

MINUTES OF THE MEETING (07-08) 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 21, 2007

I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Pena called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Jill Conrad, Rev. Lucia Guzman, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, and Ms. Theresa Peña. Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan was absent and excused.

Board Member Reports

Recognition of Middle School Student Athletes of the Year by Nuggets/Avalanche

Mr. Hoyt introduced Karen Higel, Athletic Department Manager, to introduce and recognize the following Middle School Nuggets/Avalanche Student Athletes of the Year: Kate Rowe from Slavens K-8 School; Logan Konkol from Morey Middle School; and Addison Squibbs from Merrill Middle School.

Superintendent Report

Resolution 3016 to Recognize Joe Craft's 50th Year of Service to Denver Public Schools

Superintendent Michael Bennet introduced Tessa Nelson, student from the Denver School of the Arts, who presented a monologue in honor of Mr. Craft. Mr. Bennet recognized Mr. Craft for his dedication to the students of the Denver Public Schools. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting

Accountability Policy

Mr. Bennet introduced Brad Jupp, Senior Policy Advisor, to report on the development and modification of Policy AE –Comprehensive Accountability System. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Bennet stated that Board members had received, at this meeting, a notice of teacher dismissal.

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:

Motion to Approve Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) 2007 Agreement between City and County of Denver and School District No.1

Motion to Ratify a Second Amendatory Agreement between the Office of Economic Development – Division of Workforce Development and Denver Public Schools/Emily Griffith Opportunity School

Mr. Hoyt moved that all matters on the Consent Agenda not held be approved. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Rev. Guzman, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Mrs. Kaplan was absent and excused. The motion passed.

Board of Education

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 17, 2007, and of the Special Board of Education Meeting of June 7, 2007 – Copies are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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

Motion to Approve the Board of Education Meeting Schedule for the 2007-2008 School Year – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Finance and Audit

Motion to Approve the Conditional Award Notice to the Firm of Baker & Taylor, Inc. (Charlotte, NC) – Approval of award to provide library books through a web-enabled acquisition system. The estimated annual contract value is \$1,000,000. A copy of this motion, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve an Encumbrance of \$366,824 for Emily Griffith Opportunity School’s Apprenticeship Courses – Approval of supplemental expenditures on behalf of Emily Griffith’s apprenticeship program, affiliated with the Construction Industry Training Council; due to increased student enrollment in the program the originally allocated monies are insufficient and the total program expenses are now expected to be \$366,824.00. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Denver Public Schools' Submission to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Programs Applications - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Finance and Audit – May 16, 2007, Special Meeting

Motion to Ratify the Head Start Services for Program Year Two Agreement between the City and County of Denver and School District No. 1 - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Chief Academic Officer

Motion to Approve the Contract for Colorado High School Charter School - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Contract for Connections Academy Charter School - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Contract for Highline Academy Charter School - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Contract for Kipp Sunshine Peak Academy Charter School - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Contract for Life Skills Charter School - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Contract for Omar D. Blair Charter School - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Contract for Skyland Charter School - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Contract for Southwest Early College Charter School - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the School Improvement Plans for First Year Unsatisfactory Schools - A copy of this motion, approval of the School Improvement Plans for Gilpin, Wyman, Del Pueblo Elementary Schools, and P.S. 1 Charter School for submission to the Colorado Department of Education on June 30, 2007, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Chief Operating Officer

Budget and Finance

Resolution to Amend the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2007, and Ending June 30, 2008 – A copy of the resolution, the amendment which identifies the specific adjustments to the revenues and expenditures of all funds from the proposed budget, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution Authorizing the Use of Beginning Fund Balance During the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2007, and Ending June 30, 2008 – A resolution to authorize the expenditure of the beginning fund balance of specified funds as anticipated in the recommended budget, to state the purpose for which the expenditure is made, and to state the district's plan to ensure the use of the beginning fund balance will not lead to an ongoing deficit, in accordance with SB 03-149. A copy of the resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution to Adopt the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2007, and Ending June 30, 2008 – A copy of the resolution, to adopt the recommended budget as presented and amended, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution to Approve Appropriation for Expenditures during the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2007, and Ending June 30, 2008 – A copy of the resolution, to approve the appropriation of the monies to be expended in each fund, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution to Approve Identification and Filing of Adopted Budget and Appropriation Resolution and Copies Thereof – A copy of the resolution, to direct that the adopted budget be labeled as such and signed by the Board President and to cause the Board Secretary to have this adopted budget on file for public inspection, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Extend the Letter of Credit with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank – A copy of the motion, to extend the letter of credit with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank for the purposes of funding emergencies for the one-year period ending June 30, 2008, in accordance with TABOR, and to increase the stated amount of letter of credit, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Borrow Unencumbered Funds – The authorization of the use of available cash and investments in other funds to alleviate General Fund cash deficits first, prior to borrowing funds from the state, as required by the State Treasurer's Interest Free Loan Program. State law permits the

