



*Building Bright Futures*

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

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### SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 27, 2011  
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.*

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### 1. Preliminary

#### 1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dave Thomas, President of the Board of Education, in the Board Room of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, October 27, 2011.

#### 1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated the Board was present in its entirety - Dave Thomas, President; Jane Barnes, First Vice President; Laura Boggs, Second Vice President; Robin Johnson, Secretary; and, Paula Noonan, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration.

#### 1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Approve Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs, the Board of Education approved the agenda as presented.

Motion by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. Boggs

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Barnes, Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan, Mr. Thomas

### 2. Study/Dialogue Session

#### 2.01 Jeffco's Best Practices at Excelling Schools (Ends 1)

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education received an update on best practices in use in excelling schools in Jeffco.

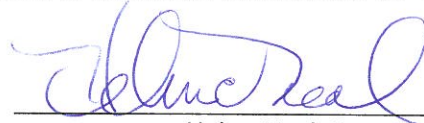
**DISCUSSION:** Best practices from elementary, middle and senior level schools were shared with members of the Board of Education by principals and central staff. Discussion covered identification of root causes through the Unified Improvement Plan process, systemic practices and culture shifts within schools, improvement trends seen over time, steps necessary to ensure and engender more effective teachers including time for professional development opportunities, the value of an extended school year and length of school day,

students' engagement in their learning, implementation of a six year graduation plan and counseling practices for student goal setting supporting rigorous educational choices, and the importance of raised expectations for all students (i.e., increased graduation requirements) with support, intervention and enrichment opportunities available as needed in a welcoming environment.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board was informed how district schools are using strategies involving solid teaching, good instruction and classroom management in a continuous cycle of improvement. Strategies are based on data, developed with teachers, using best practices that are monitored and supported through professional development to provide effective teachers and school leadership for student success.

### 3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for November 3, 2011.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on November 3, 2011.



Secretary of the Board of Education



President of the Board of Education