



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 14, 2013
Library
Wheat Ridge High School
9505 W. 32nd Ave.
Wheat Ridge, Colorado

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.

1. Preliminary

1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Ken Witt, President of the Board of Education, in the library of Wheat Ridge High School, 9505 W. 32nd Ave., Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Saturday, December 14, 2013.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that Board was present in its entirety – Ken Witt, President; Julie Williams, First Vice President; Lesley Dahlkemper, Second Vice President; John Newkirk, Secretary; and, Jill Fellman, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Breaks were taken from 8:56 a.m. to 9:14 a.m., 10:35 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., 11:40 a.m. to 12:25 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

1.04 Approve Agenda

Board President Ken Witt provided a copy of the signed engagement letter with the Law Office of Brad A. Miller to members of the Board of Education and superintendent. (Attachment A)

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Good Board Work: Norms, Priorities and Goals

PURPOSE: For the Board of Education and superintendent to discuss issues shared in prior comments with the facilitator regarding norms of behavior, Board priorities, academic goals and upcoming Board work for 2013-2014.

DISCUSSION: Wheat Ridge Principal Griff Wirth welcomed the group and was thanked for hosting the Board of Education. Discussion began with leaders of the three employee associations sharing their greatest hopes/worst fears for the new Board and what they see as the Board's role.

Points were shared regarding what makes an effective school board and challenges faced by board members to that end. The Board discussed norms, meeting agendas and district legal counsel addressed student privacy concerns in a meeting held in public and allowable content of public comments taken by the Board.

Board President Ken Witt had provided a copy of the signed engagement letter with the Law Office of Brad A. Miller to members of the Board of Education and superintendent. Comments shared included board members could find Mr. Miller's resume, etc. on his website, terms the Board doesn't like can be renegotiated, fees are reasonable and customary, and the agreement will not be brought to the January Consent agenda for approval. (Attachment A)

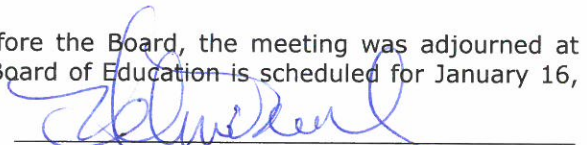
The Board affirmed its Ends policies and discussed interim goals for Board Ends policies 1-3 related to student achievement.

Immediate items for Board work were discussed including the superintendent search, STEM program for 6th grade at Deer Creek Middle School, Choice and Enrollment Steering Committee, and the community advisory budget committee process.

CONCLUSION: The Board set norms and revised its Ends policies 1-3 to include measurable goals related to third grade reading, fourth grade math, writing at all levels, advanced learners in reading/writing/math, and college remediation rate. The Board agreed the superintendent could proceed with sending notice to Chatfield area families of 5th graders for choice enrollment to the Deer Creek Middle School 6th grade STEM program. Board members agreed with the establishment of a Choice and Enrollment Steering Committee with a report to the Board by March 31, 2014; and, to send the name of their appointee to Helen Neal by December 20. The Board directed the superintendent to use the Strategic Planning and Advisory Council (SPAC) as the district's community advisory budget development committee instead of the Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee outlined in the December 12 study session. (Attachment B)


4. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 16, 2014.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on January 16, 2014.



Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education

Attachment A – Engagement Letter with the Law Office of Brad A. Miller
Attachment B – Retreat Notes