Board of Education to borrow unencumbered monies from any on fund, except the Bond Redemption Fund, for the use of another fund at any time. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution Authorizing the Participation by the District in the State Treasurer's Interest Free Loan Program – A copy of the resolution, to authorize participation by the district in the State Interest Free Loan Program which provides the funds based on projected cash flows of revenues and expenditures anticipated in the 2007-2008 Adopted Budget, in accordance with HB 03-1274, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution Authorizing the District to Apply for and Receive a Low-Interest Loan – Authorization of an emergency loan in July 2007 from the State Treasurer for the period prior to the state's July 2007 closing of the tax and revenue anticipated notes which will fund the State Treasurer's Interest Free Loan Program. This emergency loan will accrue interest at the same rate as the rate of interest paid by the State Treasurer on notes issued by the state and will be for the number of days outstanding prior to the state's July 2007 closing on the Interest Free Loan, in accordance with HB 03-1274. A copy of the resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Payment of Insurance Premiums for 2007-2008 to the Colorado School Districts' Self-Insurance Pool – A copy of the motion, to approve payment of insurance premiums for the 2007-2008 school entity liability, automobile liability, and property insurance coverage with the Colorado School Districts' Self-Insurance Pool, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Tuition Rates – A copy of the motion, to set the 2007-2008 tuition rates for non-resident students, foreign students, and special education services, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Retiree Life Insurance Trust – A copy of the motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Appointment of Trustee for Retiree Life Insurance Trust – A copy of the 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.

Motion to Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) and the District (DPS) – A copy of the motion, the result of the 2007-2008 salary negotiations, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Association of Building, Grounds, and Warehouse Services Personnel (ABGW) and the District (DPS) – A copy of the motion, the result of the 2007-2008 salary negotiations, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Policy Review

Motion to Amend Policy AE—Comprehensive Accountability System—and Adopt Policy AE-A – School Performance Framework – This motion will amend Policy AE, the accountability policy for all district systems, and adopt Policy AE-A, which calls for a School Performance Framework. Approval of this policy will repeal current AE-C—Accomplishment Reporting to the Public; and AE-E—Accountability Process Timeline. A copy of the 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.

DISCUSSION OF HELD CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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Mr. Patterson stated that he would abstain from voting on these motions since the funding for these programs originate from his place of employment, the City and County of Denver's Department of Human Services.

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

Ms. Peña recessed the Regular Meeting at 5:43 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – 6:19 P.M.

Arts in Education

Celia Chia spoke on the importance of art in education.

Smiley Middle School International Preparatory Magnet

Smiley Middle School parents Burt Garcia, Clare Chavez, and Patrick Tooley; and Paige Witter, student, spoke in support of Smiley Middle School's International Preparatory Magnet Program and their efforts to become a sanctioned Middle School Years Program in the International Baccalaureate Organization. A copy of their material is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Bill Roberts School

Anne Kelly McDonald, parent, detailed her problems with the school choice process at Bill Roberts K-8 School.

Teacher Placement Process

Slavens ECE-8 School teachers Barb Smith and Gretel Pavo; and parents Nancy Larson and Robin Kulmann discussed their opposition to the district's teacher placement process.

Direct Placement of Teachers

Park Hill ECE-8 School parents Fred Franko and Susan Jenkins discussed their opposition to the district's teacher placement process.

Teacher's Children

Slavens ECE-8 School teachers Barb Smith and Gretel Pavo; and parents Theresa Smith and Kathrine Degi discussed the issue of enrolling teacher's children in the school where they teach.

Retirement System

Harold Lamport, teacher; and Jane Feustel representing Colorado Progressive Action, asked that the Board of Education request the Denver Public Schools' Retirement System to divest itself of stocks and bonds that are identifiably held in ten major defense contractors and to further refrain from repurchasing those instruments of those contractors until troop levels in Iraq fall below 15, 000.

Human Resources

Kalyn Rogers, non-renewed Fallis Elementary School teacher, urged the Board to reconsider the decision to non-renew her contract.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary
Board of Education