

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (09-12) 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 21, 2009

Samuels Elementary School students performed for the Board and the audience.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College students presented an update of their academic accomplishments.

I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Peña called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Jill Conrad, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mr. Arturo Jiménez, Mr. Kevin Patterson, and Ms. Theresa Peña. Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan and Mrs. Michelle Moss were absent and excused.

II. Board Member Reports

Student Board of Education Presentation

Ms. Conrad introduced Charles Elbot, Director, and Kelli Pfaff, Associate Director, of the Office of Intentional School Culture. Members of the Student Board of Education gave the report. Ms. Conrad presented each student member with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Recognition of Brad Jupp

Board members spoke in recognition of Brad Jupp, Senior Academic Policy Advisory, who is leaving to take a position in Washington, D.C. Board members expressed their appreciation and thanked Mr. Jupp for his dedication, passion, advocacy, and hard work for the children of the Denver Public Schools.

Recognition of South High School as AVID National Demonstration School

Mr. Hoyt read a Proclamation in recognition of South High School distinguishing itself by being awarded the designation of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) National Demonstration School. He introduced Principal William Kohut.

Recognition of West High School Debate League Team Taking Top Honors at National Championship

Mr. Jiménez read a Proclamation in recognition of West High School's Denver Urban Debate League (UDL) for distinguishing themselves by taking top honors at the Case Urban Debate Nationals in Chicago, IL. He introduced Professor Roberto Corrada, Co-Chair, of the Denver UDL Advisory Board; and Jessica Clark, League Director, and students Ruben Aguirre and Christian Ulrickson.

Recognition of Seven Denver Public School Teachers Receiving Denver Teachers' Awards Organization's 2009 Distinguished Teacher Award

Ms. Peña read a Proclamation in recognition of teachers Teri Appell, Ann Christensen, Michelle Chouris, Amy Ford, Tandra Kennedy, Nancy Smith, and Leslie Whitty for being awarded the 2009 Distinguished Teachers Award from the Denver Teachers' Awards organization.

Board of Education Recognitions

Mr. Patterson congratulated and recognized the following schools, departments, and individuals:

Madeline McGrigg – Second grade student from Polaris who was named finalist in the national River of Words poetry contests. She read her winning poem at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. on May 13, 2009.

Vikki Crystal – Junior at East High School who won the Helen Phelps Volunteerism and Student Educator Award for sharing her passion, speech and debate, to instruct a group of fifth and sixth graders at Columbine Elementary School.

Holly Wells – Martin Luther King, Jr., Early College Physical Education and Adaptive Physical Education teacher was awarded the 2009 MetLife Foundation Ambassadors In Education award. Only 25 public school teachers from across the United States were recognized in April by the National Civic League with the award. The teachers were selected for their leadership in building bridges between local schools and communities. Each will receive a \$5,000.00 grant for their school at local awards ceremonies.

The School Counseling Department at John F. Kennedy High School – Received the nationally recognized ASCA Model Program Award from the American School Counselors Association.

II. Superintendent's Reports

PERA Update

Mr. Boasberg presented an update on the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) merger legislation

Asset Recommendations

David Suppes, Chief Operating Officer, presented the report. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Graduation, Completion, and Dropout Rates 2007-2008

Ana Tilton, Chief Academic Officer, presented the report. 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 Charter School Contract between Denver Public Schools and Justice High School

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

Board of Education

Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of April 16, 2008; the Special Meeting of April 27, 2009; and the Special Meeting of May 4, 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 CRESL Amendatory Agreementt – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Easement Related to George Washington High School, Bond Parent 8318 - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Chief Operating Officer

Budget and Finance

Proposed 2009-2010 Budget to the Board of Education – Presentation of the Superintendent’s Proposed Budget for 2009-2010 prior to the June 1, 2009, statutory deadline; the 2009-2010 Proposed Financial Resources Management Plan will be on the district’s web site on May 21, 2009. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Facilities

Motion to Appoint Mark Bollinger to the Board of Parks and Recreation – A copy of this motion 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.

Office of School Reform and Innovation

Motion to Approve Charter School Contract between Denver Public Schools and Cesar Chavez Academy - Denver – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Charter School Contract between Denver Public Schools and Envision Schools Colorado – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Charter School Contract between Denver Public Schools and Manny Martinez Middle School – 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 Updated Policies KCD and KCD-R – First reading of Policies KCD and KCD-R regarding Grants, Gifts, and Donations.

DISCUSSION OF HELD AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to Approve Charter School Contract between Denver Public Schools and Justice High School

After discussion, Mr. Jiménez moved approval of this motion. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Jiménez, and Ms. Peña. Mrs. Kaplan and Mrs. Moss were absent and excused. The motion passed. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

The Public Comment Session began at 6:55 p.m. and ended at 8:53 p.m. A copy of the Speakers List is appended to the minutes of this meeting

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Jill Conrad, Secretary
Board of Education