

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (08-7) 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, APRIL 17, 2008

**Student Presentation**

Kepner Middle School students presented information on their Kepner Educational Excellence Program (K.E.E.P).

**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, Mr. Kevin Patterson, and Ms. Theresa Peña.

**II. Board Member Reports**

Green Valley Elementary School Project Citizen Presentation

Mr. Patterson introduced Green Valley Elementary School's teacher Stefani Sullivan and her students to present their Project Citizen report. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Lynn Lehmann Award

Mr. Patterson introduced City Councilwoman Peggy Lehman to present the Lynn Lehman Award, on behalf of Creative Options, to Judge Dana Wakefield, retired Juvenile Court Judge.

Recognition of Colorado Association of Partners in Education Volunteer (CAPE) Awards Winners

Mr. Jiménez introduced and recognized the Colorado Association of Partners in Education Volunteer (CAPE) award winners: John Castellano, DU Pioneer Partners, and American Medical Response. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Recognition of George Washington High School Mock Trial Team

Mrs. Kaplan read a Proclamation congratulating George Washington High School's Mock Trail Team State Champions. She introduced Barbara Gale-Martinez, teacher-coach, and student team members. A copy of the Proclamation is appended to minutes of this meeting.

**III. Superintendent's Report**

New Schools/Transition Update

Superintendent Michael Bennet noted that Board members had been given teachers' dismissals.

Mr. Bennet introduced David Suppes, Chief Strategy Officer, to present the report on the New Schools/Transition Update. Brad Jupp, Senior Policy Advisor, presented information on the motion before the Board for the Kunsmiller K-12 Creative Arts Academy. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Bennet announced that Diana Howard, Principal of Polaris at Ebert School, has agreed to take on the planning for a year as the opening principal of the Kunsmiller K-12 Creative Arts Academy.

**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:

Resolution Regarding a Special Warranty Deed, Two Lease Agreements, an Amendment to Lease Purchase Agreement, and an Official Statement

Motion to Approve Facilitation Agreement between Denver Public Schools and Denver Arts and Technology Academy

Mr. Hoyt moved that all matters on the Consent Agenda not held be approved. Mr. Patterson 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 March 20, 2008, and of the Special Meeting of April 7, 2008 – 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 Appoint External Auditors – A copy of this motion, approval of the renewal of the third of four renewable terms 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.

Motion to Approve Lease for Additional Space at Jason Street Warehouse – A copy of this motion, approval of a lease for additional square footage in the Jason Street warehouse facility, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Labor Contract between AG Software and Denver Public Schools A copy of this motion, approval of a contract regarding labor provided by AG Software, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contracts regarding Food Services – A copy of this motion, approval of the contracts with Jennie-O Turkey Store, J.M. Smucker Company, JTM Provisions Company, Land O’Lakes, Inc., M.C.I. Food, Inc., Pierre Foods, Inc., Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation, Sunny Fresh Foods, and Tyson Sales & Distribution regarding providing food for schools, is appended t the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and New Leaders New Schools - A copy of this motion, approval of a contract with New Leaders New Schools to provide services in accordance with the Teacher Incentive Fund Grant, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Construction Contract Award Approval - A copy of this motion, approval of the construction contract regarding the Cole Realignment to ECE/K-8, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract Award Approval - A copy of this motion, approval of the contract regarding Horace Mann Middle School Realignment Project, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Lease Agreement between Denver Public Schools and Denver Venture School - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

## **Chief Operating Officer**

### **Human Resources**

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

Motion to Accept the Arbitrator's Report Regarding AAA No. 77 390 00387 07 02, Grievance #6/7-45, Denver Classroom Teachers Association and School District No.1, DCTA Grievance #6/7-45 – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

**Chief Academic Officer**

Motion to Approve Appointment of Denver Public Schools Employee to Prosecute Truancy Proceedings – A copy of this motion, approval allowing one or more employees of the school district to represent the school district in its truancy proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction located in the State of Colorado, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Kunsmiller Grade Configuration - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Policy Review

First Reading of Request to Amend Policy GCID-R - The Board was presented with a first reading to Amend Policy GCID-R in order to update the policy to provide fair and equitable treatment, maximize the administration, and provide safeguards for maintaining the system. A copy of this policy is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña asked that any comment on this policy amendment be directed to the Board Office.

**DISCUSSION OF HELD AGENDA ITEM**

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 3081 - Facilitation Agreement between Denver Public Schools and Denver Arts and Technology Academy

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of Resolution No. 3081. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña recessed the Regular Meeting at 6:42 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

The Public Comment Session began at 6:42 p.m. and ended at 8:45 p.m. A copy of the Speakers List is appended to the minutes of this meeting

Ms. Peña re-convened the Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

## **DISCUSSION OF HELD AGENDA ITEM**

### **Resolution 3082 Regarding a Special Warranty Deed Two Lease Agreements, an Amendment to Lease Purchase, and an Official Statement**

Tom Boasberg, Chief Operating Officer, and Velma Rose, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the Lease Purchase Agreement.

Mr. Hoyt moved approval of Resolution No. 3082, an amendment to Section 5(a) to read “the 2008A Indenture; provided that the maximum principal amount of 2008A Certificates authorized thereby does not exceed \$450,000,000.” Mrs. Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Jill Conrad, Secretary  
Board of Education