

MINUTES OF THE MEETING (07-06) 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, MAY 17, 2007

**The following Young Authors' participants presented their stories to the Board of Education and audience: Brennan Scott, 4th grade, Bradley Elementary School; Estrellita Guzman, 5th grade, Colfax Elementary School; and DeZhant Watson, 2nd grade, Wyman Elementary School**

**I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Pena called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Jill Conrad, Rev. Lucia Guzman, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, and Ms. Theresa Peña.

**Board Member Reports**

Student Board of Education Year-End Report

Ms. Conrad introduced the following members of the Student Board of Education who presented their year-end report and the outcomes of their CSAP Pride Campaign: Alma Chavez and Anahi Gutierrez, Abraham Lincoln High School; Catherine Knoth, South High School; Anahi Casillas, North High School; Tim Brogdon, John F. Kennedy High School; Shontel Lewis and Oshanette Lewis, representatives from Project VOYCE; Maya Burchette, East High School; Daria Reaven, Denver School of the Arts. A copy of the Final Student Board of Education Report and Student Views of the CSAP Test, Post-CSAP Pride Campaign report are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Business Diversity Outreach Program (BDOP) Advisory Council Year-End Report

The following members of the Business Diversity Outreach Program presented their year-end report: Helga Grunerud, Co-Chair and President of Hispanic Contractors of Colorado; Cheryl Brooks, President of Women Construction Owners and Executives; John Wright, President of the Asian Chamber of Commerce, and Pamela Lee, Director of the Mayor's Office of Small Business Opportunity Division. A copy of their report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

## Asbury Elementary School Architectural Program Report

Mr. Hoyt introduced Asbury Elementary School's Principal, Janet Box, and Jenny Werner, teacher, to present a report on their art and recycling program; and their partnership with businessman Hayden Hirschfield, a developer who is building a new housing unit across from Asbury, in an architectural and environmental design program. Mrs. Box introduced A.B. Hirschfield and expressed her appreciation to them for their help.

Mrs. Kaplan acknowledged the successful participation of district students in national and international competitions: two teams from Steck Elementary School, one team from Steele Elementary School, and one team each from East and George Washington High Schools and from the Denver School of the Arts (DSA) will compete at Destination Imagination's Global Finals; National History Day had 15 entries, a total of 35 students, from Hamilton Middle School, East and George Washington High School, and DSA, over half of the national qualifying entries from the State of Colorado are DPS students; the National Speech and Debate tournament finals has a total of 14 students from East and George Washington High Schools.

She congratulated the East High School Constitutional Scholars who won the national competition in Washington, D.C.

## **Superintendent Report**

### Recognition of Retired Principals

Mr. Bennet asked the Instructional Superintendents to recognize the following retiring principals: Erlinda Archuleta, Lena Archuleta Elementary School; Patty Bippus, Denver School of the Arts; Kathy Callum, East High School; Andrea Fienberg, Knapp Elementary School; Ann Greenfield, Merrill Middle School; Daphne Hunter, Lincoln Elementary School; Charles Raisch, Steck Elementary School; Patricia Salazar, Bryant-Webster Elementary School; Rachel Starks, Stedman Elementary School; and Helen Trujillo-Wulfers, Ford Elementary School.

### DPS Foundation School Partners Program Update

Mr. Bennet introduced Barbara Berv, President of the Denver Public Schools Foundation, to present their report. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

### 2003 General Obligation Bond Update

Mr. Bennet introduced Tom Buescher, Chairman of the Bond Oversight Committee, to give a brief update on the bond project.

### Mill Levy Update

Mr. Bennet introduced Steve Kaplan, Chairman of the Mill Levy Oversight Committee, to give an update on the implementation of the 2003 Mill Levy initiative. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

### Standards Based Report Cards

Mr. Bennet introduced Dr. Jaime Aquino, Chief Academic Officer, to give an update on standards-based report cards. Dr. Aquino gave a history and steps taken to set up the standards-based report cards and addressed issues and concerns raised by parents. He introduced Roberta Walker, Parent/Family Liaison, who gave an update of work they have done with parents.

### Manual Update

Mr. Bennet introduced Happy Haynes, Assistant to the Superintendent for Community Partnerships, to give an update on Manual High School.

### Accountability Policy

Dr. Bennet introduced Brad Jupp, Senior Policy Advisor, to report on the development and modification of Policy AE –Comprehensive Accountability System. This policy will be available for discussion and comments over the next month. It will be presented to the Board for adoption at the June 21, 2007, meeting. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Dr. Bennet stated that Board members had received in sealed envelopes, at this meeting, notice of teacher dismissals.

