gatorade Athlete of the Year* for girls track.

The Board of Education recognized Columbine High School teacher Cheryl Mosier for receiving the Colorado 2007 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Jan Clopton, executive director of Transportation, was recognized for being selected as the 2007-08 Administrator of the Year by the executive board of the Colorado State Pupil Transportation Association at its annual awards ceremony last June.

Members of the district's Emergency Response Crisis Management Team: Betsy Thompson, Gregg Bramblett, and Pam Mahana, were recognized for receiving the Citizen Recognition Award from West Metro Fire Rescue for the district's partnership

and commitment to safety and fire prevention in its schools and for helping to ensure the safety of Jeffco's children

3. **COUNTY STUDENT COUNCIL:** Members of the County Student Council presented the Board with an update on their activities.
4. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** There were no comments at this time.
5. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**

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

02. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Michelle Haney, Red Rocks Community College – Provided the Board of Education with information on Amendment 50.

Jeff Gehling, Devin O'Brien, Rob Nelson, Conifer High School Students – Addressed the Board with their concerns about the cafeteria seating at Conifer High School.

Linda Sasenick, Jeff Sacco, Golden – Thanked the Superintendent for changing the location of the Johnson Program. They also requested community notice from the district when a new facility will be built in a neighborhood.

Wendy Anderson, Janice Hastings – Presented the Board with a proposal for the school calendar and a five-day week. Several other community members stood in support of a later start date.

Shirley Whaley, Paulette Young Hiss – Spoke to the Board of Education in favor of the start date for the 2008-09 school year.

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 revised: 6.01, Selected Books for Elementary School Libraries in Jefferson County Public Schools (EL-1, Global Executive Constraint); 6.02., Loan Request-Mountain Phoenix Community School (EL-13, Charter Schools Application and Monitoring); 6.03., Charter School Applications-Global Outreach Charter Academy, LOTUS School for Excellence, MAST Learning Academy (EL-13, Charter Schools Application and Monitoring); 6.05., Board Policy for Study-EL-6, Financial Administration; 6.06., Board Policy for Study-EL-8, Facilities; 6.07., Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.08., Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.09., Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment); 6.10, Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education

Title X McKinney-Vento, Homeless Program (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.11, Supplemental Funds-Colorado Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.12., Supplemental Funds-Jefferson Foundation, Mile High United Way, Department for Learning and Educational Achievement (DLEA) (EL-6, Financial Administration); 6.13, Supplemental Funds-U.S. Department of Education, Department for Learning and Educational Achievement (DLEA) (EL-6, Financial Administration).

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

7. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

01. **NOVEMBER BALLOT ISSUES:**

MOTION #3 (Support Amendment 58): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, a majority of the Board voted to support Amendment 58, Severance Tax.

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

MOTION #4 (Support Amendment 59): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to support Amendment 59, Education funding.

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

MOTION #5 (Support Referendum O): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Ms. Barnes, it was unanimous to support Referendum O, Initiative Petition Requirements.

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

02. **CONTRACT AWARD: MOTOR VEHICLE FUELS (EL-5):**

MOTION #6 (Approve Contract Award: Fuel): Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Ms. Barnes, it was unanimous to approve the contract award for fuel.

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

8. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** There was no discussion at this time.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The Board continued its interviews of

the remaining three applicants for the open seat in director district 5 in the Seminar Room at 7:37 p.m. with adjournment at 8:57 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, October 2, 2008.

Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on October 2, 2008.

Susan A. Marinelli

Secretary of the Board of Education

Scott Benfield

President of the Board of Education