

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (07-16) 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, DECEMBER 20, 2007

Student Performance

Morey Middle School student, Sam Reed, presented his Academic Mentors Project

I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Peña called the meeting to order at 5:05 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, and Ms. Theresa Peña. Mr. Kevin Patterson arrived at 5:20 p.m.

II. Board Member Reports

Bruce Randolph School Request for Contract Waiver

Kristen Waters, Principal of Bruce Randolph School, and members of her staff presented their request for a contract waiver and their declaration for professional autonomy. A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

III. Superintendent's Report

New School Update

Superintendent Michael Bennet introduced David Suppes, Chief Strategy Officer, to present the update on School Closure and New School Implementation. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Policy Review

Mr. Bennet introduced Stephen Finley, Manager of Risk Management, to present the First Reading of the request to amend Policy KDE – Crisis Management.

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 a Request for Bruce Randolph School's Autonomy Agreement

Mr. Hoyt moved that all matters on the Consent Agenda not held be approved. Ms. Kaplan 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 November 15, 2007; the Special Board of Education of November 19, 2007; the Special Board of Education of December 13, 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

Exercise of a Purchase Option in Connection with a Previously Executed Lease Agreement for Certain Equipment – A copy of this motion, approval of a purchase option in connection with the Lease Agreement between the district and GE Capital Public Finance, Inc., approved by the Board of Education in June 2003, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify Contract between Denver Public Schools and the City and County of Denver to Support At-Risk Youth – A copy of this motion, ratification of a contract that provides a grant for funding of a career academy program at West High School and Emily Griffith Opportunity School for out of school youths, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers – A copy of this motion, approval a contract with Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers for \$340,380 which provides preschool services for the 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 a contract with Hope Center for \$276,210 which provides preschool services for the Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Annual Grant Report– A copy of this motion, approval of the Annual Grant Report which lists all large grants received by the Denver Public Schools for 2006-2007, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and AG Software– A copy of this motion, approval of a contract with AG Software for Human Resources automation, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Agreement between Emily Griffith Opportunity and the State of Colorado– A copy of this motion, approval of the Grant Recipient Agreement from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Act for academic and technical plans of study to prepare students for future occupations, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Summer Scholars– A copy of this motion, approval of the contract between Denver Public Schools and Summer Scholars to provide after-school tutoring services for eligible students, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Education Station– A copy of this motion, approval of the contract between Denver Public Schools and Education Station to provide after-school tutoring services for eligible students, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and John Corcoran Foundation– A copy of this motion, approval of the contract between Denver Public Schools and John Corcoran Foundation to provide after-school tutoring services for eligible students, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and WAH Capital LLC, dba Club Z! Tutoring – A copy of this motion, approval of the contract between Denver Public Schools and WAH Capital LLC, dba Club Z! Tutoring to provide after-school tutoring services for eligible students, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Advantage Tutoring Services – A copy of this motion, approval of the contract between Denver Public Schools and Advantage Tutoring to provide after-school tutoring services for eligible students, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Chief Operating Officer

Human Resources

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

Motion to Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Denver Public Schools and Vocational Teachers Federation – A copy of this motion, ratification of the MOU regarding an increase in the flex dollars allowance and contract teacher salaries, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Accept the Arbitrator's Report Regarding AAA No. 77 390 0009 07, Grievance #6/7-10, Denver Classroom Teachers Association and School District No.1, DCTA Grievance #6/7-10 – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Accept the Arbitrator's Report Regarding AAA No. 77 390 0089 07, Grievance #6/7-09, Denver Classroom Teachers Association and School District No.1, DCTA Grievance #6/7-09 – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Reject the Arbitrator's Report Regarding AAA No. 77 390 00203 07, Grievance #6/7-24, Denver Classroom Teachers Association and School District No.1, DCTA Grievance #6/7-24 – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Accept the Arbitrator's Report Regarding AAA No. 77 390 00352 06, Grievance #5/6-50, Denver Classroom Teachers Association and School District No.1, DCTA Grievance #5/6-50 – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Recommended 2008-2009 School Year Calendar – The Board of Education received recommended revisions for the 2008-2009 school year calendar. The Board of Education will take action on the calendar at their January 17, 2008, meeting. A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Academic Officer

Student Services

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

Ms. Peña recessed the Regular Meeting at 5:51 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

The Public Comment Session began at 6:32 p.m. and ended at 7:42 p.m. A copy of the Speakers List is appended to the minutes of this meeting

READJOURNMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DISCUSSION OF HELD AGENDA ITEM

Motion to Approve a Request for Bruce Randolph School's Autonomy Agreement – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting. (Resolution #3060)

Board members discussed their thoughts and decisions regarding Bruce Randolph's Autonomy Agreement.

Mr. Patterson moved approval of the Resolution #3060. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. Mrs. Moss voted "aye" via telephone. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Jill Conrad, Secretary
Board of Education