

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (09-06) 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, MARCH 19, 2009

A presentation of Core Matters was presented by fourth grade students from Garden Place ECE-6 Academy

I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Peña called the meeting to order at 5:10 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

Recognition of Bromwell Elementary School for receiving Blue Ribbon Designation from the United States Department of Education

Mrs. Kaplan read a Proclamation stating that Bromwell Elementary School has distinguished itself by being named a 2008 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

Recognition of 2008 Bond Issue

Ms. Conrad recognized Bond Committee members Steve Welchert and John Britz. Ms. Peña introduced and thanked Bill Mosher and Michael Hancock, co-chairs of the committee.

II. Superintendent's Reports

PERA/DPSRS Legislation

Superintendent Tom Boasberg presented the report. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

GOB Update

David Suppes, Chief Operating Officer, presented an update report on the GOB Bond. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Presentation on 2009-2010 Medical, Dental, VSP, Long-Term Disability, and EAP Premium Rates for Active Employees

Sheryl Manning, Benefits Manager, gave the presentation. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

IV. Consent Agenda

Assistant Secretary Jacquie Lucero read the Agenda items. Mr. Hoyt moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda process:

Board of Education

Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of February 19, 2008; and the Special Meeting of March 16, 2009 – Copies 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 the Memorandum of Agreement and an Easement between Denver Public Schools and Alameda Square LLC, an Idaho Limited Liability Company – The Memorandum of Understanding and Easement will allow Alameda Square to undertake the following actions: (1) Demolish the existing retaining wall and construct a new concrete retaining wall in the same general location as the original retaining wall; and (2) Grant an easement to install, construct, access, and repair the retaining wall built on certain areas of the Valverde Elementary School property. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Cancellation of the 2009-2010 Option Year between Baker Middle School and Taylor Elementary School and Denver Public Schools Educational Resource Services – A copy of this motion, approval of the cancellation of the 2009-2010 option year of the primary vendor agreement for library books between Baker and Taylor and Denver Public Schools Educational Resource Services to Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Chief Operating Officer

Budget and Finance

Resolution Authorizing Signatures for Banking Transactions – A copy of this motion, approval of this resolution to address staffing changes effective March 20, 2009, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Appoint External Auditors - A copy of this motion, renewal of the fourth renewal term for the firm of Clifton Gunderson LLP to perform the independent audit of the district's financial statements and of the district's federal grants, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution regarding Bond Issuance – A copy of this motion, approval of pricing parameters for the Bond issuance, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Chief Academic Officer

Human Resources

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy Review.

Second Reading of Policy A – Policy Framework for Accelerating Gains in Academic Achievement for All Students – Second reading of the updated Policy A. A copy of this policy is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

The Public Comment Session began at 6:55 p.m. and ended at 7:56 p.m. A copy of the Speakers List is appended to the minutes of this meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Moss moved that the Board of Education enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of legal counsel regarding discussions determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e); conference with an attorney for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b); and discussions regarding personnel matters as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f).

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Jill Conrad, Secretary
Board of Education