



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 6, 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: At 5 p.m., the Board of Education met in the Seminar Room to hear the appeal of the decision regarding the expulsion of a student at Ralston Valley High School.

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 6:02 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Services Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, September 6, 2007. Recess was held from 7:05-7:20 p.m.
- 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 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.
- e. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

MOTION #1 (Approve Agenda): 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, item 6.q., Acquisition of Digital Two-Way Radios for the Districtwide Communications, BA-07-147/2; and, Statutory Requirements Agenda item 7.a., November 6, 2007 Authorize Election for Voter Approval to Limit the Collection of Taxes Previously Authorized by Voters by Approval of Ballot Issue 3A and Approve Ballot Question, BA-07-206; and the removal of

Consent Agenda item 6.e., Monitoring Report-School Safety (EL-18), BA-07-187; to the Discussion Agenda item 8.a., and renumbering subsequent agenda items as appropriate.

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

f. **APPEAL OF DECISION REGARDING EXPULSION OF A STUDENT AT RALSTON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL (EL-16, TREATMENT OF STUDENTS):**

MOTION #2 (Appeal Decision): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, a majority of the board members voted to affirm the Superintendent's decision of May 23, 2007, that a student at Ralston Valley High School, be expelled from all Jefferson County Public Schools through January 7, 2008; that the Board adopt the Final Determination of Appeal as presented; 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: Mr. Benefield, Mr. Chowdhury, Ms. Marinelli, Mr. Percy

Abstain: Ms. Barnes

2. **HONORS AND RECOGNITION:** Bill Bond, video production specialist and photographer, was recognized for receiving a 2007 Merit Award from the National School Public Relations Association for the Construction Update Video.
3. **COUNTY STUDENT COUNCIL:** Student representatives updated the Board on current activities of the council.
4. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:** The Board directed that a letter of approval be sent to the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) supporting Jane Barnes, Jeffco School board president, to the CASB Board.

Ms. Barnes shared information from the Boulder school board regarding school activities being scheduled on religious holidays. She urged Board members to pass a resolution for Jeffco prohibiting school activities on four major holidays: Christmas, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Good Friday.

Mr. Benefield attended the homecoming activities at Arvada High School.

Ms. Marinelli participated in the Future Search at Green Mountain High School and also visited schools in the Mountain and Golden articulation areas.

Ms. Marinelli explained that board members were using new computers and BoardDocs system software.

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 #3 (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., Monitoring Report-Financial Administration (EL-7), BA-07-175/3; 6-b., Board Policy for Study EL-7, Financial Administration, BA-07-176/5; 6-c., Monitoring Report-Facilities (EL-9), BA-07-179/3; 6-d., Board Policy for Study EL-9, Facilities, BA-07-180/3; 6-e., Board Policy for Study EL-18, School Safety, BA-07-188; 6-f., Employment (EL-3, Staff Treatment), BA-07-002/7; 6-g., Administrative Appointments (EL-3, Staff Treatment), BA-07-003/6; 6-h., Resignations/Terminations (EL-3, Staff Treatment), BA-07-004; 6-i., Supplemental Funds – Family Literacy, HIPPIY-Daniels Fund (EL-7, Financial Administration), BA-07-195; 6-j., Supplemental Funds – Career Technical Teacher Cadet-Daniels Fund (EL-7, Financial Administration), BA-07-196; 6-k., Supplemental Funds – Stevens, Edgewater, Lumberg Elementaries-Colorado Department of Education (EL-7, Financial Administration), BA-07-197; 6-l., Supplemental Funds – Gifted Talented-Colorado Department of Education (EL-7, Financial Administration), BA-07-198; 6-m., Supplemental Funds – Wheat Ridge Middle, Jefferson High School – Colorado Department of Education (EL-7, Financial Administration), BA-07-200; 6-n., Supplemental Funds – Student Services-Colorado Department of Education (EL-7, Financial Administration), BA-07-205; 6-o., Contract Award: Dakota Ridge High School-Himmelman Construction (EL-8, Asset Protection), BA-07-203; 6-p., Acquisition of Digital Two-Way Radios for Districtwide Communications (EL-8, Asset Protection), BA-07-147/2.

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

7. **STATUTORY REQUIRMENTS AGENDA:**

- a. **NOVEMBER 6, 2007 – AUTHORIZE ELECTION FOR VOTER APPROVAL TO LIMIT THE COLLECTION OF TAXES PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE VOTERS BY THEIR APPROVAL OF BALLOT ISSUE 3A AND APPROVE BALLOT QUESTION (GP-4):**

MOTION #4 (Approve Statutory Requirements): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, it was unanimous to adopt the resolution authorizing the election and the content of the ballot question for the November 6, 2007 regular biennial election. (Attachment A)

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

8. **DISCUSSION AGENDA:**

a. **MONITORING REPORT – SCHOOL SAFETY (EL-18):**

MOTION #5 (Accept Monitoring Report): Upon motion by Mr. Benefield, seconded by Mr. Percy, it was unanimous to accept EL-18, School Safety, as presented.

George Diedrich, executive director of School Management, and Gregg Bramblett, executive director of Safety, Security and Emergency Planning, responded to questions of the Board of Education.

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

- b. **REPORT ON BOARD SUMMER CONFERENCES (ENDS 1, ALL CHILDREN ARE PREPARED FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE):** The Board of Education received information from individual Board members on their summer conference experiences. Further information will be shared at a future meeting.

9. **DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:** The Board discussed the agenda for the September 27 regular meeting and September study session topics.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the regular business meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held Thursday, September 27, 2007.

Amy Rogers, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on September 27, 2007.

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education

Attachment A: Resolution-Authorize Election and Ballot Question