

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (08-21) 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 20, 2008

The Morey Middle School Violin Quartet and Saxophone Quartet performed for the audience and Board members.

I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Peña called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Jill Conrad, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mr. Arturo Jiménez, Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, and Ms. Theresa Peña.

II. Board Member Reports

Presentation of Colorado Association of School Boards Award to Michelle Moss

Ms. Conrad stated that Michelle Moss is the recipient of the Colorado Association of School Boards' Region Five McGuffey Award. Mrs. Moss, nominated by her Board colleagues, received this special award that is given to hard working and visionary leaders.

Recognition of East High School Soccer Team for Winning the State Soccer Championship

Mr. Patterson read a Proclamation in recognition of, and congratulating, the East High School Boys' Soccer Team as winners of the Colorado State 5A Boys' Soccer Championship on November 5, 2008.

Recognition of Joseph Manilafasha from North High School for Winning the Colorado State 4A Cross Country Championship

Mr. Hoyt read a Proclamation in recognition of, and congratulating, North High School student, Joseph Manilafasha, for distinguishing himself by winning the Colorado State 4A Boys' Cross Country Championship on October 25, 2008.

Recognition of 2008 Bond Co-Chairs and Committee

Ms. Peña expressed Board members sincere gratitude to Denver voters for their overwhelming support for the district's bond package. She thanked members of the Citizen's Committee for Capital Needs (CCCN) for their time, hard work, and dedication. She recognized the three Co-Chairs: Dawn Bookhardt, Denise Maes, and Bill Mosher; current and 2006 committee members: Jean Abney, Pam Brown, Tom Buescher, Tom Downey, Chief Joe Gonzales, Kelly Leid, Bennie Milliner, Charles Roberts, and Leo Smith; new members: Joslyn Green, John Huggins, Keiko Kawahara, Patsy Roybal, Brian Weber, and Lesli Young; campaign team members that spent a lot of evenings working with the neighborhood and community teams: Michael Hancock, Lucia Guzman, and Bill Mosher.

Recognitions

Mrs. Kaplan noted that the Board of Education would like to recognize and congratulate the following schools, departments, and individuals:

Students from George Washington, East, Denver Center for International Studies (DCIS), Denver School of the Arts (DSA), and South High Schools were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program, an annual academic competition for recognition and scholarships that is open to all U.S. high school students who meet published entry requirements. Only the top 50,000 students with the highest scores on the PSAT are recognized. The top 16,000 are recognized as Semifinalists and the next 34,000 are recognized as Commended Students. The following students show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies:

George Washington High School

Semifinalists:

Alexandra Efaw
Skylar Ellisberg
Joanna Foote
Emille Josephs
Peter Lewis
Sean Manton
Donald Mares
Elyse Miller
Kyle Smith
Hana Toribara
Randy Waymire
Madeline Wolberg

Commended Students:

Nathaniel Austin
Angela Bae
Sean Carlson
Christopher Grant
Amie Kashon
Christopher Lowe
Parker Martin
Nate Neligh
Scott Symonds
Taylor Webster

East High School

Semifinalists:

Isabella Kendrick
Olivia Rudeen
Zachary Sulsky
Jeffrey Thalsofer

Commended Students:

Rachel Spidell
Magdalen Thulson

Semifinalists:

Maile Gove – DCIS
Elliot Clough – DCIS
Sarah Johnson – DSA
Adam Segal – DSA
Sandra Vernon - South

Commended Students:

Erik Brockbank – DSA
Hope Broyles - DSA
Paul Hamilton-Pennell - DSA

National Achievement:

Isabella Shaw - DSA

The new Communications Office Web Site received the Silver Davey Award in the largest and most prestigious awards competition judging the finest creative work from the best small firms, agencies, and companies worldwide. The new web site, launched in April 2008, is part of the Communications Office’s efforts to celebrate and accelerate progress by engaging the community more fully in the education reform agenda of the Denver Public Schools.

