

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (06-01) OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER AND STATE OF COLORADO
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, 900 GRANT STREET
5:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006

I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.

Harrington Elementary School's Second Grade Violin Class performed for the Board and audience.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Vice-President Bruce Hoyt called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Jill Conrad, Rev. Lucia Guzman, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan, Mrs. Michelle Moss, and Mr. Kevin Patterson. Ms. Theresa Peña was absent and excused.

II. Board Member Reports

Mrs. Moss reminded schools and community that the Denver Teacher Awards nomination packets, which are available on the district's website, are due at the beginning of February. This program recognizes nine outstanding teachers every year.

Ms. Conrad stated that on January 10, 2006, the Student Board of Education hosted a forum on the Denver Plan to seek student input. The Student Board will be preparing a report for the Superintendent.

Mr. Hoyt congratulated Rev. Guzman for being honored by the Anti-Defamation League at their 2006 Civil Rights Award Luncheon.

III. Superintendent's Report

A. Update on The Denver Plan

Mr. Bennet said that public comment sessions are being held on the Denver Plan and they have received many constructive comments. Mr. Bennet introduced Brad Jupp, Academic Policy Advisor, to present the report.

IV. Consent Agenda

Assistant Secretary Jacquie Lucero read the Agenda items by number and sequence. Mr. Patterson moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Rev. Guzman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the following items were approved:

A. Board of Education

1. Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 12, 2005, and December 15, 2005 - Copies are appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-A-1a and IV-A-1b .
2. Gift Report – A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-A-2.
3. Finance and Audit Committee
 - a. Motion to Ratify Procurement of Art Materials from Davis Publications - A copy of this motion, an award to purchase art materials for the elementary schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-A-3a.
 - b. Motion to Ratify Procurement of Music Materials from MacMillan McGraw-Hill - A copy of this motion, an award to purchase music materials for the elementary schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-A-3b.
 - c. Motion to Approve the Award of Bid #BD 1104 to Andrews Food Service, Colorado Sales, Innovative Packaging, Interboro Packaging, Northern Colorado Paper, and United Restaurant – A copy of this motion, to solicit responses from qualified vendors to establish contracts from which Food and Nutrition Services can purchase plastic, foil, foam, and paper products to keep their warehouse stocked, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-A-3c.
 - d. Motion to Ratify Construction Contract with Brown Schrepferman & Co. - A copy of this motion, for school remodeling projects at Crofton, Ebert, Harrington, Mitchell, and Stedman Elementary Schools, and Morey Middle School, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-A-3d.
 - e. Motion to Ratify Construction Contract with the Turner Construction Co. - A copy of this motion, for school remodeling projects at Asbury, Ellis, Knight Academy, and Lincoln Elementary Schools, Merrill Middle School, and Slavens K-8 School, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-A-3e.

- f. Motion to Approve Construction Contract with White Construction Company for the Baker Middle School Renovation Project - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-A-3f.
 - g. Motion to Approve Authorization for the Solicitation for a Natural Gas Contract - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-A-3g.
 4. Motion to Appoint Theresa Peña to the Denver Public Schools Retirement System Board – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-A-4.
 5. Motion to Appoint Amy Friedman to the Pioneer Charter School Governing Board
A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-A-5.
- B. Administrative Services
1. Human Resources
 - a. Motion to Approve the Personnel Transaction Report – A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-B-1a.
 2. Facility Management
 - a. Resolution Proposing a 2006 General Obligation Bond Ballot Initiative for the November 7, 2006, General Election – A copy of this resolution, proposing the formation of a Citizens Ad Hoc Committee on Facility Needs to assist Denver Public Schools in collaboratively developing a plan to address the advisability of pursuing a General Obligation Bond ballot initiative for the November 7, 2006, general election, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-B-2a.
- C. Educational Services
1. Motion to Change Pupil Assignment at Montbello Village Place K-8 – A copy of this motion, that Montbello Village Place K-8 enroll students via the Choice process in lieu of school boundaries, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-C-1.
 2. Motion to Change Pupil Assignment at Green Valley Ranch Picadilly K-8 – A copy of this motion, that Green Valley Ranch Picadilly K-8 enroll students via defined boundaries for grades K through 5 and via the Choice process for grades 6 through 8, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-C-2.