## **IV. Consent Agenda**

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

Resolution to Support and Endorse the Strong American Schools Campaign

Motion to Approve a Proposal to Add Grade 6 to Remington Elementary School for the 2007-2008 School Year only

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 April 19, 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 Approve Architect's Schematic Design and Design Development Contract for Phase II Renovation Project at North High School – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Architect's Schematic Design and Design Development Contract for Green Valley High School Project - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Architect's Construction Document Contract for Phase II Renovation at North High School - A copy of this motion, to approve the architect's agreement in the amount of \$1,833,610 to draft construction documents, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Architect's Construction Document Contract for Green Valley High School - A copy of this motion, to approve the architect's agreement in the amount of \$1,000,784 to draft construction documents, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Architect's Construction Document Contract for Green Valley III K-8 - A copy of this motion, to approve the architect's agreement in the amount of \$543,938 to draft construction documents, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Construction Contract for Parent Project 3719, Learning Landscape at Bradley Elementary School - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve a 247 Security Digital Surveillance Systems Contract – A copy of this motion, to approve the contract to outfit school buses with surveillance equipment, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

## **Chief Academic Officer**

Motion to Approve Charter School Application Timeline for Fall 2007 - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Challenge, Choices, and Images (CCI) Charter School's Relocation and Building Financing - A copy of this motion, CCI's request to move to the former Samsonite headquarters campus in Montbello and to borrow the appropriate financing above the five percent of the school's budget, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve a Restructure Plan for Smith Elementary School - 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 Accept the Arbitrator's Report Regarding AAA No. 77 390 00431 06 02 CHCA-C Denver Classroom Teachers Association and School District No. 1, DCTA Grievance #6/7-03 – A copy of this motion 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.

### **Chief Financial Officer**

Proposed 2007-2008 Budget to the Board of Education – The Superintendent's 2007-2008 Proposed Budget was presented to the Board of Education prior to the June 1, 2007, statutory deadline. The 2007-2008 Proposed Financial Resources Management Plan document will be on the district's web site on May 17, 2007, at [www.budgetandfinance.dpsk12.org](http://www.budgetandfinance.dpsk12.org).

## **DISCUSSION OF HELD CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Peña stated that since parents and community members have signed up to speak at the Public Comment Session regarding the Remington Elementary School Proposal to Add Grade 6, the vote on held Consent Agenda items would be postponed until after the Public Comment Session.

Ms. Peña recessed the Regular Meeting at 6:56 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – 6:56 P.M.**

### Remington Elementary School Retaining Sixth Grade

Veronica Benavidez, Principal, Remington Elementary School; parents Rose Kundert, Robert Martinez, Estelle Perez; teacher and parent Sharon Wilson; and Marlana Rose, President of the Northwest Denver Optimist, urged Board members to vote yes in support of the Superintendent's proposal to allow Remington Elementary School to add Sixth Grade for the 2007-2008 school year.

### Philips Elementary School

John Bellamy, teacher, Philips Elementary School, urged the Board to reconsider the decision to not renew his contract; fellow teachers Inez Wilson and Terry Ector, and parent Mark Fischer, spoke in his support.

### Rachel B. Noel Middle School

Sonja Tolbert, Rachel B. Noel parent, spoke about an incident that involved her son that occurred at the school.

### Renewable Energy and DPS

John Exall, Sixth Grade Lead Teacher at the Odyssey School in Stapleton, and his students: Sam Fermaglich, Tia Greer, Elisabeth Hailu, Daniel Hartman-Strawn, Ty Nolan, and Kateri Thiesz, shared the results of their research on renewable energy from their science expedition this spring.

### Middle School Report Cards

Barbara Cashman Hahn, parent, shared her objections and concerns to the proposed standards-based progress reports for middle school students.

### Vision for a 21st Century School District

Mr. Kelly Leid, Executive Director of the Foundation for Educational Excellence; Ruth Frazier, Principal of Greenwood K-8 School; and Antwan Wilson, Principal of Montbello High School, discussed the Far Northeast Schools Principal's Leadership Council's Memorandum of

Understanding in Creating a 21st Century School District. A copy of the memorandum is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

### DCTA

Kim Ursetta, President of the Denver Classroom Teachers Association, (DCTA), spoke about mediation issues, which included: DCTA's theme that "Teachers make the difference," assessments, and time to teach.

### Non-Renewal of Contract

Lisa Benson, kindergarten teacher at Carson Elementary School, urged the Board to reconsider the decision to not renew her contract.

Kalyn Rogers, teacher at Fallis Elementary School, urged the Board to reconsider the decision to not renew her contract.

### Recruiting and Retaining Teachers

Lawrence Garcia, teacher, spoke about the district's salary compensation gap, compared to eleven other districts, and the redesign process.

Ms. Peña adjourned the Public Comment Session at 8:09 p.m., and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 8:09 p.m.

## **RECONVENED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

### **DISCUSSION OF HELD CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

#### Resolution to Support and Endorse the Strong American Schools Campaign

Mrs. Moss read Resolution 3014, Strong American Schools Campaign. Mrs. Kaplan moved approval of this Resolution. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting "Yes," Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Ms. Conrad was absent. The motion passed.

#### Motion to Approve a Proposal to Add Grade 6 to Remington Elementary School for the 2007-2008 School Year only

Rev. Guzman moved approval of this motion. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. Voting "Yes," Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Ms. Conrad was absent. The motion passed.

Mr. Patterson moved that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of legal counsel regarding the following issues: (1) Contracts that may be subject to negotiations and/or developing strategy for negotiations, as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e); (2) Real property interest as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402(e)(a); and (3) Discussions regarding personnel matters as authorized by C.R. S. 24-6-402(4)(f). Ms. Peña seconded the motion. Voting “Yes,” Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Ms. Conrad was absent. The motion passed.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary  
Board of Education