

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (07-12) 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, OCTOBER 18, 2007

I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Peña called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Rev. Lucia Guzman, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, and Ms. Theresa Peña. Jill Conrad arrived at 5:19 p.m.

Recognition of Clark Strickland, Chairman, Arts Resource Council

Mrs. Moss recognized Clark Strickland for his advocacy of the arts in the Denver Public Schools and as Chairman of the Arts Resource Council for seven years. She introduced Scott Springer, Executive Director, Arts Curriculum, for a presentation from the Arts Resource Council.

III. Superintendent's Report

Discipline Update

Superintendent Michael Bennet introduced Dr. Robert Anderson, Director of the Department of Prevention and Intervention; and Jeanne Schultheis-Price, District School Improvement and Accountability Council parent representative, to present the discipline update.

School Reform/Community Meeting Schedule and New School Update

Happy Haynes, Assistant to the Superintendent for Community Partnership gave an update on the School Reform plan.

IV. Consent Agenda

Assistant Secretary Jacquie Lucero read the Agenda items. In accordance with Consent Agenda procedures, the following item was removed from the Consent Agenda and held for discussion:

Motion to Approve Agreement between Sewall Child Development Center and Denver Public Schools

Mr. Hoyt moved that all matters on the Consent Agenda not held be approved. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the following items were approved:

Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of September 20, 2007, and the Special Telephone Meeting of October 4, 2007 – Copies are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Gift Report – A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Finance and Audit Committee

Motion to Approve the Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement between Denver Public Schools and the City and County of Denver regarding Green Valley Ranch Recreation Center – A copy of this motion, approval of the Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement, paragraph four (4) “Notice;” paragraph six (6) “Management, Operations, and Staffing;” and the “Opt Out” notice requirement regarding sharing of the Green Valley Ranch Recreation Center, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Parking Lot Agreement between Denver Public Schools and National Jewish Hospital – A copy of this motion, approval for an agreement with National Jewish Hospital to lease the Gove parking lot beginning September 30, 2007, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Chief Operating Officer

Budget and Finance

Resolution Concerning the Authorization and Approval of a Fifth Amendment to a Previously Executed Lease Purchase Agreement and Related Documents and Transactions – A copy of this resolution, to amend the Lease Purchase Agreement underlying the issuance of the 1997 taxable Pension Certificates of Participation to make a change in the order of the property release schedule, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution Concerning the Preparation of Lease Purchase Transactions affecting the Denver Public Schools Retirement System – A copy of this resolution, directing district staff to take all actions necessary and reasonable to prepare a lease purchase

transaction for the purpose of making a contribution to the Denver Public Schools Retirement System, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Human Resources

Motion to Approve the Personnel Transaction Report – A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Medical Insurance Rates for Retirees – A copy of this motion, approval of the Medical Insurance Rates effective January 1, 2008, for retirees, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify the Amendments to the Tentative Agreements between Denver Association of Educational Office Professionals (DAEOP) and the District (DPS)
A copy of this motion, to ratify the amendments to the Tentative Agreements for the following sections: 1.2.8 – General; 3.12 – Mentor Program; 3.8 – Grants for Educational Meetings; 5.2 – Grievance—Purpose; 6.1.6 – Reduction in Force (New); 6.1.5a – Reduction in Force (New); 7.4.1 – Posting of Positions; 10.3.4 – Coverage (New); 10.10 – Workplace Bullying (New); 14.1.1 (Salary Increase); 14.1.4 – Salaries and Increments; 18.1 –Property; and Appendix D – Salary Schedule, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify the Memorandums of Understanding between Denver Association of Educational Office Professionals (DAEOP) and the District (DPS) – A copy of this motion, to ratify the Memorandums of Understanding regarding allocation of compensation and duration of Agreement, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify Amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA) and the District (DPS) – A copy of this motion, to ratify amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the following articles: Article 5 – Student Achievement, Instruction, and Education Reform; Article 8 – Professional Standards; Article 30 – Benefits Allowance and Benefits Programs effective 7/1/07; Article 31 – Salary; and Article 32 – Extra Duty Compensation, including the 2007-2008 Salary Schedule effective 9/1/07, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA) and the District (DPS) – A copy of this motion, to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding dated September 28, 2007, regarding planning days, retirement system, substitute pay rates, student promotion, student discipline, retention bonuses, contract year, and other additional issues, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Denver Public Schools Retirement System

