



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 23, 2017  
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.*

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## 1. Preliminary

### 1.01 Location: Seminar Room, Education Center

### 1.02 Call to Order: 5 p.m.

The study session was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Ron Mitchell, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Thursday, March 23, 2017. A break was taken from 6:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### 1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated the Board was present in its entirety – Ron Mitchell, president; Ali Lasell, first vice president; Susan Harmon, second vice president; Brad Rupert, treasurer; and, Amanda Steven, secretary. Terry Elliott, acting superintendent, represented the administration.

### 1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Lasell, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the special meeting of March 23, 2017 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Lasell

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

## 2. Study/Dialogue Session

### 2.01 Community Engagement: District Accountability Committee Budget Recommendation (EL-11, GP-13)

**PURPOSE:** District Accountability Committee (DAC) Chairperson Deb Guiducci and Budget Subcommittee Co-Vice Chair Dave Johnson reported on spending priorities for district funds in the development of the 2017-2018 budget.

**DISCUSSION:** The District Accountability Committee (DAC) Summary of Findings and Feedback on District Budget Priorities was shared with the Board of Education. The online budget tool and school accountability committee feedback were discussed. Recommendations included: Fund the District Unified Improvement Plan (DUIP), support employee compensation, continue student behavioral/mental health support and maintain student based budget funding for school level expenditures. An urgent finding recommendation was identified to support the need for a process to address difficult decisions such as school closures, boundary changes and facility reallocations.

**CONCLUSION:** Exit interviews were recommended for DAC members who leave the committee. Board members thanked DAC committee members for the work completed on this recommendation to the Board of Education.

## **2.02 2017/2018 Budget Development Update (EL-5, 6, 11)**

**PURPOSE:** Information was presented covering the state fiscal outlook, school finance and Jeffco funding that included budget priorities as identified by district leadership, and through community and staff engagement.

**DISCUSSION:** Direction from the Board of Education was discussed with regard to state funding, incorporating identified reductions, compensation increases and one time use of reserves.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board of Education provided direction and reached consensus on priorities and place holders, directing preparation of the 2017/2018 proposed budget for the planned public hearing on April 20. Confidence was expressed that the deferred items would be removed from the list of cuts.

## **2.03 Legislative Update and Platform Review (GP-4)**

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education received an update on legislative activities in the 2017 Colorado Legislative Session from Ed Bowditch, district lobbyist.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board of Education discussed legislation affecting K-12 education, and its preference that the legislature give priority to local control. Specific bills discussed were House Bill (HB) 17-1210, School Discipline Policies for Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, SB 17-040, Public Access to Files Maintained by Governmental Bodies, SB 17-061, Additional Funding Charter School Operating Costs, and SB 17-250, Student Exemption from Immunization Requirements.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board of Education finalized revision to the 2017 Legislative Platform to honor Colorado's local governance practice.

## **2.04 Lease Agreement: Zerger Elementary-Doral Academy Building corporation (EL-7)**

Motion #2 (Motion to Approve Lease Agreement): Upon motion by Ms. Stevens, second by Ms. Harmon, the Board of Education approved the lease agreement between Doral Academy Building Corporation and Jefferson County School District R-1 for the 2017-18 school year; and, authorized the executive director of Facilities and Construction Management to execute the lease.

Motion by Ms. Stevens, second by Ms. Harmon  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

## 2.05 Board Report: Comments for March 2017

Board members reported on visits to schools, art shows, and specific events including the Jefferson Unitarian Church public meeting, SPED Action Committee April 25 event, Warren Tech *Never Summer* luncheon and Arvada High School's "Pathways to Teaching" program.

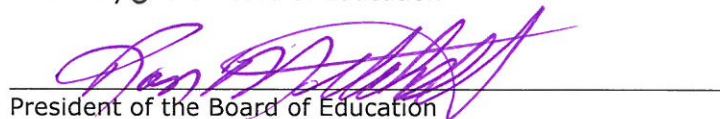
## 3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for April 6, 2017.



Marta Neil, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on April 6, 2017.

  
Secretary of the Board of Education  
President of the Board of Education