

MINUTES OF THE MEETING (07-05) 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 19, 2007

**Rishel Middle School's Jazz Band performed for the Board of Education**

**I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Pena called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Rev. Lucia Guzman, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan, and Ms. Theresa Peña. Mrs. Michelle Moss arrived at 5:04 p.m. Ms. Jill Conrad arrived at 5:05 p.m. Mr. Kevin Patterson arrived at 5:30 p.m.

**Board Member Reports**

Ms. Peña announced that the Denver Public Schools' Retired Employees Scholarship Foundation has awarded ten \$5,000 renewable scholarships to one student each from Montbello, Thomas Jefferson, West High Schools and the Center for International Studies; and to two students each from George Washington, John F. Kennedy, and South High Schools. She expressed appreciation for the support the district receives from former employees, who continue to support district students.

Ms. Peña acknowledged Andre Pettigrew, Chief Operating Officer, who resigned effective May 1, 2007. She said that Andre has been not just a colleague, but a friend.

**Superintendent Report**

Mr. Bennet reported that, with the Columbine anniversary tomorrow, staff has been in constant touch with the police department and security to ensure that the school day goes smoothly tomorrow.

Volunteer Policy Update

Mr. Bennet introduced Happy Haynes, Assistant to the Superintendent for Community Partnerships, to present an update on the Volunteer Policy. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

School Innovation Grant Recommendations for 2007-2008 School Year Update

Mr. Bennet introduced Ethan Hemming, Director of Planning, Research, and Innovation, to present an update on the School Innovation Grant recommendations. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

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

**Board of Education**

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 15, 2007 – A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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

**Finance and Audit**

Motion to Ratify Award of Contract #BD1197 for Districtwide Banking Services Beginning July 1, 2007, for One Year with Four Renewable Terms, with UMB Bank Colorado, n.a. – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify Award of Contract #BD1184 to IKON Office Solutions - A copy of this motion, to award a contract to IKON Office Solutions for districtwide lease of copiers and duplicators, including maintenance and supplies, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify Award of Contract #BD1177 for Custodial/Janitorial Supplies - A copy of this motion, to approve a one-year contract, with a three-year renewal option, to seven vendors to provide district custodial/janitorial supplies; the annual contract value for all seven vendors is \$392,353.58, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify a Construction Contract for the Bradley Elementary School Learning Landscape. – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Additional Funding for the Design Fees for North High School Phase II Renovation, Green Valley High School, and Green Valley III K-8 – Due to inflation of construction costs, initial build out for 800 students instead of 400 students, and in order to avoid any stoppage or delay in construction, the Board of Education will be asked to approve increasing the funding in the amount of \$1.9 million for the

schematic design and design development phases of design for the North High School Phase II Renovation, Green Valley High School, and Green Valley III K-8. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **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 Approve Amendments in the Agreement between the Vocational Teacher's Federation and Denver Public Schools – A copy of this motion, to approve amendments in Articles 24 and 30 to be effective April 19, 2007, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

DPS Health Insurance Renewal Plans – A copy of this motion, to approve the renewal rates of the district's health insurance plans for all active employees, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Accept the Arbitrator's Report Regarding AAA No. 77 390 00353 06, Grievance #5/6-44, Denver Classroom Teachers Association and School District No. 1, DCTA Grievance #5/6-44 – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

#### Facility Management

Motion to Approve Granting an Easement to Public Service Company (PS Co) – A copy of this motion, to approve granting an easement to PS Co for additional street lights in and around Whiteman Elementary School, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

### **Policy Review**

Motion to Approve Revision to Policy IJOC – School Volunteers and Service Providers – A copy of this motion, to broaden the scope of the policy and align it with the Denver Plan, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none

## **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 adjourned the Regular Meeting at 5:33 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – 6:24 P.M.**

#### Northeast Schools

Jerry Duran, member of the Northeast Community Congress for Education (NCCE), expressed frustration regarding the district's closure of Manual High School and lack of a clear plan for the reopening. He spoke against the current plan to limit enrollment of neighborhood children.

Nancy Braan, member of NCCE, expressed frustration regarding the lack of input the thirty member Manual Community Council, convened at the request of the Superintendent, has had on the curriculum process. They are disturbed about the plans to limit enrollment, cut sports, and are concerned for the safety of students.

Sandy Douglas, member of NCCE, said community members request support for a neighborhood-based, neighborhood-driven community school based in the Cole Middle School building.

John McBride, member of NCCE, stated that the Manual community is driving the process in the fight to have a community-based, community-driven premier academic educational system in the near northeast area.

#### Gifted/Talented Magnet

George Inai explained that as a representative of the Ebert Parent Outreach Committee their mission is to reach out and recruit students that the gifted identification and testing process may miss; and to ensure cultural, ethnic, and economic diversity at Polaris at Ebert and the new gifted program.

Monique Lovato, also representing the Ebert Parent Outreach Committee, said they have put extra effort, with the assistance from the gifted office, to correctly identify kids, help them complete forms, and work with their parents, to ensure community involvement in developing the second gifted program.

### Denver School of the Arts (DSA) Budget

Karen Kudebeh, parent; Kristen Kubebeh, student; and Lucy Phillips, parent, spoke on behalf of other parents regarding cuts in personnel in the Stagecraft and Design Department at the Denver School of the Arts. A copy of their comments and concerns are appended to minutes of this meeting.

Doug Stewart, DSA parent, expressed his concern regarding the planned staff reduction of two support personnel in the Stagecraft and Design Program at DSA for the 2007-2008 school year.

Chuck Morris, DSA parent and former President of Chuck Morris Presents in Live Nation, expressed his concern regarding the cuts in the Stagecraft and Design Program at DSA. As a huge supporter of the school, two months ago he donated \$30,000 to DSA, he feels these cuts are very detrimental.

### Denver School of the Arts (DSA) Admissions

Jeanne Price, parent, expressed her frustration regarding the handicap discrimination her daughter experienced at DSA and the lack of accountability and responsibility shown by the administration at DSA.

Susan Johnson, DSA parent, expressed her frustration with issues with DSA.

### DCTA

Kim Ursetta, President of the Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA), discussed their statement on potential school closures. They want to ensure that decisions made by the Board are made in a fair and open process that everyone understands and recognizes; with clear criteria and benchmarks that are applied equally.

### Social Studies

Dr. Frank Deserino, teacher, spoke regarding social studies. A copy of his comments and materials are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary  
Board of Education