Motion to Approve Modification to Payment Terms for Qualifying Past Casual Service

A copy of this motion, approval of the Modification to Payment Terms for Qualifying Past Casual Service to allow more flexibility and opportunity for newly appointed or reappointed members of the Retirement System to pay for their past district part-time service for the Denver Public Schools Retirement System to be effective January 1, 2008, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Academic Officer

Student Services

Expelled Students Report - A copy of these reports are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

DISCUSSION OF HELD CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Motion to Approve Agreement between Sewall Child Development Center and Denver Public Schools – A copy of this motion, approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement to provide assessment, therapeutic, and special education services to students with disabilities enrolled in the Denver Head Start Program and to authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the agreement on behalf on Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Patterson stated that he would abstain from voting on this motion since the program originates from his place of employment the City and County of Denver's Department of Human Services.

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of the motion. Rev. Guzman seconded the motion. The following Board members voted "Yes," Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, and Ms. Peña. Mr. Patterson abstained.

II. Board Member Reports

- . District School Improvement and Accountability Council (DSIAC) Charter Recommendations

Sherry Eastland and Leo Smith, members of the District School Improvement and Accountability Council (DSIAC), presented their recommendations. A copy of this recommendation is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:14 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – 6:34 P.M.

New Discipline Policy

Padres Unidos members: Students Ron Evangelista, Dave Rodriguez, Laura Schwartz, and Idalia Rascon; Suzanna DeLeon, grandparent and Luc Rascon, parent, spoke in support of the new discipline policy and urged Board members to vote and approve the policy as soon as possible.

Gilpin Montessori

Missy Mish, parent and community member of the Cole Neighborhood Association; Sarah Reynolds, parent and resident of Whittier neighborhood; Monique Lovato, parent and board chair of Mile High Montessori, spoke in support of the proposal for a Montessori ECE-8 at Gilpin Elementary School.

Teacher Status

Student Ricardo Rinolo, George Washington High School, and Joseph E. Corsentino, teacher, Greenwood Elementary School, spoke in support of PattyAnne Corsentino, RIBd (Reduction in Building) George Washington High School teacher.

Teacher Reduction

PattyAnn Corsentino, RIBd (Reduction in Building) teacher, urged reconsideration of the decision to remove her from George Washington High School.

Closure of Smedley Elementary School

Maria Reyes and David Gonzalez, members of the Smedley Family Parent Group, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Smedley Elementary School. A copy of their presentation is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Tom Smedley, great-grandson of William Smedley and community member, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Smedley Elementary School. A copy of his remarks is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Jennifer Sanchez, parent and representative of the United Family organization, spoke in opposition to the proposed closure of Smedley Elementary School.

Remington Elementary School and Horace Mann Middle School

Mayo Rosalez, Spanish-speaking parent, spoke in support of parents and students from Remington and Smedley Elementary School.

Marlene Rose, President of Northwest Denver Optimist, pledged their continued support of the children of the Remington community and for Smedley students affected by the proposed closures.

School Closures and Redesign of New School

Maria Pasillas and Arlin Gonzalez-Lopez, Spanish-speaking parents and members of the Metropolitan Organization for People Education Committee (MOP), spoke regarding proposed closures of northeast area schools. A copy of their comments is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Support of Education Reform

Jay Grimes, Co-Chairman, American Indian Education Advisory Council, expressed their support for the Superintendent's proposed plan for improving the district and offered their collaboration for the Cole ECE-8 program.

Foreign Language Teachers

Morey Middle School parents Nancy Hilton-Biney; Beth Kenny, and Dr. Erin Shay, a faculty member of the Linguistics Department of the University of Colorado, expressed their concern regarding the cancellation of Spanish at Morey Middle School and the importance of second-language instruction at the middle school level.

Substitute Pay

Liz Fang, teacher, West High School, expressed her concern about substitute teacher pay and the lack of substitutes.

A+ Committee and Class Size

Marianne Mertens, parent, expressed her concern regarding overcrowded classrooms in the district.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary
Board of Education