

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (05-27) 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
4:30 P.M., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2005

I. Call to Order – 4:30 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

President Lester R. Woodward called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Rev. Lucia Guzman, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, Ms. Theresa Peña, and Mr. Lester Woodward. Ms. Elaine Gantz Berman was absent and excused.

C. State Champion in Boys Cross Country

Bruce Hoyt introduced Mohamud Ige, a student at South High School, who won the Colorado State 4A Boys' Cross Country Championship on October 29, 2005; and South's Athletic Director, Jamie Lofaro, and Coach Nancy Gregorio.

II. Board Member Reports

A. Recognition of Les Woodward and Elaine Gantz Berman

Board members expressed their appreciation to outgoing Board members Les Woodward and Elaine Gantz Berman for their outstanding Board service.

B. Motion to Approve Results of the November 1, 2005, Election

Mr. Hoyt moved that the Board of Education receive the Abstract of Votes in the School Board election of November 1, 2005. Rev. Guzman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the motion is appended to minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, II-B.

C. Oath of Office for New Members – Judge Rudolph

County Court Judge Andre Rudolph administered the Oath of Office to returning Board members Michelle Moss and Kevin Patterson, and new Board members Jill Conrad and Jeanne Kaplan.

D. Election of Officers

1. President

Theresa Peña was nominated and elected President of the Board of Education.

2. Vice President

Bruce Hoyt was nominated and elected Vice President of the Board of Education.

3. Secretary

Bruce Hoyt moved that Jeanne Kaplan be appointed as Secretary of the Board of Education. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this motion is attached to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, II-D-3.

4. Treasurer

Bruce Hoyt moved that Kevin Patterson be appointed as Treasurer of the Board of Education. Mrs. Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this motion is attached to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, II-D-4.

E. Motion to Appoint the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

Kevin Patterson moved that Jacquie Lucero be appointed as Assistant Secretary and Velma Rose be appointed as Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Education. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of these motions are appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, II-E and II-F.

G. Motion to Approve the Trust Agreement for the ProComp System

Ms. Conrad move approval of the Trust Agreement for the ProComp System. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, II-G.

H. Report from the Denver Public Schools Task Force on Early Education and School Readiness

Helen Thorpe and Bruce Hoyt, Co-Chairs, presented the report from the Task Force on Early Education and School Readiness, "*Ready for Kindergarten.*"

Mrs. Moss reported that the District School Improvement and Accountability Council (DSIAC) were unable to present their report on the school calendar at this meeting, due to time constraints. They will present their report at the Board's December 15, 2005, meeting. Their report is posted on the district's website. She encouraged members of the community to comment on this report.

Mrs. Moss noted that the Denver Teachers Awards' are taking nominations to honor teachers. Information and forms are available on the district's website.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

IV-D-1 Proposal to Change the Grade Configurations of Westerly Creek and Stapleton II

Mr. Hoyt moved that all matters on the Consent Agenda not held be approved. Mr. Patterson 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 Meetings of October 20, 2005, and November 3, 2005 – Copies are appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-A-1a and IV-A-1b.
2. Gift Report – A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-A-2.

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 05-27, IV-B-1a.
- b. Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Denver Public Schools and the Vocational Teachers' Federation - A copy of this motion, which extends the length of the Agreement through December 31, 2005, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-B-1b.

C. Budget and Finance – Financial Services

1. Motion to Approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2005 - A copy of this motion, which presents for receipt, prior to the November 30, 2005, statutory deadline, the stated report for the district for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-C-1.
2. Motion to Approve the Single Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2005 - A copy of this motion, which presents for receipt, as required by federal law, the Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2005, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-C-2.
3. Motion to Approve Resolution Adopting Principles of Budgeting – A copy of this motion, for the purpose of developing the annual budget, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-C-3.
4. Motion to Approve Resolution Authorizing Filing of Forms and Other Documents with the Colorado Department of Education for Federal and State Designated Purpose Grants - A copy of this motion, to modify previous Board authority to include the Chief Academic Officer as another authorized representative, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-C-4.
5. Motion to Approve Revised Finance and Audit Committee Charter - A copy of this motion, to amend the current Charter to conform to Board Policy BEDA, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-C-5.

D. Educational Services

2. Motion to Approve Early Reading First Grant – A copy of this motion, to authorize the Superintendent to delegate the submission of all necessary documents, consistent with grant application guidelines, and to make any technical or administrative adjustments deemed necessary—the total amount of grant funds received by the district over the three years of the grant is \$3,564,304, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-D-2.
3. Motion to Approve Professional Services Agreement between Denver Public Schools and Parent Pathways, Inc. – A copy of this motion, to formalize a unique relationship between the district and Parent Pathways, the group responsible for the operation of the Florence Crittenton School which serves pregnant and parenting students in Grades 7 through 12, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-D-3.

E. Policy Review

1. New Policy

- a. Policy BBAA, Board Authority and Protocols for Customer Service – A copy of this policy, to formalize its process for customer service, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-E-1a.

DISCUSSION OF HELD AGENDA ITEM

IV-D-1 Proposal to Change the Grade Configurations of Westerly Creek and Stapleton II

Mrs. Moss indicated that she would not vote in favor of this proposal because of the following concerns: reconfiguration of grade levels at Westerly Creek, two schools with one principal, a decision being made when they are not really sure what they are getting into, not convinced it is the right educational approach for these students, and concerns about transitioning children at a young age from one school to another.

Mr. Patterson moved approval of the proposal. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The following members of the Board voted “aye:” Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Voting “no:” Mrs. Moss. The motion passed. A copy of this proposal is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-27, IV-D-1.

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 05-27, VI-A-1.

Ms. Peña recessed the Regular Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

K-8 School Signs

Student Betty Gomez, from Del Pueblo Elementary School’s Leadership Class, requested that the Del Pueblo Elementary School sign on the school be changed to Del Pueblo K-8 School.

Student Discipline

Amber Ellis, Senior from Manual High School; Arika Nunn, Sophomore at Arts and Cultural Studies High School; Dominic Davis; Kay Luchinick, from East High School, representing Students for Justice, spoke regarding the following issues: students' receiving suspensions, tickets, and criminal records for minor infractions in the schools; the district's current discipline policy; breaking school rules is not breaking the law; students should not have to go through the court system for something done at school; black and brown students being targeted; amending the Colorado School Accountability Act; and a request for a district study on how students and neighborhood schools have been affected by the shutdown of Cole, in order to find out what happened to Cole students.

Proposal for Gifted High School Program

Sandy and Margaret Roberts, parents of a student at Morey Middle School in the Highly Gifted and Talented Program, advocated for the establishment of a high school program for gifted students.

Comment on Strategic Plan

Eryn Osterhaus, teacher at George Washington High School, expressed her appreciation for the removal of limits, the opening up of curricular possibilities, and the prioritizing of the budget to focus on students and schools, which are included in the Denver Plan.

Ms. Peña adjourned the Public Comment Session at 6:31 p.m., and reconvened the Regular meeting.

III. Superintendent's Report*

Mr. Bennet, Jamie Acquino, Chief Academic Officer, and Happy Haynes, Assistant to the Superintendent for Community Partnership, presented The Denver Plan. A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix, 05-27, III.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary
Board of Education

*Report taken out of sequence