

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (08-8) 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, MAY 15, 2008

**Student Presentation**

The Abraham Lincoln High School Choir, under the direction of Melissa Grundy, performed for the audience and the Board.

**I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Peña called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Jill Conrad, Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, and Ms. Theresa Peña. Mr. Bruce Hoyt and Mr. Arturo Jiménez were absent and excused.

**II. Board Member Reports**

Recognition of East High School Constitutional Scholars Team as National Champions

Mr. Patterson read a Proclamation congratulating members of East High School's Constitutional Scholars Team, winners of the National Championship for the second year in a row. He introduced teacher Susan McHugh and members of the team. A copy of this Proclamation is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Recognition of John F. Kennedy High School Robotics Team

Mrs. Moss read a Proclamation congratulating members of John F. Kennedy High School's Robotics Team. She introduced teacher Paul Jasinowski and members of the team. A copy of this Proclamation is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

2008 Bond Presentation

Ms. Peña introduced Bill Mosher and Dawn Bookhardt, Co-Chairs of the Citizen's Committee for Capital Needs (CCCN), to present an update on the 2008 Bond presentation. A copy of this presentation is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Recognition of Master Sergeant Mark Beasley as Cadet Command Army Instructor of the Year

Ms. Conrad introduced Abraham Lincoln High School JROTC Instructor Master Sergeant Mark Beasley and read a Proclamation congratulating him for his award as Cadet Command Army Instructor of the Year Award. A copy of this Proclamation is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Recognition of Dr. Daniel Lutz as 2008 MetLife Foundation Ambassador in Education Award Winner

Ms. Peña introduced George Beale, MetLife Regional Manager, and Gloria Rubio-Cortes, President of the Denver-based National Civic League, to present the 2008 MetLife Foundation Ambassador in Education Award to Dr. Daniel Lutz, Principal of the Denver Center for International Studies, the only Colorado winner. They presented him with a crystal apple and a \$5,000.00 check to continue his work with the community.

2003 Mill Levy Update

Ms. Peña introduced Steve Kaplan, Chairman of the district's 2003 Mill Levy Committee, to present the update. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña stated that the Board of Education would like to recognize and congratulate the following schools and individuals:

- Kevin Lindauer, John F. Kennedy High School Biology teacher, who has been awarded the 2008 Outstanding Biology Teacher for Colorado by the National Association of Biology Teachers(NABT), in conjunction with Prentice Hall and the Colorado Biology Teachers Association (CBTA).
- Bryant-Webster Mariachi Juvenil, led by their Music Director and Principal, Pamela Liñan, had an outstanding performance with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra during the Cinco de Mayo Concert on May 1, 2008.
- Anna Holm, South High School mathematics teacher, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics, the only Colorado teacher to receive this award.
- Myriam de Leon, school nurse at North High School, received the Nightingale Award.

### **III. Superintendent's Report**

#### **New Schools/Transition Update**

Mr. Bennet introduced David Suppes, Chief Strategy Officer, and Catherine Gonzales, Principal of Gilpin ECE-8 School, to present an update on the new Montessori Program for preschoolers and kindergartners. Ms. Gonzales introduced the new Montessori Coordinator, Marcellina Oti. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

### **IV. Consent Agenda**

Assistant Secretary Jacquie Lucero read the Agenda items. In accordance with Consent Agenda procedures, the following item was removed from the Consent Agenda and held for discussion:

Motion to Approve Autonomy Request from Montclair Elementary School

Mr. Patterson moved that all matters on the Consent Agenda not held be approved. Mrs. Kaplan seconded the motion. Voting "Yes," Ms. Conrad, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Mr. Hoyt and Mr. Jiménez were absent and excused. The following items were approved:

#### **Board of Education**

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of April 17, 2008 – 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 Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and System Technology Associates, LLC – A copy of this motion, approval of the contract for several computer systems, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contracts between Denver Public Schools and Front Range Wholesale, Andrews Food Service, US Food Service, and Stillman Wholesale – A copy of this motion, approval of contracts regarding food and nutrition services, groceries, and food staples, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and Rocky Mountain Mechanical Systems, Inc. - A copy of this motion, approval of contracts regarding repair, maintenance, and preventive maintenance on refrigeration equipment, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contract between Denver Public Schools and the Regents of the University of Colorado, Denver – A copy of this motion, approval of contract to establish an external evaluator of the ProComp Agreement, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify Agreement regarding Modular Classrooms - A copy of this motion, to ratify the agreement to purchase five modular classrooms for Ford, Maxwell, and Greenwood Elementary Schools for the 2008-2009 school year, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Construction Contract regarding Place Middle School - A copy of this motion, approval of the construction contract for Place Middle School Realignment, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Construction Contract regarding Slavens Elementary School and University Park K-8 School - A copy of this motion, approval of the construction contract for the Slavens Elementary School and University Park K-8 School Bond Project, 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 Approving the Supplemental Budget Appropriation 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, approval 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.

#### **Human Resources**

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

**NOTE** – Included in the Personnel Transaction Report were the Superintendent’s statutory non-renewal recommendations, as referenced in the Addendum to the Personnel Transactions Report.

## **Chief Academic Officer**

Resolution regarding requests from Connections Academy – A copy of this resolution, approval of Connections Academy’s request to expand their program to include eleventh and twelfth grades and to life enrollment caps, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

## **Policy Review**

Motion to Amend Policy GCID-R – Approval of an amendment of 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.

## **Denver Public Schools Retirement System**

### **Motion to Approve (Plan Change) to the Denver Public Schools Retirement System**

A copy of this motion, approval of the plan change to amend Section 60 to the Retirement and Benefit Plan of the Denver Public Schools Retirement System (DPSRS), is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Employer Pension Contribution Rate – A copy of this motion, approval of the Employer Pension Contribution Rate effective July 1, 2008, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Chief Operating Officer**

#### **Budget and Finance**

Proposed 2008-2009 Budget to the Board of Education – The Board of Education was presented with the Superintendent’s Proposed Budget for 2008-2009 prior to the June 1, 2008, statutory deadline. The 2008-2009 Proposed Financial Resources Management Plan will be on the district’s web site on May 15, 2008. A copy of the Proposed Financial Resources Management Plan is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

## Policy Review

First Reading of Request to Amend Student Fees for Policy JQ - The Board was presented with a first reading to Amend the Student Fees for Policy JQ in order to update the fees listed in the Policy for the 2008-2009 school year. 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 Autonomy Request from Montclair Elementary School

After discussion, Mrs. Kaplan moved approval of this motion. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion. Voting "Yes," Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt (voting via telephone), Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Mr. Jiménez was absent and excused. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:50 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

The Public Comment Session began at 7:01 p.m. and ended at 7:54 p.m. A copy of the Speakers List is appended to the minutes of this meeting

Ms. Peña adjourned the Public Comment Session at 7:54 p.m.

Jill Conrad, Secretary  
Board of Education