

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (08-14) 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, AUGUST 21, 2008

I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Peña called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Jill Conrad, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mr. Arturo Jiménez, Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, and Ms. Theresa Peña.

II. Board Member Reports

Recognition of Michael Clem as Colorado Online Teacher of the Year

Mr. Jiménez introduced Michael Clem and read a Proclamation in recognition of his award as the Colorado 2008 Online Secondary Teacher of the Year.

III. Superintendent's Report

CSAP Update

Dr. Jaime Aquino, Chief Academic Officer, presented the CSAP Update. He introduced and recognized the following schools for their CSAP performance improvement:

- Lowry Elementary School – Carolyn Riedlin, Principal, and staff members
- Smith Renaissance School – Betty Johnson, Principal, and staff members
- Hill Campus of Arts and Sciences – Don Roy, Principal, and teacher Beth Douma
- Abraham Lincoln H.S. – Principal Antonio Esquibel & teacher Andrew Swanson
- Escuela Tlatelolco – Nita Gonzales, Principal

Welcome to Jennifer Stern as Executive Director of Janus Education Alliance

Ms. Peña introduced Jennifer Stern as the new Executive Director of Janus Education Alliance, a new initiative created to improve the recruitment, development, and retention of high-performing teachers.

Mr. Patterson announced that he has been appointed Manager of the Parks and Recreation Department for the City and County of Denver.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

Motion to Approve Name Change for Hispanic Education Advisory Council

Motion to Amend Policies: Policy JKF – Discipline for Students with Disabilities; Policy JK – Student Discipline; Policy JK-R – Student Conduct and Discipline Procedures

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 Special Public Comment Session of June 17, 2008; Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of June 19, 2008; Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of June 26, 2008; and Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of August 7, 2008 – 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 Increase of AG Software Contract – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Chief Academic Officer

Motion to Ratify Grant Application for Read to Achieve at Cole Arts & Science Academy – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify Grant Application for Read to Achieve at Place Bridge Academy
A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Charter School Contract with Challenges, Choices, & Images Literacy and Technology Learning Center - A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Chief Operating Officer

Budget and Finance

Motion to Approve Amendment to the Denver Public Schools Retiree Health Benefit Trust Agreement – A copy of this motion, approval of the amendment to the agreement for technical amendments required by the IRS Private Letter Ruling, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Amendment to the Denver Public Schools Retiree Life Insurance Trust Agreement – A copy of this motion, approval of the amendment to the agreement for technical amendments required by the IRS Private Letter Ruling, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution Concerning the Preparation of General Obligation Bond Transaction – A copy of this resolution, to approve directing district staff to select legal and financial firms to prepare a General Obligation Bond transaction, 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 Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Denver Federation for Paraprofessionals (DFP) and the Denver Public Schools – A copy of this motion, approval of 2008-2009 Salary Negotiations between the Denver Federation for Paraprofessionals and the Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Association of Building, Grounds, and Warehouse Personnel (ABGW) and the Denver Public Schools – A copy of this motion, approval of 2008-2009 Salary Negotiations between the Association of Building, Grounds, and Warehouse Personnel and the Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Communication Workers of America (CWA) and the Denver Public Schools – A copy of this motion, approval of 2008-2009 Salary Negotiations between the Communication Workers of America and the Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Denver School Nutrition Association (DSNA) and the Denver Public Schools – A copy of this motion, approval of 2008-2009 Salary Negotiations between the Denver School Nutrition Association and the Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Amalgamated Transit Union, Division 1563 (ATU) and the Denver Public Schools – A copy of this motion, approval of 2008-2009 Salary Negotiations between the Amalgamated Transit Union and the Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Facility Managers Association (FMA) and the Denver Public Schools – A copy of this motion, approval of 2008-2009 Salary Negotiations between the Facility Managers Association and the Denver Public Schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Recommendation of the Hearing Officer and Enter Order of Dismissal – A copy of this motion, approval of the recommendation of the hearing officer In the Matter of Denver Public Schools v, Judy Palomino, Case No. TA 2008-0002 and enter its written order of dismissal.

Policy Change

Motion to Amend Policy GCBC – Professional Staff Supplementary Pay Plans/Overtime (Athletic Coaches); Policy JJIC – Eligibility/Minimum Standards for Participation; Policy GCF-2 – Professional Staff Hiring (Athletic Coaches); and Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements – A copy of this motion, proposed amendments to Policies GCBC, JJIC, GCF-2, and IKF regarding student athletics, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

Ms. Peña recessed the Regular Meeting at 6:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

The Public Comment Session began at 6:44 p.m. and ended at 7:38 p.m. A copy of the Speakers List is appended to the minutes of this meeting

Ms. Peña re-convened the Regular Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF HELD AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to Approve Name Change for Hispanic Education Advisory Council

After discussion, Mr. Jiménez moved approval of the motion. Mr. Hoyt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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After discussion, Mrs. Moss moved approval of the motion. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mrs. Moss, Mr. Patterson, and Ms. Peña. Voting “No,” Mr. Jiménez and Mrs. Kaplan. The motion passed. A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Jill Conrad, Secretary
Board of Education