



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 14, 2016
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.

1. Preliminary

1.01 Location: Board Room/Education Center (streaming)

1.02 Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

A special meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Ron Mitchell, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Dr., Golden, Colorado, Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Breaks were taken from 7:33 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., 9:10 p.m. to 9:21 p.m., and 11:34 p.m. to 11:41 p.m.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated the Board was present in its entirety – Ron Mitchell, President; Ali Lasell, First Vice President; Susan Harmon, Second Vice President; Brad Rupert, Treasurer; and, Amanda Steven, Secretary. Dan McMinimee, superintendent, represented the administration.

1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the special meeting of June 14, 2016 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Stevens

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Lasell, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Stevens

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 TABOR Review with Charlie Brown (EL-11)

PURPOSE: Charlie Brown, director of the Colorado Futures Center at Colorado State University, provided a review of the latest report on the impact of TABOR (Taxpayers Bill of Rights) produced by the Colorado Futures Center.

DISCUSSION: Despite Colorado's improved economy, the structural imbalance of the state's budget produced by TABOR will become more severe as years go by. The Board discussed how not all factors impacting school finance and TABOR were studied.

CONCLUSION: The 'negative factor' may become a permanent school finance factor as Colorado constitutional mandates are not addressed, producing an unexpected subsidy program by larger schools districts for smaller school districts in Colorado.

2.02 Initial Direction on Facilities Master Plan (EL-7, 8)

PURPOSE: For the Board to provide initial guidance on articulation areas within the Facilities Master Plan for further discussion and direction on June 16.

DISCUSSION: Staff reviewed the process and results of community engagement sessions in development of the Facilities Master Plan, a recap of the financial challenges facing the district in meeting identified facilities needs, priorities used in aligning facilities needs to meet student focused decisions (i.e., move of 6th grade to middle schools), and articulation area review of Facilities Master Plan work for a possible capital improvement plan (bond issue).

Board discussion covered enrollment trends, equity, past promises, moving 6th grade to middle school and the educational benefit; small school budget considerations for art, music, physical education; communication plans for transitions, school closures and consolidations, and a review of the needs in every articulation area.

CONCLUSION: The Board directed staff to provide draft discussion documents for June 16 to include a move of 6th grade to middle school with some exceptions, no closures/consolidations, and particulars for each articulation area so that the Facilities Master Plan may be finalized through Board action on June 16.

2.03 Initial Direction on Mill Levy Override (EL-7)

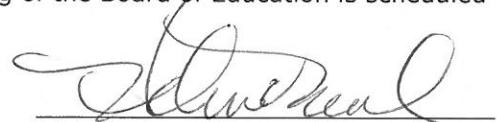
PURPOSE: For the Board to provide initial guidance on addressing general operation financial needs through a mill levy override.

DISCUSSION: Knowing challenges ahead identified through adoption of the district's 2016/2017 budget and finalizing employee negotiations, Board members discussed taxpayer impact, the district's limit on mills, the projects for additional funding, deferred maintenance, restoring budgets reduced, backfilling state reductions and negative factor impacts.

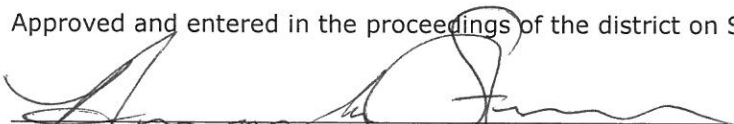
CONCLUSION: The Board directed staff to prepare final discussion drafts for June 16 discussion and action on a mill levy override.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 a.m., Friday, June 15. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for September 8, 2016.


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on September 8, 2016.


Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education