Roman Ross, a Hill Middle School student, was honored with a Denver Police Department Commendatory Letter and the Bill Daniels Neighborhood Hero Award for taking brave actions that saved the life of a child who was in danger of drowning.

Johnson Elementary School students Edward Monarrez, Jaime Acosta, and Flor Vega won the Colorado Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) student essay contest.

Pioneer Charter School First Grade teacher, Rocio Vargas, was one of Office Max’s “A Day Made Better” winners. She was surprised by Office Max representatives with classroom resources and supplies worth over \$1,000.

III. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Michael Bennet noted that he had given Board members information on a teacher dismissal.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

Resolution to Approve Charter School Proposal from Cesar Chavez Academy
Denver

Resolution to Deny Charter School Proposal from Denver Charter Academy

Resolution to Deny Charter School Proposal from Mile High Academy

Resolution to Approve Charter School Proposal from KIPP Denver Collegiate High School

Resolution to Approve Charter School Proposal from Justice High School

Resolution to Approve Charter School Proposal from Edison Learning Partnership School 3

Resolution to Approve Innovation School Proposal from Math and Science Leadership Academy

Motion to Deny the Ombudsman Alternative Program Application

Motion to Approve the Rolling Grade Level Closure of Rishel Middle School

Motion to Approve Beacon Recommendations

Resolution Regarding Math and Science Leadership Academy and Rishel Middle School

Resolution Regarding KIPP Denver Collegiate High School and Rishel Middle School

Resolution Regarding Envison Leadership Prep I and Smiley Middle School

Resolution Regarding Edison Learning Partnership School 3 and West High School

Resolution Regarding West Denver Prep II and Kunsmiller Middle School

Motion to Approve Policy FN

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

Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of October 16, 2008; the Special Telephone Meeting of the Board of Education of October 23, 2008; and the Special Public Comment Session of the Board of Education of November 17, 2008
Copies are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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

Appointment to Denver Public Schools Retirement System Board of Trustees – A copy of this motion, appointment of John Kechriotis, DPS General Counsel, to the Denver Public Schools' Retirement System Board of Trustees, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Finance and Audit

Motion to Approve 2008-2009 Perkins Grant with Emily Griffith Opportunity School
A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve 2008-2009 Perkins Grant with Colorado Community College System - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve BD1227, HP Printers and Scanners – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Catholic Charities
A copy of this motion, approval of contract with Catholic Charities to provide preschool programs to Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Clayton Family Futures - A copy of this motion, approval of contract with Clayton Family Futures to provide preschool programs to Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Hope Center - A copy of this motion, approval of contract with Hope Center to provide preschool programs to Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Mile High Montessori - A copy of this motion, approval of contract with Mile High Montessori to provide preschool programs to Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Xerox Corporation And Lewis Paper Place - A copy of this motion, to provide paper to the DPS warehouse, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Computer Sites, Inc.
A copy of this motion, to provide electrical upgrades to the district's data center power infrastructure, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Cisco Equipment
A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Increased Contingency for Construction Project - A copy of this motion, approval of an increased contingency for the Asbury and Montclair Elementary Schools ADA Project, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Chief Operating Officer

Budget and Finance

Resolution – Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009 – A copy of this resolution, approval of this resolution to identify the specific adjustments to the revenues and expenditures to the district’s budget adopted on June 19, 2008, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution – Authorizing the use of the Beginning Fund Balance during the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009 – The Board of Education will be asked to approve this resolution to authorize, in accordance with SB 03-149, the expenditure of the Beginning Fund Balance of specified funds as anticipated in the Amended Budget, to state the purpose for which the expenditure is made, and to state the district’s plan to ensure the use of Beginning Fund Balance will not lead to an ongoing deficit. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution – Adopting the Amended Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009 – A copy of this resolution, adoption of the Amended Budget as presented and amended, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution – Appropriation for Expenditures during the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009 – A copy of this resolution, to appropriate the moneys to be expended in each fund, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution – Identification and Filing of Amended Budget and Appropriation Resolution and Copies Thereof – A copy of this resolution, to direct that the Amended Budget be labeled as such and signed by the Board President and to cause the Board Secretary to have this Amended Budget on file for public inspection, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year ended June 30, 2008 – A copy of this motion, approval of this report to comply with a November 30, 2008, statutory deadline, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Single Audit Report for the Year ended June 30, 2008 – A copy of this motion, approval of this report as required by federal law, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Facilities

Motion to Approve Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Stapleton High School Site Property – A copy of this motion 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.

