

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (06-11) 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 24, 2006

I. Call to Order – 5:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Pena called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Jill Conrad, Rev. Lucia Guzman, Mr. Bruce Hoyt, Mrs. Jeannie Kaplan, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, and Ms. Theresa Peña.

II. Board Member Reports

- . Recognition of Denver Public Schools Employee Jennifer Wilson, Teacher, Grant Ranch Elementary School, Recipient of the 2006 Disney’s Teacher of the Year Award

Mrs. Moss introduced Jennifer Wilson, teacher at Grant Ranch K-8 School, recipient of the 2006 Disney Outstanding Elementary School Teacher of the Year Award.

- . Recognition of Denver Public Schools Employee Michael Langley, Executive Director, Facility Management

Mr. Patterson introduced Michael Langley, Executive Director, Facility Management, in recognition of his pending retirement, and presented a resolution to thank him for his dedication and loyalty to the district.

- . Recognition of Denver Public Schools Employee Susan Renick, Teacher, Whiteman Elementary School, Recipient of the Colorado Association of Partners in Education (CAPE) Volunteer of the Year Award

Mrs. Kaplan recognized Susan Renick, teacher at Whiteman Elementary School, as the recipient of the Colorado Association of Partners in Education (CAPE) Volunteer of the Year Award.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Education Advisory Council (LGBTEAC) Report

R. Keith Lucero, Chairperson, and Kathy Bougher, member, presented the report.

III. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bennet asked Dr. Jaime Aquino, Chief Academic Officer, to present the report on the 2005-2006 CSAP and ACT results.

Mr. Bennet said that district staff has spent the summer keeping track of Manual students. The last four weekends, three hours a day on Saturday and Sunday, volunteers have been knocking on the doors of our students to make sure they have the information they need for registration and for transportation. Volunteers will be out again this weekend. The plan is to continue this tracking for the first month of school. They started out with a group of 558 kids; as of today, 418 are registered; 63 students are accounted for; a total of 481 students have been counted. That means they know where 86 percent of Manual students are; they are still working on the remaining 14 percent.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

Motion to Adopt a Resolution in Support of the Denver Preschool Program

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Constitution Day and Ongoing Efforts to Prepare Students for Civic Responsibility and Fulfill the Civic Mission of our Schools

Motion to Approve Architect for North Renovation Phase II

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

Board of Education

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Michael Langley for Providing Outstanding and Dedicated Service to School District No. 1 – A copy of this Resolution, recognizing Michael Langley as he officially retires, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Susan Renick, Teacher, for Receiving the Colorado Association of Partners in Education (CAPE) Volunteer of the Year Award A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Jennifer Wilson, Teacher, for Receiving the 2006 Disney Teacher of the Year Award – A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Mary Ellen McEldowney for Providing Outstanding and Dedicated Service to School District No. 1 – A copy of this Resolution, recognizing Mary Ellen McEldowney as he officially retires, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of June 22, 2006, the Special Meeting of June 26, 2006, and the Special Meeting of July 27, 2006 – Copies are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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

Motion to Approve Board Meeting Schedule for the 2006-2007 School Year - A copy is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Finance and Audit Committee

Motion to Approve Award of Invitation of Bid #BD1152 to IKON Office Solutions, Lewis Paper Place, Office Depot, Pyramid School Products, and Standard Stationery Supply - A copy of this motion, to provide for the purchase of office paper, as needed, to keep the Warehouse stocked for a one-year period, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Award of Request for Proposal #BD 1156 to Spectrum K-12 School Solutions – A copy of this motion, to provide for the purchase and Implementation of Individualized Educational Plan Software for the Department of Student Services/Special Education, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Contractor for Window Replacement Project at Thomas Jefferson High School – A copy of this motion, approval of Front Range Home Improvements, Ltd. as the design-builder for the replacement of windows, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Architect for Design of Green Valley II K-8 School - A copy of this motion, approval of Eidos Architects as the designer, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

Division of Teaching and Learning

Motion to Approve the Second Amendment to the Life Skills Center of Denver Charter Contract – A copy of this motion, approval of second amendment, is a change in the

curriculum and benchmarking system to improve student achievement at the school; the PLATO curriculum will be replaced with the APEX Learning curriculum as it is aligned with Colorado standards; and the Scantron Assessment will be replaced with MAPS, another district-approved benchmark system, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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 Ratify the Agreement between Denver Public Schools and the ABGW Effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009 – A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify the Agreement between Denver Public Schools and the ATU Effective August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2009 – A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Ratify the Agreement between Denver Public Schools and the FMA Effective September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2009 – A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

POLICY REVIEW

Motion to Adopt New Policy FF – Naming of Facilities and Repeal of Procedures FF-R and FF-FF-R-Naming of Facilities – A copy of this policy, consolidating the repealed policies in to the new policy, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

HELD CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION

Motion to Adopt a Resolution in Support of the Denver Preschool Program

Mr. Hoyt said this initiative will be on the Denver ballot November 7th and he feels it could have a significant long-term impact on the Denver Public Schools. This is an area that is under-served and has the potential to have great influence on children's ability to succeed in school. It could

have significant impact on the district's ability to close the achievement gap. He urged everyone to vote for this initiative.

Mr. Hoyt moved adoption of the resolution. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution Recognizing Constitution Day and Ongoing Efforts to Prepare Students for Civic Responsibility and Fulfill the Civic Mission of our Schools

Ms. Conrad noted that Constitution Day, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, will be celebrated September 17, 2006. She felt it would be a good opportunity to reflect on the importance of civic education for district students and to highlight some of the good work that is already being done in the district. The resolution acknowledges the historic role that public schools have played in fulfilling and maintaining a healthy democracy; and reiterates the mission and vision of Denver Public Schools, as articulated in the Denver Plan, to make ensure that all district students will be well prepared for success in life, work, civic responsibility, and higher education.

Ms. Conrad moved adoption of the resolution. Rev. Guzman seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Architect for North Renovation Phase II

Rev. Guzman said she wanted to acknowledge the work that has already been done in Phase I of North High School's renovation. This motion will ensure that the same architects and their firm will be able to continue their work on Phase II of the renovation.

Rev. Guzman moved approval of the motion. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Pena adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:21 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – 6:35 P.M.

ACE Mentoring Program

Bryan Weber, Bruce Davis, Tom O'Keefe spoke on behalf of the Ace Mentoring Program. Copies of materials passed out at the meeting are appended to the minutes of this meeting.

High School Achievement

Marisol Bolaños read a letter addressed members of the Board of Education and Superintendent Michael Bennet. A copy of that letter is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary
Board of Education