

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING (07-03) 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, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

**I. Call to Order – 4:30 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Pena called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Jill Conrad, Rev. Lucia Guzman, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan, and Ms. Theresa Peña. Mr. Kevin Patterson arrived at 4:51 p.m. Mrs. Michelle Moss was absent and excused.

**II. Board Member Reports**

**. Vote on School Portfolio Projects**

Ms. Conrad moved that the Board of Education approve the Beacon School proposals for Bruce Randolph Middle School, Columbine Elementary School, Harrington Elementary School, Brown Elementary School, El Dia de Fairmont Dual Immersion Academy K-8, Greenwood K-8 School, and Montclair Elementary School K-5, as outlined by the recommendations contained within the report.

Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. Voting “Yes” Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, and Ms. Peña. Mr. Patterson had not yet arrived and Mrs. Moss was absent and excused. The motion passed.

Rev. Guzman moved that the Board of Education approve the proposal to create an ECE-12 grade configuration at the North High School/Valdez Elementary School campus in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report.

Ms. Conrad seconded the motion. Voting “Yes” Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, and Ms. Peña. Mr. Patterson had not yet arrived and Mrs. Moss was absent and excused. The motion passed.

Ms. Conrad moved that the Board of Education approve the proposal to introduce a dual language immersion Montessori Program at Valdez Elementary School in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report.

Rev. Guzman seconded the motion. Voting “Yes” Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, and Ms. Peña. Mr. Patterson had not yet arrived and Mrs. Moss was absent and excused. The motion passed.

Mrs. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education approve the proposal to create a choice-in model for the success of dual language schools in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report.

Rev. Guzman seconded the motion. Voting “Yes” Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, and Ms. Peña. Mr. Patterson had not yet arrived and Mrs. Moss was absent and excused. The motion passed.

Mr. Hoyt moved that the Board of Education approve the proposal to convert Smedley Elementary School into an ECE-6 configuration in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report.

Rev. Guzman seconded the motion. Voting “Yes” Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, and Ms. Peña. Mr. Patterson had not yet arrived and Mrs. Moss was absent and excused. The motion passed.

Rev. Guzman moved the adoption of Resolution #3006, Cole ECE-8 Resolution. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion. Voting “Yes” Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Mrs. Moss was absent and excused. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Mrs. Peña expressed appreciation to the near northeast community members for their participation in conversations that have led to this proposal.

Mr. Patterson moved the adoption of Resolution #3007, Near Northeast Montessori Resolution. Mrs. Kaplan seconded the motion. Voting “Yes” Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Mrs. Moss was absent and excused. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Patterson said the need for Montessori programs has been ongoing in the near northeast community. The Board is pleased to be able to offer these students this opportunity for success.

Mrs. Kaplan moved the adoption of Resolution #3008, Highly Gifted Magnet Program Resolution. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting “Yes” Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Mrs. Moss was absent and excused. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Rev. Guzman expressed concern that in the implementation of this program that staff ensure the statement in the resolution, “aggressively recruit highly gifted students from low income and minority families,” is followed.

Ms. Conrad moved the adoption of Resolution #3009, Portfolio Project Resolution. Rev. Guzman seconded the motion. Voting “Yes” Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Mrs. Moss was absent and excused. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of of this meeting.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary  
Board of Education