3. Motion to Adopt the 2006-2007 Denver Public Schools Traditional Calendar – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-C-3.
4. Motion to Approve a Grant Application to the Department of Education – A copy of this motion, a grant concerning the teaching of American History, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-C-4.

D. Policy Review

1. Revision of Policy

- a. Policy GDBD, Employee Fringe Benefits – A copy of this policy, which has been revised to reflect the retirement notification date to be consistent with the Memorandum of Agreement in Article 31-14 of the DCTA Agreement, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, IV-D-1a.

V. Old Business

There was none.

VI. New Business

A. Student Services

1. Expelled Students Report - A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, VI-A-1.

- B. Recommended 2006-2007 Denver Public Schools Continuous-Year Calendar – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, VI-B.

C. Board of Education

1. Discussion and Possible Action on the Settlement Agreement for Sedillos, et.al. v. Denver Public Schools, et. al. - A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 06-01, VI-C-1.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Recommended 2006-2007 Denver Public Schools Continuous-Year Calendar

Mr. Bennet introduced Joe Sandoval, Northwest Area Superintendent, to discuss the report on the continuous-year calendar.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Settlement Agreement for Sedillos, et.al. v. Denver Public Schools, et. al.

Mr. Hoyt stated that the Board is not prepared at this time to move forward with this discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned to an Executive Session on Negotiations. Mr. Hoyt recessed the Regular Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

The Denver Plan and the Alma Project

Luis Torres, Ricardo Martinez, and Black Education Advisory Council (BEAC) members Lawrence Borom, Chairperson; Roslyn Booker, Committee Chair; and Curtis Dotson, Vice Chair, speaking jointly as members of Community Voices in Action and BEAC, demanded that the Board delay implementation of the Denver Plan for approximately one month to give community members more time to provide meaningful input. They also asked that a cultural diversity commission be set-up, to represent students of color and to make recommendations to the Denver Plan.

Continuous-Year Calendar

Sharon Maples, Garden Place Elementary School, expressed concerned about the length of summer break in traditional schools. She feels the maximum any child should be out of school is six weeks.

Sally Edwards, Principal; Cynthia Miller, Assistant Principal; Chip Wiman, ECE teacher; Loralie Cole, Gifted/Talented teacher; Mercedes Martinez, parent; and four students from Harrington Elementary School, spoke in favor of the Continuous-Year Calendar for Harrington. They shared data of successful academic achievement accomplished under the continuous-year calendar.

Life Skills Center Charter School Renewal

Ronald Woodring, Board member; Nicole Nieto, student; and April Mejia, former student; and Santiago Lopez, Administrator, spoke in support of renewal.

Ridgeview Academy Charter School Renewal

John Fry, Director of Education; Keelan Dobbins, student; Josh Weaver, former student; and Patrice Pierce, President of Board; spoke in support of renewal.

Odyssey Charter School Renewal

Nelson Chase, Executive Director; Valissa Tsoucaris, President of the Board; Brian Weber, Past President of the Board, spoke in support of renewal.

New Northeast High Schools

Kelly Leid, Executive Director of the Foundation for Educational Excellence; Brian Weber, Stapleton Foundation; and Alex Medler, Director of Policy for the Colorado Children's Campaign, spoke about growth in the northeast area, which is the fastest growing part of Denver and voiced their support for a district bond election in 2006.

Bond for North High School Master Plan

Pam Brown, community member, encouraged the district to go forward with a bond election in 2006 for facilities improvements. She asked that they include the Master Plan Facilities Improvements for the North/Valdez/MYEC sites.

Bond

Jean Abney, a member of the Citizens Committee on Bond Expenditures, said they had recently sent a letter to the Board regarding the need for a bond election. While planning for the next bond, she urged the district to include maintenance on facilities in that plan.

Mr. Hoyt adjourned the Public Comment Session at 7:25 p.m.

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary
Board of Education