I. Call to Order - 5:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

President Elaine Gantz Berman called the meeting to order. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Elaine Gantz Berman, Mrs. Susan G. Edwards, Rev. Lucia Guzman, Mr. James Mejía, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, and Mr. Lester Woodward.

C. Recognitions

Ms. Gantz Berman acknowledged Mr. Mejía’s recent marriage and welcomed him back from his honeymoon.

D. Approve Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for this meeting. A roll call vote was recorded, and the motion passed unanimously. The motion was declared duly carried.

II. Board Member Reports

Mr. Patterson welcomed former Senator Gloria Tanner and former Denver school board member Dr. Sharon Bailey who are with the Future Black Women Leaders of Colorado. This group attends meetings to study and witness how different elected bodies work.

Mrs. Edwards recognized the West High School Cross Country Team for its 2nd-place finish in national competition in North Carolina. Some 35 schools from throughout the country were invited to compete in this tournament.

III. Superintendent's Reports

Superintendent Jerry Wartgow explained that last night he had been on the Nicole Houston TV show, which is now syndicated in 14 cities. Nicole is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School.
Dr. Wartgow also reported that he had been invited to join the governor and others today in a press conference at the Capitol where today was declared “Colorado on the Move Day.” He said we were more than ably represented by students from Bryant-Webster Elementary School holding a sign behind the Governor. They were recognized many times, and the Board received due recognition for providing leadership for this program.

Dr. Wartgow said that it was a matter of personal pride for him to relay that it has been widely reported in the East Coast media that New York City has adopted a change to their school calendar and added 15 minutes to the school day for all of the city’s schools. They have watched what we are doing here in Colorado and have followed suit, he said.

Dr. Wartgow called on Sally Mentor Hay to comment on a grant that the district received.

Ms. Mentor Hay reported that we received word from the White House that a National Science Foundation grant, in which we are partners with the universities of Wisconsin and Pittsburgh, was funded for $35 million over five years and involves over 900,000 students from the school districts of Denver, Los Angeles, Providence, and Madison, WI. The project is called “Scale” and provides that every student in the district receives a substantive education in science and math. We will receive very comprehensive services from the universities of Wisconsin and Pittsburgh.

IV. Consent Agenda

Ms. Lucero read the agenda items by number and sequence in accordance with consent agenda procedures. Members of the Board of Education did not request that any items be held for discussion.

The following items were included under the consent agenda:

A. Administrative Services

1. Human Resources

   1. Personnel Transaction Report—It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Transaction Report. A copy of this report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-18, IV-A-1.

   2. Resolution 2803–Declaring a Critical Shortage—It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt a Resolution declaring a critical shortage of non-licensed employees. A copy of this resolution is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-18, IV-A-2.

B. Budget and Finance

   1. Resolution 2804–Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002, and Ending June 30, 2003—It was recommended that
the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2804 amending the Adopted Budget for the fiscal year 2002-2003, as adopted by the Board of Education on June 20, 2002, to include the modifications as set forth in the attached Schedules. A copy of this resolution is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-18, IV-B-1.

2. Resolution 2805—Adopting the Amended Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002, and Ending June 30, 2003—It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2805 adopting an Amended Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, as presented at this meeting and as amended on this date in Resolution No. 2804. A copy of this resolution is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-18, IV-B-2.

3. Resolution 2806—Appropriation for Expenditures during the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002, and Ending June 30, 2003—It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2806 appropriating amounts shown for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003. A copy of this resolution is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-18, IV-B-3.

4. Resolution 2807–Identification and Filing of Amended Budget and Appropriation and Copies Thereof—It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2807 identifying and filing of Amended Budget and Appropriation Resolution. A copy of this resolution is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-18, IV-B-4.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote was recorded, and the motion passed unanimously. The motion was declared duly carried.

V. Old Business

There was none.

VI. New Business

A. Information Only

Change of Location for November 1st Board Meeting – Dr. Wartgow advised that the November 1st meeting will be held at Bruce Randolph Middle School. He said that the plan is to hold Board meetings in a school on the first Thursday of every second month. In December the Board will be at 900 Grant Street and in January at a school again. The Board meetings will rotate to a school in each quadrant. The hope is that people in the quadrants will find it easy to come out to the meeting in their area. Ms. Gantz Berman noted that this schedule conveniently coincides with the public hearings.
Ms. Gantz Berman recessed the meeting and explained that the Board would reconvene at 7:00 p.m. for the public hearing segment of the meeting.