Policy Review

Motion to Approve Amendment to Policy DJ – Purchasing; Amendment to Policy DJA – Purchasing Authority; Amendment to Policy DJC – Petty Cash; Amendment to Policy DJD – Cooperative Purchasing; Amendment to Policy DJE - Bidding Procedures – A copy of this motion, regarding procurement, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

DISCUSSION OF HELD AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Peña stated that Agenda items that will be discussed at the Public Comment Session will be held and voted on after the Public Comment Session.

Motion to Approve Policy FN

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of the motion. Mrs. Moss seconded the motion. The vote was taken after discussion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Peña. Voting “No,” Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan. The motion passed. A copy of this policy is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3114 to Deny Charter School Proposal from Denver Charter Academy

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of Resolution 3114. Ms. Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3115 to Deny Charter School Proposal from Mile High Academy

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of Resolution 3115. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3116 to Approve Charter School Proposal from KIPP Denver Collegiate High School

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of Resolution 3116. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion. The vote was taken after discussion. Voting "Yes," Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Peña. Voting "No," Mr. Jiménez. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3117 to Approve Charter School Proposal from Justice High School

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of Resolution 3117. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The vote was taken after discussion. Voting "Yes," Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Peña. Voting "No," Mr. Jiménez. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3118 to Approval Charter School Proposal from Edison Learning Partnership School 3

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of Resolution 3118. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Deny the Ombudsman Program Application

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of the motion. Mr. Jiménez seconded the motion. The vote was taken after discussion. Voting "Yes," Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Peña. Voting "No," Ms. Conrad, Mrs. Kaplan. The motion passed. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Rolling Grade Level Closure of Rishel Middle School

Mrs. Moss moved approval of the motion. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The vote was taken after discussion. Voting "Yes," Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Peña. Voting "No," Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan. The motion passed. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña recessed the Regular Meeting at 6:40 p.m., and convened the Public Comments Session at 6:56 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

The Public Comment Session began at 6:56 p.m. and ended at 7:34 p.m. A copy of the Speakers List is appended to the minutes of this meeting

Ms. Peña re-convened the Regular Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF HELD AGENDA ITEMS (Continued)

Resolution 3119 to Approve Charter School Proposal from Cesar Chavez Academy Denver

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of Resolution 3119. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion. The vote was taken after discussion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Peña. Voting “No,” Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3120 to Approve Innovation School Proposal from Math and Science Leadership Academy

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of Resolution 3120. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Beacon Recommendations

Mr. Patterson moved approval of the motion. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3121 Regarding Math and Science Leadership Academy and Rishel

Mr. Patterson moved approval of Resolution 3121. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The vote was taken after discussion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Peña. Voting “No,” Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3122 Regarding KIPP Denver Collegiate High School and Rishel

Mr. Patterson moved approval of Resolution 3122. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The vote was taken after discussion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Peña. Voting “No,” Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3123 Regarding Envision Leadership Prep I and Smiley Middle School

Mr. Patterson moved approval of Resolution 3123. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The vote was taken after discussion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Peña. Voting “No,” Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3124 Regarding Edison Learning Partnership School 3 and West High School

Mr. Patterson moved approval of Resolution 3124. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion. The vote was taken after discussion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Peña. Voting “No,” Mr. Jiménez. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution 3125 Regarding West Denver Prep II and Kunsmiller

Mr. Patterson moved approval of Resolution 3125. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The vote was taken after discussion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Peña. Voting “No,” Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Jill Conrad, Secretary
Board of Education