



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 2, 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: A majority of the Board of Education – Scott Benefield, President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; and Richard Rush, Treasurer – met for a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room at Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cindy Stevenson, superintendent, represented the administration. Jane Barnes, First Vice President, was absent at roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:02 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, second by Dave Thomas, the Board adjourned to executive session to seek the advice of legal counsel on a specific legal matter, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b). Jane Barnes joined the Board in executive session at 6:03 p.m.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: The Board reconvened in open session at 6:30 p.m. and took a break. At 6:38 p.m., the Board met in the Seminar Room for a study/dialogue session.

PURPOSE: The Board met to continue planning the 2009/2010 budget development process.

DISCUSSION: The Board determined its initial non-negotiables for budget reductions as kindergarten-third grade class size not to exceed the top of the range in the first year of reductions; implementation of increase graduation requirements including sustaining two years of world language; progress monitoring and associated professional development for teachers; dropout prevention efforts; and progress toward a Warren Tech North. Staff reported on the second round of budget workgroup reductions.

The Board also discussed its community meetings in January, in particular what information to handout and data collection. Additionally, the Board requested that a study group be formed to investigate the district's facility useage. Denver and Littleton school district processes will be considered.

CONCLUSION: The Board members will continue aspects of their discussion on December 6 at a special meeting. The superintendent will provide the information requested by the Board for the December 6 discussions, prepare handouts for the Board's January 3 and 10 'Challenges and Choices' community budget meetings and the website. Board members will submit names of community members by December 11 for inclusion on a facility useage study group. The district will advertise for the two openings on the Financial Oversight Committee through a press release and the website.

The Board confirmed its topics of discussion for December 6 to include: committee assignments, data gathering and sharing at community budget meetings and continued budget process discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 11, 2008.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on December 11, 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

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