



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

STUDY SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 8, 2018
Dodge Lodge
Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab School

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: Dodge Lodge/Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab School

1.02 Call to Order: 9:30 a.m.

The retreat-study/dialogue session was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Ron Mitchell, President of the Board of Education, in the Dodge Lodge, Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab School, 201 Evans Ranch Rd., Evergreen, Colorado, Wednesday, August 8, 2018. The Board was present in its entirety. Superintendent Dr. Jason Glass represented the administration. Breaks were taken from 12:26 p.m. to 1:14 p.m. and 3:11 p.m. to 3:23 p.m.

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 School Funding Fall Options (EL-11, GP-4)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education and superintendent reviewed the school funding options that are possible for the November ballot.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Glass shared information with Board members on what's known about the November ballot: Amendment 73 (formerly Initiative 93), Great Schools Thriving Communities, will be on the November 6, 2018 ballot statewide with a 55% approval threshold for passage. The Board reviewed suggested school district uses of the possible \$134 million in increased funds which align with priorities noted in community feedback to date. The Board received information on possible capital funding (bond) amounts and how far funds stretch to meet goals set in the Capital Improvement Plan presented to the Board on April 5. Whether or not to proceed with a mill levy question on the November ballot was discussed along with possible amounts and uses of new operational funds.

Discussion covered all three ballot questions, in particular, the challenge of relying on a statewide ballot initiative needing 55% approval to achieve an increase in local operating funds when a mill levy may be approved by local voters with a majority vote; maintaining a competitive advantage in retaining/attracting quality teachers when Amendment 73 passes and all neighboring districts gain a boost in funding; voter tolerance for ballot questions involving funding requests; and, community feedback on top areas of support.

CONCLUSION: Given the certainty of Amendment 73 placement on the November ballot, the Board directed the superintendent to prepare a resolution of support outlining the uses of \$134 million in Jeffco Public Schools to the local community with passage of the amendment. The resolution will be voted on August 23. With the higher threshold for successful passage of Amendment 73 statewide, the Board directed the superintendent to provide recommendations for bond (facilities funds) and mill levy (operating funds) questions in amounts and usages to be discussed for action and possible placement on the November ballot in Jefferson County.

2.02 Strategic Planning and Monitoring

PURPOSE: Board members reviewed the first year of the district's revised strategic planning and monitoring process, including areas not yet monitored with the Board of Education through regular stocktakes of strategic plan tactics.

DISCUSSION: Discussion covered a review of the current 27 tactics outlined in the eight strategies (three instructional; five operational) of the strategic plan, the Theory of Action for each tactic (belief on what the change is) and its SMART goal(s) (aspiration measured against current performance).

CONCLUSION: The Board provided feedback to the chief strategy officer on the coming year's stocktake presentations of these strategies and tactics.

2.03 Board Expectations for 2018/19 (GP 1-17, B/SL 1-4)

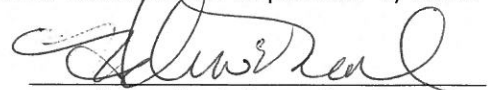
PURPOSE: The Board and superintendent discussed the first year together as a team.

DISCUSSION: Discussion covered board members' resolution-oriented dialogue and efforts to reach common ground, appreciation for support of Cabinet, the superintendent's leadership both with internal and external audiences, community engagement opportunities with city councils and legislators, the Board representative to the CASB fall delegate assembly and the federal relations network, board/staff communications, and clear, concise communications on ballot initiatives.

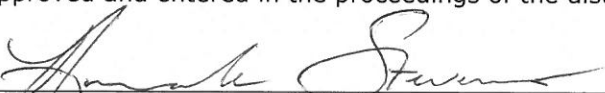
CONCLUSION: The superintendent will work to ensure the Board's requests are addressed. Ron Mitchell will participate as CASB delegate and Amanda Stevens will join the federal relations network

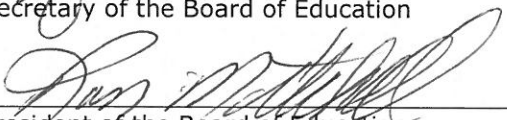
3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for September 6, 2018.


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on September 6, 2018.


Secretary of the Board of Education


President of the Board of Education