



Building Bright Futures

OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 15, 2012
Room 4E

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: Education Center

1.02 Call to Order

A special meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Lesley Dahlkemper, President of the Board of Education, in Conference Room 4E of the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, November 15, 2012.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated that a majority of the Board was present – Lesley Dahlkemper, President; Paula Noonan, First Vice President; Jill C. Fellman, Secretary; and, Robin Johnson, Treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Stevenson, Superintendent, represented the administration. Laura Boggs, Second Vice President, joined the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Approve Agenda as Presented): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson, it was voted to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Johnson
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Monitoring: 1st Quarter Financial Report (EL-5, 6)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education monitored the districtwide financial condition as outlined in executive limitation policies 5 and 6, Financial Planning and Budgeting, and Financial Administration, respectively.

DISCUSSION: The external auditor from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP reviewed agreed upon procedures and noted no unusual trends were found that were not already reported. District staff reviewed the report and identified funds, departments and charter schools being

monitored closely. Financial Oversight Committee chairperson Mary Everson shared committee advice to the Board and noted the two vacancies on the committee. Financial outlook issues were covered, including state revenues, the Governor's proposed budget request, Jeffco's total program funding projection, and enrollment trends and factors.

Board discussion covered cautions on anticipated state funding, charter school loans, and compensation of extended day kindergarten staff.

CONCLUSION: The Board reviewed the first quarter financial report and financial radar issues thanking staff and the Financial Oversight Committee members for the work.

2.02 Changes in Financial Advice

PURPOSE: The Board of Education discussed recommendations to GP-13, Committee Structure, as related to financial advice.

DISCUSSION: The Board received a review of the 1999 establishment of and the rationale for the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) and a new proposed structure based on best practices, the Board's fiduciary responsibility, and resource utilization. The structure would include an Audit Committee, FOC, and Investment/Debt Advisory Committee. Reporting structures, membership and roles for each committee were discussed.

CONCLUSION: The Board directed staff to bring policy revisions to the December 13 agenda for discussion and action.

2.03 Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (EL-6)

Motion #2 (Adopt Resolution on Bonds): Upon motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Noonan, it was voted to adopt the resolution presented by Kutak Rock, bond counsel, authorizing the issuance and sale of General Obligation bonds in the amount of \$99 million.

The chief financial officer and chief operating officer responded to Ms. Boggs' questions related to the management of the bond process.

Motion #3 (Extend Discussion): Upon motion by Ms. Boggs, second by Ms. Noonan, it was voted to extend the discussion for 30 seconds.

Motion by Ms. Boggs, second by Ms. Noonan
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Boggs, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan
Nay: Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman

Motion by Ms. Fellman, second by Ms. Noonan
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Boggs, Ms. Dahlkemper, Ms. Fellman, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Noonan

2.04 Board Review of Ends-Related Questions for December 13

PURPOSE: The Board of Education reviewed member Ends-related questions submitted for the December 13 staff presentations to the Board on compensation redesign and student achievement related to growth gaps and the Unified Improvement Plan.

DISCUSSION: The Board identified major themes by presentation topic: Compensation Redesign – culture, student achievement, compensation system, success; Unified Improvement Plan – student achievement, growth gaps, resource allocation.

CONCLUSION: The Board will continue to focus its discussions and learning on Ends-related work to increase student achievement in Jefferson County.

2.05 Board Values on Compensation

PURPOSE: The Board of Education reviewed its values for compensation work so that a policy direction for the district can begin to be outlined.

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed and agreed that most of the values identified in the March 23, 2012 discussion (attract and retain, fair and accessible for all, meaningful, teachers feel valued, reliable, improves academics, competitive salaries, attract the best, transparent system) continue to represent those held by Board members. Main themes identified for future work included: attract and retain effective teachers who get results for kids; a system that is fair and accessible for all employees; and, that allows employees to feel listened to, valued and supported.

CONCLUSION: The Board will continue to focus its compensation discussions and learning on Ends-related work to increase student achievement and engagement of the broader community on the topic.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 13, 2012.



Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the District on December 13, 2012.


Secretary of the Board of Education
President of the Board of Education