

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (06-16) 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, NOVEMBER 16, 2006

I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Pena called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Jill Conrad, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan, and Ms. Theresa Peña. Rev. Lucia Guzman arrived at 5:07p.m.; Mrs. Michelle Moss arrived at 5:36 p.m.; Mr. Kevin Patterson arrived at 6:21 p.m.

Farrell B. Howell Elementary School Choir

Kevin Fletcher, Principal of Farrell B. Howell Elementary School teacher, introduced the choir.

II. Board Member Reports

Colorado Association of Partners in Education (CAPE) Recognitions

Mr. Hoyt introduced the following recipients of the 28th Annual Colorado Association of Partners in Education Volunteer of the Year Awards: Hogan & Hartson; Community Resources, Inc.; and Susan Renick. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Recognition of Denver Public School Student Linda Castillo

Rev. Guzman introduced Colonel Perry Roberts recognized Cadet Linda Castillo, Senior at the Denver Center for International Studies and member of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, who is the recipient the Legion of Valor Award. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

English Language Acquisition Program Implementation Report

Ms. Peña. stated that every year in October the district is required to receive the English Language Acquisition Program report. A more comprehensive report will be finalized in December and will be presented at that time.

Manual High School Final Report

Members of the Manual Community Council Jorge Merida, Simone Williams, Charles Malek, and Angel Gutierrez presented the report. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Michael Bennet, Superintendent, expressed his gratitude to the members of the Council for all their work on this plan and their willingness to work past initial disagreements for Manual students. He said they are committed to finding an outstanding principal for Manual.

III. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bennet reported that Mayor John Hickenlooper and businessman Tim Marquez had recently joined him at South High School to announce the formation of the Denver Scholarship Foundation. Mr. Marquez and his wife contributed \$50 million to start an endowment for the foundation. Students from Abraham Lincoln, Montbello, and South High Schools will participate in a pilot program to send graduating seniors to college.

Mr. Bennet announced that the district had received a \$22.6 million five-year federal Grant, because of ProComp, to provide financial incentives to teachers and principals who improve student achievement in high-poverty schools, and to recruit effective teachers for those schools.

He noted that the Board is considering two drafts for the 2007-2008 traditional year calendar, presented by the district's calendar committee. A press release will be sent out and to ask for feedback by December 15, 2006. Comments will be taken at the Board's Public Comment Session on December 21, 2006. The Board will adopt the final calendar at their January 28, 2007, Regular Meeting.

Mr. Bennet said that for the first time since 2001 the district's traditional and alternative schools, from ECE through twelfth grade, have not declined in enrollment. He introduced Ethan Hemming, Interim Manager, Planning, Research, and Innovation, to present the report on the October count. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

He introduced Velma Rose, Chief Financial Officer, to present the report on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Ms. Rose introduced auditors Neal Schilling, Senior Manager, and Mark Elmshauser, Partner, from Clifton Gunderson, LLP. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

Resolution to Deny the Colorado Agricultural and Natural Sciences High School Charter Application

Resolution to Approve the Denver Collegiate Academy Charter Application

Resolution to Deny the Ricardo Flores Magón Academy Charter Application

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

Board of Education

Minutes of October 19, 2006 – A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Hogan & Hartson, Community Resources Inc., and Susan Renick as the School District No. 1 Recipients of the 28th Annual Colorado Association of Partners in Education (CAPE) Volunteer of the Year Awards
This resolution expressed the Board's appreciation to Hogan & Hartson, Community Resources, Inc., and Susan Renick for their dedication and inspiration to connect families, providing educational opportunities, and bringing the necessary resources to students and the community of Denver Public Schools. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Linda Castillo, Senior at the Denver Center for International Studies and Brigade Commander for the Denver Public Schools Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) - This resolution honors Linda Castillo for being an outstanding DPS student and JROTC cadet and for receiving the Legion of Valor award. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Agreement between DPS Foundation's School Partners Program and Denver Public Schools - This motion requests approval of the school-based sponsorship agreements between the respective schools and business entities listed in the attached exhibit, and to authorize the Superintendent and his designee to finalize appropriate agreements with those business entities, including extension of rights to use Denver Public Schools or sponsored school logos for recognition or advertising purposes. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Finance and Audit Committee

Motion to Approve Award of Request for Proposal #BD1161 to Loomis Fargo – A copy of this motion, which will provide district-wide armored car service for a one-year period with an annual renewal option not to exceed three years, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Motion to Approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2006 – A copy of this motion, approval of this report in order to comply with a reporting statutory deadline of November 30, 2006, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve an Amendment to the Trust Agreement for the Denver Public Schools Professional Compensation System for Teachers – A copy of this motion, approval of the amendment in order to comply with IRS Private Letter Ruling to ensure the tax exempt status of the trust, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Human Resources

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

Policy Review

Motion to Approve Revised Policy ILBA – District Student Assessment – A copy of this motion, approval of revisions made to the policy in order to be consistent with the changes made to applicable laws, regulations, and rules; the revisions will address district staff expectations and behavior in an ethical manner with respect to assessment, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Repealing/Reenacting Policy KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities – A copy of this motion to repeal and reenact this policy, in order to support the Denver Plan which will establish a more open, community-friendly, and less costly community use environment, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

HELD CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION

Resolution 3002 to Deny the Colorado Agricultural and Natural Sciences High School Charter Application

Rev. Guzman moved adoption of Resolution 3002. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3003 to Approve the Denver Collegiate Academy Charter Application

Mr. Hoyt read Resolution 3003. Mrs. Kaplan said she has a number of concerns regarding the operation of this charter school. Rev. Guzman expressed concern regarding the number of conditions the district feels must be met by the school listed in the resolution. She said she could not support a charter school proposal that has not given a detailed report on professional development activities that would help all teachers meet their professional development needs. Based on her questions and concerns she will be voting against approval of this charter school. Ms. Conrad said she had had similar concerns but based on conversations and discussions she has had with staff members, she will vote to approve.

Mr. Hoyt moved adoption of Resolution 3003. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting "Aye," Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Voting "No," Rev. Guzman, Mrs. Kaplan, and Mrs. Moss. The resolution passed. A copy of the resolution is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3004 to Deny the Ricardo Flores Magón Academy Charter Application

Ms. Conrad moved adoption of Resolution 3004. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Revised Policy DFA – Investment and Cash Policy – Staff is recommending revisions to district Policy DFA to reflect statutory changes, the role of an investment advisor, and staff title changes. A copy of this policy is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Early Childhood Education Tuition Fee Schedule – Staff is recommending an increase for tuition fees for preschool and full-day kindergarten. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Cheryl Caldwell, Director, Early Education Department, presented the report on the proposed tuition fee schedule..

Mrs. Moss expressed concern regarding the proposed increase and the effect it will have on district families.

Revised Policy IJOC – School Volunteers – Staff is recommending revisions to broaden the scope of the policy and align it with the Denver Plan. A copy of this policy is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Andre Pettigrew, Chief Operating Officer, presented the report on the revised policy.

Ms. Peña adjourned the regular meeting at 6:59 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – 6:59 P.M.

Northeast Montessori School

Monique Lovato, Honey Niehaus, and Marlene de la Rosa, parents, expressed their desire for a Montessori school in northeast Denver.

Support for Manual Renewal Process

Beverly Lumumba and Jorge Merida, members of the Northeast Community Congress for Education, spoke in support of the Manual renewal process and the proposal for Manual High School that was presented this evening.

DCTA

Kim Ursetta, President of the Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA), addressed issues of time and reinforcing the urgency of working together on solutions. A copy of her comments is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary
Board of Education