

**JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-1  
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**

I move that the Board of Education direct the superintendent to continue meeting with the SPAC committee as a district level committee; that the Board update policy GP-13 to accurately reflect that the SPAC is a district committee; and, that the Board adopt the District Accountability Committee resolution as amended and read into the record.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that in an increasingly competitive and uncertain world it is critical that students graduate from Jefferson County schools ready for college and careers;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has concluded that the percentage of Jefferson County students meeting the college and career ready standards on the ACT test taken by all students in Colorado is not acceptable;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Schools is in the process of implementing a new strategy, which will require considerable support to District management from the members of the District's Strategic Planning Advisory Council, which was originally established for this purpose;

WHEREAS, in 2009 the state of Colorado established District Accountability Committees to advise boards of education (in coordination with School Accountability Committees) on issues related to improved achievement, including the annual diagnosis of root causes, formulation of major improvement initiatives, alignment of budgets with these initiatives, and related matters, which together require the investment of a considerable amount of time and effort by dedicated volunteers;

WHEREAS, it is clear that District management requires sound advice from the Strategic Planning Advisory Council, and the Board of Education requires sound advice from the District Accountability Committee;

WHEREAS, a subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Advisory Council has recommended the separation of the Strategic Planning Advisory Council from the District Accountability Committee;

WHEREAS, the 2014/2015 Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) submitted by Jefferson County R-1 to the Colorado Department of Education specifically identified the need to revise the roles and responsibilities of the District Accountability Committee to ensure alignment with state guidelines.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that a new District Accountability Committee will be established, comprised of members as described in state law (C.R.S. 22-11-301);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall appoint members to the District Accountability Committee for a term of two years, and shall direct the administration to solicit for Board review no later than October 10, applications from members of the public who meet the requirements for membership under state law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education shall vote to appoint eleven members to the District Accountability Committee, which in compliance with C.R.S. 22-11-301, shall include parents and at least one member of the business community (per C.R.S. 22-11-301(2)(c), a parent shall not be eligible to

serve if he or she is employed by, or is a relative of a person who is employed by, the school district, including being employed at a public school of the school district). The Superintendent shall appoint at least one and up to three teachers and at least one and up to three administrators. The District Accountability Committee also shall have as members one School Accountability Committee representative from each of the 17 parent articulation areas, three charter school SAC parent representatives, one option school SAC representative and the Superintendent of the District or the Superintendent's designee. No more than one concurrently serving member of the Strategic Planning Advisory Council (SPAC) shall serve on the District Accountability Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that given the urgency of the need to improve student achievement results, as well as the need to meet the timetable for the delivery of District Accountability Committee outputs that is set by the state, the appointment of new members of the District Accountability Committee will take place at the October 15 meeting of the Board of Education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with state law, the members of the District Accountability Committee shall select from among the parent members a member to serve as Chair of the District Accountability Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the documents required by state law, each year, by no later than August 31, the District Accountability Committee shall deliver to the Board of Education a report on the percentage of students who are college and career ready, how Jefferson County compares to other districts in this area, critical obstacles hindering more rapid improvement of student achievement results, and recommendations for what should be done to overcome those obstacles.

Adopted this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of October 2015.

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By:

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Ken Witt, President  
Board of Education

Attest:

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John J. Newkirk, Secretary