

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (05-14) 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, JUNE 2, 2005

**I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.**

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

President Lester R. Woodward called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Elaine Gantz Berman, Rev. Lucia Guzman, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, Ms. Theresa Peña, and Mr. Lester Woodward.

C. Recognition of the Prep League IKON Athletes of the Year

Ms. Peña asked John Andrews, Manager, Athletics Department, to present the Prep League IKON Athletes of the Year Award. Mr. Andrews said that each year one middle school girl and boy are selected to be honored as the IKON Athlete of the Year. The award recognizes their outstanding sportsmanship while playing in the Nuggets/Avalanche Middle School Prep League, their leadership on and off the playing field, scholastic achievement, and citizenship at school and in the community. This year's girl's IKON Student Athlete of the Year is Casey Clayton from Kunsmiller Middle School. This year's boys IKON Student Athlete of the Year is Tri Joy from Henry Middle School.

**II. Board Member Reports**

A. Response to Commission on Nutrition and Physical Activity Report

Andre Pettigrew, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services; Leo Lesh, Director of Food and Nutrition Services; Eric Larson, Coordinator, Physical Education; and Bridget Beatty, School Health Specialist from Student Services, presented the report. A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, II-A.

In response to Rev. Guzman's question regarding school cafeterias, Mr. Lesh said emphasis will be placed on vending machines and a-la-carte items. Through the National Lunch Program, the district will continue to offer nutritious choices in the school lunch program by following federal guidelines. The National School Lunch Program is highly regulated as far as nutrition and guidance.

In response to Ms. Gantz Berman's expressed concern regarding physical education funding and the lack of physical education classes in some schools, Mr. Larson concurred that five elementary schools do not have a physical education teacher, that a number of schools have a physical education class only one time per week. Just 15 elementary schools have daily physical education classes.

Ms. Gantz Berman acknowledged that the district has a long way to go to meet the physical education recommendation of the Commission and national standards. It is a funding issue, along with individual schools having the discretion to cut these positions in order to meet their budget.

In response to Rev. Guzman's question regarding staff's recommendation, Ms. Gantz Berman said that staff endorsed the Commission's recommendation on physical education. However, in order to implement it a new source of funding must be found.

Mr. Pettigrew noted that staff recommendations were the result of the collaboration of three departments: Curriculum and Instruction, Food and Nutrition Services, and Student Services

Dr. Reggie Washington, Co-Chair of the Commission, thanked the Board and staff for their thoughtful consideration of the Commission recommendations. These are very difficult economic times, but they are pleased with the progress that has been made. The Commission suggests and strongly urges the Board to review their recommendations on an annual basis for the next three years to assure that progress continues to be made.

Ms. Gantz Berman moved approval of the motion. Rev. Guzman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, II-A.

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

Dr. Wartgow reported that the traditional school calendar year has come to an end. Teachers, principals, assistant principals, and staff are looking forward to their well-deserved break. He thanked everyone for their help and support during the past school year. He wished everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

### **IV. Consent Agenda**

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

IV-A-2e Motion to Approve Municipal Payment Plan Agreement with Oracle Credit Corporation

IV-C-2 Resolution to Approve Amendments to Charter School Contracts

IV-C-6 Revitalization Plan, Phase I, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School

Ms. Gantz Berman moved that all matters on the Consent Agenda not held be approved. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the following items were approved:

A. Board of Education

1. Minutes of April 7, 2005 – A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-A-1.
2. Finance and Audit Committee
  - a. Motion to Approve the Construction Contract for the New Montbello Village Place K-8 School Project - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-A-2a.
  - b. Motion to Approve the Construction Contract for the Whiteman and Wyman Elementary Schools Renovation Project - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-A-2b.
  - c. Motion to Approve the Architect Selection for the Brown, Columbian, and Edison Elementary Schools; Skinner and Horace Mann Middle Schools; and DoTS Renovation Project - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-A-2c.
  - d. Motion to Approve Award of Request for Proposal #BD 1064, for Vending Products, to Vistar Corporation - A copy of this motion, a solicitation requested by Food Services to establish a one-year requirements contract to purchase vending operation stock, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-A-2d.
  - f. Motion to Approve Use of Additional Contingency Funds - A copy of this motion, for the Whittier Elementary School cooling system, water treatment, and water tower project, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-A-2f.
  - g. Motion to Approve Use of Additional Contingency Funds - A copy of this motion, for the Jefferson County School District CDL Course project, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-A-2g.

h. Motion to Approve Contract on Infinite Campus - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-A-2h.

B. Administrative Services

1. Human Resources

a. Motion to Approve the Personnel Transaction Report – A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-B-1a.

C. Educational Services

1. Resolution to Approve Charter School Renewal Contracts for Challenges, Choices, and Images Literacy and Technology Learning Center Charter School; Community Challenge Charter School; Denver Arts and Technology Academy; P.S. 1 Charter School; and Pioneer Charter School Renewal Contracts – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-C-1.

3. Motion to Approve Contract with Escuela Tlatelolco – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-C-3.

4. Revitalization Plan for Sabin Elementary School – A copy of this plan is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-C-4.

