



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 19, 2007
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.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 7:37 a.m., majority of the Board met – Jane Barnes, President; Sue Marinelli, Second Vice President; Scott Benefield, Secretary and, Hereford Percy, Treasurer. Vince Chowdhury, First Vice President, arrived at 7:39 a.m. - in study/dialogue session in the Board Room at the Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Breaks were taken from 9:50 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., 11:34 a.m. to 11:48 a.m., 12:15 p.m. to 1:34 p.m., 3:20 p.m. to 3:33 p.m. Mr. Chowdhury left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

PURPOSE: The Board met in study/dialogue session to receive information on technology in Jefferson County Public Schools.

DISCUSSION: The Board received an overview of the use of and need for educational technology and information literacy for student achievement and future success after graduation from Jeffco Schools. Staff provided information on hardware in schools which is accessible to students and teachers. Issues discussed included challenges to providing technology resources in the differing learning environments, equity issues among schools and students, staff knowledge of technology applications, computer inventory, funding of technology needs, and pilot projects to address technology needs.

CONCLUSION: The Board of Education will continue its discussion of technology needs to address student and staff success as it moves into its budget development discussions for the 2007-2008 budget. The Superintendent will provide responses to the Board on questions not fully addressed in discussion related to the use of the technology fees at schools, inventory of non-standard computers at schools, technology security issues, the gap in our desired state of equipment and it's use by teachers in instruction.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 10:15 a.m., the Board met in study/dialogue session.

PURPOSE: For the Board to receive and discuss the recommendations of the Budgeting for Results (BFR) Revenue Enhancement Committee.

DISCUSSION: As part of the 2007-2008 budget development process, a majority of the 15 members of the Revenue Enhancement Committee provided the Board of Education with a list of possible revenue enhancement opportunities available to the district. Opportunities fell into partnerships and products that the district might investigate further.

CONCLUSION: The committee and its staff will move forward in researching further some partnership and product opportunities. Board members will be kept informed of the committee's progress as the budget development process continues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 11:34 a.m., upon motion by Scott D. Benefield, seconded by Hereford Percy, the Board unanimously agreed to move into executive session in the Seminar Room to discuss negotiations and to seek advice of legal counsel, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(e) and 24-6-402(4)(b). The Board reconvened in open session and took a break for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 1:34 p.m., the Board continued its study/dialogue session in the Board Room.

PURPOSE: For the Board to receive an update on the district's progress monitoring systems to increase student achievement.

DISCUSSION: Staff presented information on why and how the district is using various assessment tools to increase student achievement. Three monitoring systems are being used in the district at the request of principals and teachers for additional, immediate feedback to tailor instruction to individual students' needs. The assessment tools being used include: Adaptive Achievement Tests' Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tools at Jefferson High School and Wheat Ridge Middle School; Benchmark Assessment through the Budgeting for Results (BFR) I²(a) (instruction, intervention and assessment) proposal funded for the 2006-2007 school year; and, Progress Monitoring through the I²(a) pilot program and the Alameda Literacy project. Board members received and discussed the lessons learned in implementation of the progress monitoring systems and student and teacher results to date from principals at schools using these tools.

CONCLUSION: The Board will receive detailed information on the evaluation of the pilots' effectiveness regarding purpose, reports produced, costs and data analysis. A new BFR proposal will be coming forward for Board consideration in the 2007-2008 budget development process on a three-year plan to implement a districtwide assessment system in every school. The proposal addresses funding for technology, staff development, resource support and system licenses.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 3:33 p.m., the Board met in study/dialogue session.

PURPOSE: For the Board to receive the budget projections and assumptions, review the budget process for the 2007-2008 district budget and the school finance act impact on Jeffco Schools.

DISCUSSION: The Board received updated budget information on current inflation (CPI), cost of living assumptions from the state and Jeffco enrollment projections. Budget reductions over the next four years, through 2010-2011, were reviewed.

Board members discussed the state's School Finance Act and how calculation of its factors effects funding of Jeffco Schools. Staff shared information on the categorical (special education, including preschool, vocational education, transportation, English language learners, and gifted/talented programs) funding gap for Jefferson County Public Schools for 2005-2006 (available data). The funding gap is 70.9 percent or \$87,783,296 that Jefferson County residents pay for state and federally mandated educational services for students. Board members discussed how our student/teacher ratio would improve if Jeffco's cost of living factor was accurately reflected in the School Finance Act calculations.

CONCLUSION: Board members will receive updated information on the School Finance Act impacts on Jeffco to share with our state legislators when they meet on February 13. Ms. Barnes and Mr. Chowdhury will share the message of our financial challenges when they attend the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Federal Relations Network conference in Washington, D.C. at the end of January. Board members will consider the request of the Colorado Association of School Boards' (CASB) on the school adequacy lawsuit funding.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 25, 2007.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on February 8, 2007.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education

I hereby attest that in my opinion the portions of this executive session for which minutes were not kept constituted a privileged attorney-client communication.

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Allen Taggart
School District Legal Counsel

I hereby attest that the portions of this executive session for which minutes were not kept was confined to topics authorized for discussion in an executive session pursuant to Colo. Rev. Stat. 24-6-402(4)(b).

Jane Barnes
President, Board of Education