



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 25, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Education met in executive session to discuss property negotiations.

1. **PRELIMINARY**

- a. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Vince Chowdhury, First Vice President of the Board of Education, at 6:10 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, January 25, 2007. No recess was held.
- b. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Mr. Chowdhury welcomed the audience.
- c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Mr. Chowdhury, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.
- d. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present—Vince Chowdhury, First Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Second Vice President; Scott Benefield, Secretary; and Hereford Percy, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

Jane Barnes, President, was excused from the meeting.

e. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Ms. Marinelli, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as revised due to the movement of Consent agenda items 6.a. and 6.d. to Discussion agenda item numbers 7.a., Monitoring Report EL-11, Accomplishment Reporting to the Public, BA-07-030; and 7.b., Waiver of District Policy IC/ICA School

Year/School Calendar, BA-07-057 to precede the Statutory Requirements Agenda, renumbering subsequent agenda items as necessary.

Aye: Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Percy

2. **HONORS AND RECOGNITION:** Dawn Axelson, third and fourth grade teacher at Foster Elementary, was recognized for receiving the Jared Polis Foundation's 2006 Teacher Recognition Award.

Pattie Nelson, Jeffco elementary music teacher, was recognized for being named Teacher of the Year by the Colorado Chapter of the American String Teacher's Association.

Members of the Wheat Ridge High School football team were recognized for winning the state's 4A football championship.

Westminster Mayor Nancy McNally and members of the city council presented the Board with a proclamation in honor of Board of Education Appreciation Month.

3. **ENDS DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING AGENDA:**

- a. **REPORT ON ACCREDITATION AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, (ENDS 1, ALL CHILDREN ARE PREPARED FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE):** Dr. Gerald Difford, Colorado Department of Education Accreditation Consultant for the Metropolitan Region, presented the Board with the state's findings on Jeffco Schools' Annual Accreditation Assessment Report and responded to Board questions.

4. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Mr. Percy attended a program at the Westminster Rotary Club.

Ms. Marinelli attended meetings around the state centered on reform in education.

Mr. Benefield attended the CASB School Board Member Learning Community Session: Tough Times, Tough Choices.

Mr. Benefield attended the Arvada Building Connections (ABC) meeting in the Arvada area and also attended an articulation area meeting at Thompson.

Dr. Stevenson commented on the article published in Education Week by Diane Ravitch on her response to the *Tough Times Tough Choices* report.

Mr. Chowdhury attended the Agenda 2010 Summit at the Colorado Convention Center. He recognized Dr. Stevenson's work on the Summit's panel.

The Board has been closely following legislation that could impact public education.

5. **PUBLIC AGENDA:**

- a. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Public correspondence received by the Board was made available for public perusal.
- b. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no one present to address the Board.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

MOTION #2 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Ms. Marinelli, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented: 6-a., Board Policy for StudyEL-11, Accomplishment Reporting to the Public, BA-07-031; 6-b., Expulsion of Students (EL-16, Treatment of Students), BA-07-011.

Aye: Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Percy

7. **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

- a. **MONITORING REPORT – ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORTING TO THE PUBLIC (EL-11):**

MOTION #3 (Approve Monitoring Report): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, it was unanimous to approve the monitoring report on EL-11, Accomplishment Reporting to the Public.

Aye: Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Percy

- b. **WAIVER OF DISTRICT POLICY IC/ICA, SCHOOL YEAR/SCHOOL CALENDAR (EL-16, TREATMENT OF STUDENTS):**

MOTION #4 (Approve Waiver): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, it was unanimous to approve the waiver of district policy IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar.

Discussion covered the issues created by the school closures of December 20-22, 2006.

Aye: Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Percy

8. **STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL APPLICATION – COLLEGIATE ACADEMY OF COLORADO (EL-19, CHARTER SCHOOLS APPLICATION AND MONITORING):**

MOTION #5 (Approve Collegiate Academy Renewal): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Ms. Marinelli, it was unanimous to approve the requested five year contract renewal for Collegiate Academy of Colorado. (Attachment A)

Aye: Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Percy

9. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the agenda for the February 8 regular meeting and February study session topics.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, February 8, 2007.

Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on February 22, 2007.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education

Attachment A – resolution – Collegiate Academy of Colorado