5. Revitalization Plan for Gilpin Elementary School – A copy of this plan is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-C-5.

7. Approval of Single-Assurance Form for State-Administered Federal Education Programs – A copy of this form, a Single-Assurance Form for state-administered federal education programs, for which receipt of federal grants, entitlements (e.g., Title I and Title II) and other federal financial assistance is conditioned upon compliance with these assurances, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-C-7.

8. Motion to Approve an Amendment to the Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning School Contract – A copy of this motion, an amendment to the contract allowing the school's participation in a limited, special education service-delivery pilot program for the 2005-2006 school year, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-C-8.

9. Motion to Approve an Amendment to the Connections Academy School Contract – A copy of this motion, an amendment to the contract allowing the school to build a ninth-grade, on-line educational program for the 2005-2006 school year, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-C-9.

#### D. Policy Review

1. Revision of Policy GCCBB, Administrative Staff Personal/Emergency/Legal/Religious Leave – A copy of this motion, revisions to the policy which combine leave policies for administrative and support staff, eliminate restrictions on the use of personal leave, and reflect the three-day reduction on the work year recommended as a budget reduction, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-D-1.
2. Repeal of Policy GDCB, Support Staff Personal/Emergency/Legal/Religious Leave – A copy of this motion, to repeal Policy GDCB, since it is being combined with Policy GCCBB, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-D-2.

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

#### IV-A-2e Motion to Approve Municipal Payment Plan Agreement with Oracle Credit Corporation

Rev. Guzman moved that this motion be tabled until the June 16, 2005, Board of Education meeting. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### IV-C-2 Resolution to Approve Amendments to Charter School Contracts

Mr. Patterson clarified that the amendment changed the name of the charter only and not the name of the school itself.

Mr. Patterson moved approval of the Resolution. Ms. Gantz Berman seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, IV-C-2.

#### IV-C-6 Revitalization Plan, Phase I, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School

Mr. Patterson moved that this item be tabled until the June 16, 2005, Board of Education meeting. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **V. Old Business**

#### A. Budget and Finance – Financial Services

1. Receipt of 2005-2006 Proposed Budget - A copy of the budget, the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for 2005-2006, which was submitted prior to the June 1, 2005, statutory deadline and is scheduled for action on June 16, 2005, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-A-1.

B. Educational Services

1. Independent Center for International Studies (CIS) – A copy of this proposal is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-B-1.
2. Revitalization Plan for Martin Luther King, Junior Middle School – A copy of this proposal is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-B-2.
3. Proposal to Change Greenwood Elementary School to an ECE-8 School – A copy of this proposal, to change from a school serving grades ECE-5 to a school serving grades ECE-8 for the 2006-2007 school year, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-B-3.

C. Policy Review

1. Repeal/Reenactment of Policies

- a. Policy EGAD, Copyrights and Patents – A copy of this policy, revisions to the policy which ensure compliance with federal copyright law, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-C-1a.
- b. Policy IJL, Library Materials and Resources Selection – A copy of this policy, revisions to the policy which clarify selection of library books and textbooks, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-C-1b.
- c. Policy JK, Student Discipline – A copy of this policy, revisions to the policy which ensure compliance with state law, FERPA rules and regulations, and practices, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-C-1c.

2. Revision of Policies

- a. Policy DK, Payroll/Deductions/Direct Deposit/Expense – A copy of this policy, revisions to the policy to include Fair Labor Standards Act changes, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-C-2a.
- b. Policy EI, Insurance Program/Risk Management – A copy of this policy, revisions to policy to conform to state law and insurance practices, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-C-2b.
- c. Policy IJJ, Textbook Selection and Adoption – A copy of this policy, revisions to the policy which clarify selection of library books and

textbooks, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-C-2c.

- d. Policy JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students – A copy of this policy, revisions to the policy which ensure compliance with state law, FERPA rules and regulations, and practices, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-C-2d.
- e. Policy KF, Community Use of School Facilities – A copy of this policy, revisions to the policy which will standardize the use of district facilities, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-C-2e.

### 3. New Policy

- a. Policy GBEF, Violence in the Workplace – A copy of this policy, a new policy which prohibits violent acts, including remarks among employees, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-C-3a.

### 4. Repealed Policies

- a. Policy EEAG, Student Transportation in Private Vehicles – A copy of this policy, the recommendation to repeal Policy EEAG and have it approved as a Procedure to Policy EI, Insurance Program/Risk Management, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-C-4a.
- b. Policy EEBB, Use of Private Vehicles on School Business – A copy of this policy, the recommendation to repeal Policy EEBB and have it approved as a Procedure to Policy EI, Insurance Program/Risk Management, is appended to the minutes of this meeting as Appendix 05-14, V-C-4b.

## **VI. New Business**

There was none.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Woodward adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:05 p.m.

### **Public Comment Session (first Thursday of Each Month)\***

#### Denver Architectural Foundation

Dr. Frank Traylor, Chairman of the Denver Architectural Foundation, whose mission is to assist the public in understanding the impact of architecture on our environment. He said their most important activity is their education program, which is part of the curriculum of twenty-one

district schools. It is called the Cleworth Architectural Legacy (CAL) Program. The program involves a group of incredibly motivated and able district teachers, and a group of architectural firms who voluntarily provide their own time and materials to each of the schools to implement the curriculum.

