

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (05-29) 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, DECEMBER 15, 2005

**I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.**

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

President Theresa Peña called the meeting to order at 5:07 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.

**II. Board Member Reports**

A. District School Improvement and Accountability Council (DSIAC) Report on the 2006-2007 District Calendar

Kurt Starr, Chairman, District School Improvement and Accountability Council (DSIAC), presented the report. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix (05-29), II-A.

Ms. Peña stated that the Board will not vote on this calendar until the January 19, 2006, Regular meeting. At the Board's Work Session of January 12, 2006, they will discuss continuous-year calendar recommendations from district staff. She said the Board is very interested in continuing to receive community comment on the district calendar. There are three ways to communicate with the Board: write to 900 Grant Street; email to [board@dpsk12.org](mailto:board@dpsk12.org); or call the Board Office at 720-423-3211.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

Assistant Secretary Jacquie Lucero read the Agenda items by number and sequence. Mr. Hoyt moved approval of the Consent Agenda. 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 Meeting of November 17, 2005 - A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, IV-A-1a .

2. Gift Report – A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, IV-A-2.
3. Finance and Audit Committee
  - a. Motion to Approve the Purchase of Radio Communications System from M/A-Com, Inc. – A copy of this report, to enable the district to become part of the Metropolitan Denver emergency radio system, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, IV-A-3a.

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 05-29, IV-B-1a.
- b. Motion to Approve Amendments to the Agreement Between Denver Public Schools and the Denver Association of Educational Office Professionals – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, IV-B-1b.
- c. Motion to Approve Amendments to the Agreement Between Denver Public Schools and the Association of Building, Grounds, and Warehouse Service Personnel – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, IV-B-1c.
- d. Motion to Approve Waiver from Article 8-2, point 2, of the Agreement and Partnership Between Denver Public Schools and the Denver Classroom Teachers Association – A copy of this motion, a waiver of Article 8-2 of the Agreement and Partnership between Denver Public Schools and the Denver Classroom Teachers Association from Cowell Elementary School, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, IV-B-1d.

C. Educational Services

1. Motion to Change Greenwood Elementary School to an ECE-8 School – A copy of this motion, to approve the staff recommendation to change Greenwood Elementary School from a school serving grades ECE-5 to a school serving Grades ECE-8 for the 2006-2007 school year, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, IV-C-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 05-29, VI-A-1.

### **B. Educational Services**

1. Recommendation to Change Pupil Assignment at Montbello Village Place K-8 - A copy of this report, the staff recommendation 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 05-29, VI-B-1.
2. Recommendation to Change Pupil Assignment at Green Valley Ranch Picadilly K-8 - A copy of this report, the staff recommendation 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 05-29, VI-B-2.
3. 2006-2007 Denver Public Schools Calendar - A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, VI-B-3.

### **C. 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 05-29, IV-C-1a.

## **New Business**

Ethan Hemming, Director, School of Choice, presented the reports on the recommendations to change pupil assignments at Montbello Village Place K-8 and at Green Valley Ranch Picadilly K-8. Copies of these reports are appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, VI-B-1 and VI-B-2.

Nan Baumbusch, Assistant to the Superintendent, presented the report on the 2006-2007 Denver Public Schools Calendar. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, VI-B-3

Mary Ellen McEldowney, School Attorney, presented the report on the revision of Policy GDBD. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, VI-C-1a.

### **Superintendent's Comments**

Mr. Bennet reported that at the Board's December 12, 2005, Work Session, the staff updated the Board on the State Accountability Reports (SAR). He said staff will continue working on these accountability reports.

The Board also received an update on the General Obligation Bond at the Work Session. He said that a citizen and staff committee will be appointed in February to look into the question of whether it is an opportune time to ask the voters for a General Obligation Bond.

Ms. Peña recessed the Regular Meeting at 5:57 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

#### Playground

Students Carissa Krause, Raul Gonzalez, Paul Garcia, Cassandra Rios, Viviana Bracamontes, Ana Marquez, and Luis Quezada, from Bryant-Webster Elementary School's Leadership Class came to request a new playground. They presented a petition to the Board. It is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, VIII-1.

#### Sweat-Free Purchasing Policy

Josh Schachterle, representing the Ethical Trade Action Group (ETAG), spoke about sweatshop abuses taking place around the world. ETAG is proposing that public institutions, especially DPS, take a stand by adopting sweat-free purchasing policies. He reiterated his request for a follow-up meeting with Board members.

#### School/City Cooperation—Police Department

Joseph Thomas-Hazell recounted his dealings with the police department.

#### Smiley Middle School

Samuel Jones, Charles Moss, Gerald Underwood, representing Holly Street Neighbors, and Rise Jones, resident, related serious concerns with Smiley Middle School and the disrespectful behavior of Smiley students. The students are out of control and it is an ongoing, everyday problem. A signed petition asking for a resolution was presented to the Board. A copy of the petition is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, VIII-2.

Nate Stone, Principal of Smiley Middle School, outlined steps he and the school have taken to curb these problems.

Ms. Peña adjourned the Public Comment Session at 6:40 p.m., and reconvened the Regular meeting for the Superintendent's Report.

### **III. Superintendent's Report\***

#### **A. Report on the Financial Condition of the District**

Mr. Bennet introduced Richard Allen, Assistant Superintendent for Budget and Finance, and Velma Rose, Chief Financial Officer, to present the report. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-29, III-A.

Mr. Bennet said that they will be back to talk about how they will balance this budget and use it to drive student achievement in the district.

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

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary  
Board of Education

\*Agenda item taken out of sequence.