



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 22, 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 at 5 p.m. in the Seminar Room in executive session to hear the appeal of the decision regarding the expulsion of a student at Green Mountain High School.

1. **PRELIMINARY**

- a. **CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting was called to order by Jane Barnes, president of the Board of Education, at 6:07 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, February 22, 2007. Recess was held from 7:44 p.m. to 7:57 p.m.
- b. **WELCOME TO THE AUDIENCE:** Ms. Barnes welcomed the audience.
- c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At the invitation of Ms. Barnes, the assembly repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.
- d. **ROLL CALL:** Roll call indicated that the Board was present in its entirety – Jane Barnes, President; Vince Chowdhury, First Vice President; Sue Marinelli, Second Vice President; Scott Benefield, Secretary; and Hereford Percy, Treasurer. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

Ms. Marinelli was excused at 8:33 p.m.

e. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda as Revised): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, it was unanimous to approve the agenda as revised with the addition to the Consent agenda of items 5.k., Resolution-Supplemental Retirement Plan, BA-07-083; and item 5.l., Calendar Committee Membership, BA-07-070/2; and move item 1.f., Appeal of Decision Regarding Expulsion of a

Student to follow the Consent Agenda and renumbering subsequent agenda items as necessary.

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

2. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** Ms. Marinelli visited schools in the Green Mountain area and also visited the tech equity schools in the Evergreen area.

Board members attended the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) winter conference.

Board members visited Leawood Elementary during a study session to see how the tech equity money is working in the schools.

The Board received an overview of the paperless Board meetings.

Ms. Marinelli reminded everyone that March 2 is Read Across America day and encouraged people to get out to the schools to read to children.

Mr. Chowdhury attended the Legislative Conference for Colorado PTA.

Mr. Benefield and Mr. Marinelli attended a CASB Learning Community discussion regarding technology use in classrooms.

Mr. Benefield will be a judge at the Leadership Contest held at Warren Tech.

Ms. Barnes and Dr. Stevenson attended a Jefferson Economic Council (JEC) meeting regarding the Wheat Ridge 2020 project.

Dr. Stevenson updated the Board on the principal hiring process and explained the difference between a hiring committee and direct appointments.

Ms. Barnes thanked everyone for covering for her in her prior absence on January 25 and February 8, 2007.

3. **HONORS AND RECOGNITION:** Dr. Stevenson shared a story which aired on Channel 4 earlier this month that featured some third and fourth graders from Coronado Elementary. The children were winners in Channel 4's Pay it Forward challenge. The students were given \$1,000 to spend on a good deed and they chose to buy books for the Frank Bingham Fund.

Members of the Ralston Valley Girls Swimming and Dive Team were recognized for winning the State 4A Girls championship.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

MOTION #2 (Approve Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, it was unanimous to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented: 5-a., Board Policy No Revision EL-17, Communication and Counsel to the Board, BA-07-035/2; 5-b., Memorandum of Understanding-Jefferson Foundation (EL-17, Communication and Counsel to the Board), BA-07-077 (Attachment A); 5-c., Resolution-Waiver of School Hours-Lakewood High School (EL-16, Treatment of Students), BA-07-079 (Attachment B); 5-d., Expulsion of Students (EL-16, Treatment of Students), BA-07-011/2; 5-e., Corrective Deed-Lots 31 and 32, Block 11, Berkley Subdivision in Jefferson County (EL-8, Asset Protection), BA-07-075; 5-f., Contract Award: Montessori Peaks Academy Addition, Renovation (EL-8, Asset Protection), BA-07-071; 5-g., Contract Award: Stony Creek Elementary School HVAC, Controls (EL-8, Asset Protection), BA-07-072; 5-h., Contract Award: Design/Builder Selection for Districtwide Air Conditioning Communications Room (EL-8, Asset Protection), BA-07-076; 5-i., Contract Award: K-6 Mathematics Programs: *Investigations in Number, Data and Space* and *The Connected Mathematics Project 2* (EL-13, Instructional Program), BA-07-073; 5-j., Approval of Minutes: January 25, February 2, 8, 13, 2007; 5-k., Resolution-Supplemental Retirement Plan (EL-7, Financial Administration), BA-07-083 (Attachment C, D, E); 5-l., Calendar Committee Membership (EL-15, School Year Calendar), BA-07-070/2.

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

5. **APPEAL OF DECISION REGARDING EXPULSION OF A STUDENT AT GREEN MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL (EL-16, TREATMENT OF STUDENTS):**

MOTION #3 (Reverse Decision): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, it was unanimous to reverse the Superintendent's decision of January 23, 2007, that a student at Green Mountain High School, be expelled from all Jefferson County Public Schools through June 1, 2007; that the Board adopt the Final Determination of Appeal as presented placing the student on suspension from school through and including March 30, 2007, instructing the school administration to accommodate the student and his parents during the suspension period to permit him to keep up his classwork, and imposing a probationary period on the student through the end of the 2006-07 school year, all as more fully set forth in the Final Determination of Appeal; and that the Administration be directed to serve the Final Determination of Appeal on the student and the student's parents via certified mail, return receipt requested.

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

6. **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.

7. **ENDS DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING AGENDA**

- a. **REPORT ON LIBRARY STUDY GROUP (ENDS 1, ALL CHILDREN ARE PREPARED FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE):** John Canuel, director; Rick Hammans, library services coordinator; and, members of the Teacher Librarian Advisory Committee presented the Board with an update on current and future trends in school libraries and how Jeffco Schools will meet these challenges.
- b. **RESOLUTION – SCHOOL FINANCE ADEQUACY LAWSUIT (ENDS 1, ALL CHILDREN ARE PREPARED FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE):**

MOTION #4 (Support School Finance Adequacy Lawsuit): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Ms. Marinelli, a majority of the Board agreed to support the school finance adequacy lawsuit.

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

MOTION #5 (Adopt the resolution): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Ms. Marinelli, a majority of the Board agreed to adopt the resolution as entered into the record as amended supporting the school finance adequacy lawsuit with the special contribution to assist in paying the expenses of the lawsuit in the amount of fifteen cents per funded student. (Attachment F)

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

8. **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

- a. **COMMUNICATIONS AUDIT (ENDS 1, ALL CHILDREN ARE PREPARED FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE):** Lynn Setzer, executive director, and members of the Communications Services department, presented the Board with a draft plan which outlines next steps for implementing communications audit recommendations.

9. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the agenda for the March 1 regular meeting and March study session topics.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Amy Rogers, 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

Attachment A – Jefferson Foundation MOU

Attachment B – Resolution – Lakewood High School

Attachment C – Resolution – Supplemental Retirement Pension Plan

Attachment D – Major Changes – Supplemental Retirement Pension Plan

Attachment E – Supplemental Retirement Pension Plan

Attachment F – Resolution – School Finance Adequacy Lawsuit