Tim Thomas, Director of the CAL Program, said the program is a three-year collaboration. It operates under a non-binding agreement, and no contract is involved. They provide training and resources in the form of hard materials, books, video and audio tapes; they conduct an all-day inservice with the teachers for each year that they participate. The teacher always has complete final decision over the curriculum itself, the scheduling of the curriculum, and the lessons. They pair each school with an architectural firm. The architects come out for a one-hour lesson each week. Approximately 1,000 students have participated this past school year. Their only agenda is to help students.

Ted Halsey, a principal at the architectural firm of HLM Design, said that architects do not have an agenda. They are not looking to make architects out of the kids in the schools; they are just trying to help them understand the basis of architecture. They have asked the architects what inspires them to want to take time out of their day to freely give that time, and without question, they all said, "They really get a kick out of going into the classroom."

Dr. Traylor said they are requesting use of the district's internal mail service to circulate information and materials to the teachers involved. Secondly, they would like the teachers they work with to receive educational credit for staff development classes they provide, for their efforts, instead of having to use personal leave time. Third, they would like to use the district's clout to acquire a room to use in a public building for this program.

Mr. Woodward thanked them for their presentation. Staff will consider their requests and get back to them.

#### Include in Budget High School Highly-Gifted Program

Sandy Roberts, father of a highly-gifted and talented student at Morey Middle School, said that he and his wife are part of a group of parents at Morey who believe that the district needs a gifted/talented program in at least one high school. The only program at the secondary level currently is the program at Morey and they would like that expanded. He said that a group of parents will be working over the summer to put a proposal together.

Margaret Roberts, mother of a son who has just completed the 7th grade in the highly-gifted and talented program at Morey Middle School, asked the Board to please consider including extension of the highly-gifted and talented program through high school. They have been working on this issue with the Gifted and Talented Advisory Council for at least two years and have now begun working on a specific proposal. She expressed the hope that Board, the new Superintendent, and administrative staff will be willing and able to help them find the best alternatives for the district's population of gifted high school students.

## Update—Project Angel Pride

Mark Hoskins, East High School parent, thanked the Board for allowing Project Angel Pride to update them on their progress. For the past twenty-one months a diverse group of parents, teachers, administrators, DPS staff members, Denver Parks and Recreation personnel, Council members, city officials, students, and interested community members have been meeting regularly in an effort to develop and implement a coherent master plan that will serve East High School well into the 21st Century.

With the efforts of Kathy Callum, East High School Principal; Mike Langley, Executive Director of Facility Management; and Kim Bailey, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City and County of Denver, as well as their respective staffs, they have made considerable progress towards investing the proceeds of the bond program in such a way that many of their goals have already been met. Improved playing fields and additional parking are under construction as part of the current bond construction program. Existing tennis courts, originally scheduled to be refurbished at East High School, will be demolished, providing enough additional parking for the students at East High School to allow the city to reduce the parking on the Esplanade. Money that was allocated for refurbishing tennis courts at East High School will instead be spent at the tennis complex at City Park. Use of that improved and expanded tennis facility in City Park will continue to be enjoyed by both the students at East High School, as well as the community. Considerable progress has been made by Denver Parks and Recreation and Denver Water in their efforts to improve the irrigation and landscaping of the City Park Esplanade. Current plans call for the Department of Public Works to resurface the entire Esplanade, including new curb and gutter, and historically-appropriate landscaping to be added by the end of 2006. This important landmark, which once served as the primary entrance to City Park, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

They asked for the Board's support of their current efforts to include East High School itself on the National Register of Historic Places. In accordance with Board policy, the Superintendent and community members met on this matter and the committee unanimously recommended approval of this nomination.

Ira Selkowitz, Director of Preservation Services for Historic Denver, Inc., a non-profit organization that advocates and educates in the field of historic preservation, said the district has their full support for the nomination. They have agreed to prepare the nomination, at no charge, to list East High School on the National Register of Historic Places. Project Angel Prides believes, and they agree, that the increased credibility due to the National Register of Historic Places listing will create more funding from national funders.

Dr. Wartgow said the district is very pleased to support this request. Mike Langley has been working on this and has recommended, after reviewing this with staff and the committee, that we proceed with this request. He said that the district needs to authorize Historic Denver to file its nomination on our behalf. He said he was unsure of how the Board wanted to proceed.

Mr. Woodward stated that the Board could vote on this nomination at their June 16, 2005, meeting.

Ms. Gantz Berman noted that the district has four compass high schools—East, North, South, and West. They are all of great significance historically. She feels that all four high schools should be nominated.

Mike Langley said that the district has twenty-three schools that are recognized by Historic Denver. He said that all of the compass high schools would qualify and that all it would take is somebody to nominate them.

Ms. Gantz Berman said she would nominate Kathleen Butler to write the application for all the schools. Mr. Selkowitz said that Historic Denver would assist as well.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Woodward adjourned the Public Comment Session at 6:43 p.m.

Michelle Moss, Secretary  
Board of Education