



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 16, 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 7:34 a.m., a majority of the Board was present – Jane Barnes, President; Vince Chowdhury, First Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Second Vice President; and, Scott Benefield, Secretary – in study/dialogue session in the Board Room at the Education Center, Golden, Colorado. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Hereford Percy, Treasurer, was excused from the meeting. A break was taken from 8:48 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to travel to Leawood Elementary School, from 11:36 a.m. to 11:48 a.m. and 12:21 p.m. to 12:28 p.m.

PURPOSE: For the Board to discuss the second quarter financial report with members of the Financial Oversight Committee and external auditors from Clifton Gunderson.

DISCUSSION: Five members of the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC), as well as a representative of Clifton Gunderson, noted that the report shows the district in good standing. The FOC members commented that identified issues have been directly addressed by staff, projections are good for the end of the year, and the banking services request for proposal (RFP) process was professionally done. Additionally, the work of the BFR Revenue Enhancement Committee should be balanced against cost containment work as declining enrollment continues to be a funding issue for the district.

Board and FOC discussion covered charter school issues, in particular those related to Compass Montessori and Rocky Mountain Deaf School; the grants process within the district; collateralization of investments, internal auditing, Food Services fund, maintenance costs of facilities and the risk management claims decrease.

CONCLUSION: Board members requested additional information on the district's grants process, five-year employee turnover figures, and an update on the Rocky Mountain Deaf School.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 8:48 a.m., the Board left for Leawood Elementary for a study/dialogue session. The Board arrived at the school at 9:15 a.m. and left at 10:15 a.m.

PURPOSE: For the Board to visit a school involved in the BFR Technology Equity project.

DISCUSSION: As it was a non-student contact day, the Board observed various staff workshops on instructional technology which has been implemented in classrooms with the students at Leawood.

CONCLUSION: Board members will use the information gathered in their future decision making.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: At 10:52 a.m., the Board returned to the Board room to continue in study/dialogue session.

PURPOSE: For the Board to review information on a possible online, paperless Board agenda and governance service.

DISCUSSION: Board discussion covered the increase access to the public, reduction in time and expense for assembling Board materials for decision making.

CONCLUSION: Board members will receive additional information on possible savings related to this change in procedures before any change moves forward.

STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION: After a break, the Board returned at 11:48 a.m., to continue in study/dialogue session.

PURPOSE: For the Board to receive information on the changes coming to a future Board agenda for approval on the Supplemental Retirement Pension Plan.

DISCUSSION: Legal counsel gave the Board members an overview of the housekeeping and major changes proposed to the Supplemental Retirement Pension (SRP) Plan. Clarification of the plan is needed due to tax law changes and administrative housekeeping for definition of plan document actions. The Board noted that an actuary, legal counsel and the Benefits Advisory Committee have all reviewed and approve of the proposed changes.

CONCLUSION: The Board of Education is scheduled to take action on the proposed changes to the SRP Plan on February 22, 2007.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 12:28 p.m., the Board President called for a motion to move into executive session in the Seminar Room, stating that the Board would return to open session if needed for decision making purposes. Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Ms. Marinelli, the Board unanimously agreed to meet in executive session on contract negotiations, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(e). Mr. Chowdhury joined the Board in executive session at 12:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 22, 2007.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on March 15, 2007.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education