

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (08-4) 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, FEBRUARY 21, 2008

Presentation

Power Library Recognition

Jody Gehrig, Director of Educational Resource Services, introduced Eugene Hainer, Colorado State Librarian, for the presentation honoring the schools who received the Power Library awards and awards from the Colorado Library Association Conference. Copies of these resolutions are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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, and Ms. Theresa Peña. Mr. Kevin Patterson arrived at 5:14 p.m.

II. Board Member Reports

Presentation of Outstanding Female Athletes in Honor of National Girls and Women in Sports Day

Ms. Peña presented the Proclamation to honor the outstanding female athletes in honor of National Girls and Women in Sports Day. She introduced Karen Higel, Assistant Athletic Director, and the high school Athletic Directors who presented the student athletes. A copy of these materials are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

School-Based Health Centers (SBHC) Presentation

Ms. Peña introduced Dr. Steve Federico, Director of School-Based Health Centers, Denver Health, who presented the report on behalf of the Community Task Force. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

III. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Michael Bennet noted that the Board had received a packet of teacher dismissals for review.

New School/Transition/School of Choice Update

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

Principal Veronica Benavides presented an update on Horace Mann K-8 School.

Brad Jupp, Senior Academic Policy Advisor, presented an update on Gilpin Montessori School.

Disposition of Assets Update

Superintendent Michael Bennet introduced Tom Boasberg, Chief Operating Officer, to present the disposition of assets update.

2008-2009 Preliminary Budget

Superintendent Michael Bennet introduced Velma Rose, Chief Financial Officer, to present the 2008-2009 preliminary budget. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of

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:

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding Manual High School's Autonomy Agreement Request

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding the Charter Renewal Application for Denver Arts and Technology Academy

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding the Charter Renewal Application for Life Skills Center of Denver

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding the Charter Renewal Application for Skyland Community High School

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding the Charter Renewal Application for Challenges, Choices, and Images Literacy and Technology Learning Center

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 January 17, 2008; Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 24, 2008; Minutes of the Special Telephone Conference Meeting of February 2, 2008 –Copies of these minutes are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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

Finance and Audit

Motion to Approve Contracts for Products for Food Services – A copy of this motion, approval of contracts regarding Food Services being supplied with paper, plastic, foam, and foil products, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contracts for Products for Schools – A copy of this motion, approval of contracts regarding construction and art paper for schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify the Award to MSN Communications – A copy of this motion, to ratify the award to MSN Communications regarding the yearly maintenance on the district's network equipment, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Chief Operating Officer

Budget and Finance

Resolution – Adopting the Supplemental Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2007, and Ending June 30, 2008 – A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution – Authorizing the Use of the Beginning Fund Balance during the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2007, and Ending June 30, 2008 – A copy of this resolution, to authorize, in accordance with SB03-149, the expenditure of the Beginning Fund balance of specified funds as anticipated in the Supplemental Budget, to state the purpose for which the expenditure is made, and to state the school district's plan to ensure that the use of Beginning Fund balance will not lead to an ongoing deficit, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution – Approving the Supplemental Budget Appropriations for Expenditures during the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2007, and Ending June 30, 2008 – A copy of this resolution, approval to appropriate the moneys to be expended in each fund, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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

Appointment of Custodian Bank for the District’s Bond Redemption Fund – A copy of this motion, appointment of Wells Fargo Bank as the custodian bank for the district’s Bond Redemption Fund due to the resignation of Bank of New York effective March 15, 2008, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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 between the Denver Classroom Teachers Association and the Denver Public Schools – A copy of this motion, ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding teacher mobility, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Denver Classroom Teachers Association and the Denver Public Schools – A copy of this motion, ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding substitute teacher compensation, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Accept the Arbitrator’s Report regarding AAA No. 77 390 00139 07, Grievance #6/7-18, Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA) and School District No. 1; DCTA Grievance #6/7-18 – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Accept in Part and Reject in Part the Arbitrator’s Report regarding AAA No. 77 390 00070 07, Grievance #6/7-16, Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA) and School District No. 1; DCTA Grievance #6/7-16 – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Chief Academic Officer

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding the Charter Renewal Application for Academy of Urban Learning - A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding the Charter Renewal Application for Denver Connections Academy - A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding the Charter Renewal Application for Denver School of Science and Technology - A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding the Charter Renewal Application for Escuela de Tlateloco - A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding the Charter Renewal Application for Pioneer Charter School - A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding the Charter Renewal Application for P.S. 1 Charter School - A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Resolution regarding the Charter Renewal Application for Community Challenge School - A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Charter Contract for Denver Venture Charter School - A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

DISCUSSION OF HELD AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 3061 - Manual High School's Request for Autonomy Agreement

Mr. Patterson moved approval of Resolution No. 3061. Mrs. Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 3062 regarding the Charter Renewal
Application for Denver Arts and Technology Academy

After discussion, Mr. Jiménez moved approval of Resolution No. 3062. Ms. Peña seconded the motion. Voting “Yes,” Mr. Jiménez and Ms. Peña. Voting “No,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, and Mr. Patterson. The motion failed. Ms. Peña clarified that the Board has voted not to renew the charter for Denver Arts and Technology; therefore, the Board has voted to close this charter school. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 3063 regarding the Charter Renewal
Application for Life Skills Center

After discussion, Mrs. Kaplan moved approval of Resolution No. 3063. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Voting “No,” Mr. Hoyt. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 3064 regarding the Charter Renewal
Application for Skyland Community High School

After discussion, Ms. Conrad moved approval of Resolution No. 3064. Mrs. Kaplan seconded the motion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, and Mr. Patterson. Voting “No,” Mr. Hoyt and Ms. Peña. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 3065 regarding the Charter Renewal
Application for Challenges, Choices, and Images Literacy and Technology
Learning Center

After discussion, Mr. Patterson moved approval of Resolution No. 3065. Mr. Jiménez seconded the motion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Voting “No,” Mr. Hoyt and Mrs. Moss. The motion passed. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Hoyt stated that since the Board has voted against the motion to approve the charter renewal application for the Denver Arts and Technology Academy and, therefore, will not renew the charter, statutory requirements follow. Number one: Denver Arts and Technology Academy committed violations of the conditions, standards, or procedures set forth in the charter application and charter contract. Number Two: Denver Arts and Technology failed to meet or make reasonable progress towards achievement of the content standards and the pupil performance standards identified in the charter application and contract. Number Three: It is not in the best interest of the pupils residing within the school district to continue the operation of this charter school. He requested that all the data and evaluation documents considered as part of the district’s staff analysis of the charter school be incorporated into the record.

Ms. Peña adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

The Public Comment Session began at 7:25 p.m. and ended at 8:10 p.m. A copy of the Speakers List is appended to the minutes of this meeting

Mrs. Moss adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Jill Conrad, Secretary
Board of Education