**RECONVENE**

**Recognitions**

Ms. Gantz Berman introduced Corky Douglas, 30-year owner of the Tante Louise Restaurant. Mr. Douglas was asked to this meeting because every five years he throws a benefit dinner for an organization of his choice, and this time he chose Denver Kids, Inc. Donna Hultin, director of Denver Kids, Ms. Gantz Berman, and others joined the packed restaurant for a fabulous dinner, and Mr. Douglas donated all of the proceeds from the evening to Denver Kids. Ms. Gantz Berman thanked him on behalf of the district for what he has done for Denver Kids and the Denver community.

Mr. Douglas replied that he and Ms. Hultin already agreed that this is a strategic partnership that they are going to maintain on an annual basis and will do a dinner again next summer. He said the Board has been very gracious, and the DPS people were the most considerate that he has ever had the pleasure of working with.

**VII. Public Comment (First Thursday of Each Month)**

Joanne Roll, Open Records Request--Ms. Roll thanked various district departments for their help in securing records for her, but stated that she actually came to talk about the conclusions she has drawn from those records regarding the Ana Marie Sandoval Elementary School and the English Language Acquisition (ELA) program. Ms. Roll believes the district is in danger of developing equity problems at Sandoval because the dual language model is experimental, and the district has so many eligibility categories that they create barriers for the Latino population, which were the ones supposed to be best served by the school. She said the waiting list is 175 students with 150 English speakers and only 25 Spanish speakers. She asked that the Board address the equity issues now to prevent future problems. Despite progress being made towards compliance with the ELA court order, the district is still not in compliance after three years, she said, and reminded the Board that it is their job to see that all children are well educated.

Mr. Mejía noted that he wished every school had a waiting list like Sandoval, and he finds the ratio of Spanish to English speakers very equitable in terms of students being able to learn from each other and that it is an ideal environment.

Mr. Woodward stated that the entering class this year is 50:50 and that at least this year children were not turned away for lack of scholarships. If Amendment 31 passes, he said, we should all realize that the dual language approach at Sandoval will be constitutionally prohibited in the State of Colorado.
Mrs. Edwards commented that the district does not have a way of controlling the waiting list for a given school. The district can only establish policies as far as entrance and balance of students admitted to the school.

Mr. Patterson said that sometimes when you are leading there are not a lot of people in front of you, but because something hasn’t been done other places, that doesn’t preclude us from trying something that meets the needs of our kids and communities.

Gloria Leyba and Gil Munoz, Vote for Children—Ms. Leyba said that this project is a school-based civic participation project with four specific goals: to increase voter turnout, to increase parental involvement in the school and community, to strengthen ties between the school and community, and to educate students, parents, and the community about the democratic process. The Service Employees International Union Education and Support Fund and the Sierra Club organize the project. Participating schools receive grants.

Mr. Munoz, Social Studies Coordinator, said that the project is an eight-week curriculum program, which is in 20 schools with about 6,000 students participating.

Julia Morgan, parent of three students who previously attended Aurora Public Schools, expressed her displeasure with Barnum Elementary School. She said that Barnum is a low performing school, which she was not aware of when they moved into Barnum’s attendance area a year ago, and she said that parents in low or unsatisfactory schools should be notified that they have a choice to remove their children from those schools. She said that incidents of violence go unreported at their school, and the school does unauthorized, unsolicited mental health evaluations on students.

Dr. Wartgow said that he would arrange a meeting with staff to address her issues.

Resolution

At the end of the Public Hearing, Ms. Gantz Berman said that there was one more business item and asked a Board member to read the resolution before them.

Mr. Woodward read Resolution 2808, which resolved that the school district administration is authorized, but not required, to terminate the contract with Alvarado Construction, Inc., upon such conditions as the administration determines will best assure prompt and satisfactory completion of Rachel B. Noel Middle School. A copy of Resolution 2808 is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-18, VI-A.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt this resolution. A roll call vote was recorded and the motion passed unanimously. The motion was declared duly carried.
Ms. Gantz Berman announced again the plan and schedule for holding some future Board meetings in schools in the various quadrants to better accommodate the community. Rev. Guzman took a personal moment to recognize and thank some parents from Ana Marie Sandoval Elementary School for coming to the meeting. Mrs. Moss reminded people that the CDM Commission is up and running and that their next meeting will be next Thursday in the First Floor Board Room at 5:00 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome. Mr. Mejia wanted to go on record saying that Gloria Leyba’s record has always been in favor of kids, and he said he is not surprised to see her involved in Vote for Children. He also wanted to say that Nancy Gilder in the Mayor’s office is working on this quite a bit, and he is glad to see that the city is a partner in this as well.

**Announcements**

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**VIII. Adjournment**

Ms. Gantz Berman adjourned the meeting.

Susan G. Edwards, Secretary
Board of Education