



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 22, 2009
Seminar and 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.

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting was called to order by Scott Benefield, president of the Board of Education, at 5:05 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, January 22, 2009. A break was taken from 6:07 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present—Scott Benefield, President; Dave Thomas, Second Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Secretary; and, Rick Rush, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Jane Barnes joined the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon motion by Ms. Marinelli, seconded by Dave Thomas, the Board unanimously agreed to move into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(F)(I) and to seek advice of legal counsel on specific legal questions, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 6:15 p.m. in the Board room, the Board met in open study/dialogue session.

PURPOSE: The Board met to continue its discussion on the budget development process for 2009/2010 and to provide the superintendent with preliminary direction related to school staffing.

DISCUSSION: The superintendent presented responses to questions from the Board president received earlier for the benefit of the entire Board. The chief financial officer reviewed Cabinet recommendations on year one reductions and members of Cabinet responded to Board questions. Discussion covered Board core values in budget development, staffing allocations and ranges at levels, salary freeze, workload relief, information technology supports, and the management and evaluation of instructional coaches.

Staff responded to questions of the Board and FOC members related to the CAFR.

CONCLUSION: The Board members directed the superintendent to prepare to implement all Cabinet reduction recommendations with the exception of a \$61,000 reduction to Fleet Maintenance. The Board will review Budgeting For Results proposal at a later date in February.

PURPOSE: At 7:40 p.m., the Board continued its study/dialogue session in the Board Room with its student advisors, Aaron Fernandez, Megan Reid, Meghann Forey, Trevor Kalkus and Beau Loendorf.

DISCUSSION: The Board and students discussed impacts of budget reductions and feedback from students on proposed reductions. Discussion covered Outdoor Lab experiences, electives, custodial duties, option school busing, reaction to soda machine changes, energy savings. Future topics of discussion may include: graduation requirements; closed campus; improving dropout rate; Group/team work that worked; preparation for student transition times (elementary to middle school, middle school to high school, high school to college).

CONCLUSION: The Board members thanked the student advisors and asked that they return in February to discuss: what would make a difference for 9th graders.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 29, 2009.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on February 12, 2009.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education