MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (09-20) 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, October 15, 2009

A group of First and Second graders from Fairmont Academy performed an instrumental/vocal performance for the Board of Education and the audience.

I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

President Theresa Peña called the meeting to order at 5:11 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. Peña.

II. Board Member Reports

Recognition of Lina Quintero as Colorado Association of Bilingual Educators’ Teacher of the Year

Mr. Jiménez recognized Lina Quintero for distinguishing herself by receiving the Colorado Association of Bilingual Educator’s Teacher of the Year Award. He read a Proclamation and expressed the Board of Education’s thanks and congratulations.

Recognition of Khoa Nguyen and Genie Sanchez as Colorado Department of Transportation 2009 Local Awards Recognition

Ms. Conrad recognized Khoa Nguyen, Principal at Ellis Elementary School; and Genie Sanchez, Physical Education teacher at Rishel Middle School for distinguishing themselves by receiving the Colorado Department of Transportation’s Safe Routes to School 2009 Local Awards Recognition. She introduced Khoa Nguyen.

Stapleton Community Presentation

Mr. Patterson introduced distinguished guests Councilman Michael B. Hancock; and Senator Michael Johnston; and Stapleton resident Leslie Burch, in attendance to show their support for the Stapleton Community presentation.
III. Superintendent’s Report

Special Education Autonomous Schools Task Force

Cheryl Karstaedt, Executive Director of Student Services, and Amy Slothower, Director of Get Smart Schools, Chairpersons of the Special Education in Autonomous Schools Task Force, presented the report. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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 Appointment of Will Quinby as Denver Public Schools Representative as a member of the Board of Parks and Recreation – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Amendments to Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements – A copy of this policy, approval of the proposed amendments to Policy IKF, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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

Finance and Audit

Motion to Approve Grant Between Denver Public Schools and Early Reading First – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Grant Between Denver Public Schools and the Office of Economic Development Neighborhood Development – A copy of this motion, approval of the large grant report regarding the grant with the Office of Economic Development Neighborhood Development, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Title I, Supplemental Educational Grant, Summer Scholars A copy of this motion, approval of the Summer Scholars contract as a provision of after-school tutoring services for eligible students under the auspices of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), is appended to the minutes of this meeting.
Chief Operating Officer

Budget and Finance

Resolution Concerning the Preparation of Lease Purchase Transactions – A copy of this resolution, approval of directing district staff to take all actions necessary and reasonable to pursue a conversion of its existing Lease Purchase Agreements, 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 Public Schools (DPS) and Denver School Nutrition Association (DSNA) – A copy of this report, approval of the 2009/2010 Memorandum of Understanding between DPS and DSNA regarding salary negotiations, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Policy Change

Policy Review

Amendments to Policy IHCDA – Postsecondary Options – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy IHCDA.

Amendments to Policy EBCC – Bomb Threats – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy EBCC.

Amendments to Policy JK-R – Discipline Procedures – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JK-R.

Amendments to Policy JICH – Drug and Alcohol Use – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JICH.

Amendments to Policy JICH-R – Drug and Alcohol Use Procedures – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JICH-R.

Amendments to Policy JICC – Student Conduct on Buses – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JICC.

Amendments to Policy JICC-R – Student Conduct on Buses Procedures – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JICC-R.

Amendments to Policy JI – Student Rights – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JI.
Amendments to Policy JICG – Tobacco Use – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JICG.

Amendments to Policy JBB – Sexual Harassment – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JBB.

Amendments to Policy JICA – Dress Code – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JICA.

Amendments to Policy EEAEC – Student Conduct on Buses – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy EEAEC.

Amendments to Policy ECAC – Vandalism – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy ECAC.

Amendments to Policy ECACA – Burglaries – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy ECACA.

Amendments to Policy JICDE – Bullying – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JICDE.

Amendments to Policy JBBA – Harassment – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JBBA.

Amendments to Policy JLF – Reporting Child Abuse – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JLF.

Amendments to Policy JLF-R – Reporting Child Abuse Procedures – First Reading of proposed amendments to Policy JLF-R.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Chief Academic Officer**

**Student Services**

Expelled Students Reports

A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.
DISCUSSION OF HELD AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to Approve Appointment of Will Quinby as Denver Public Schools’ Representative as a Member of the Board of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Patterson explained that he held this motion as Manager of the City and County of Denver’s Park and Recreation Department in order to recuse himself from voting. Mr. Hoyt moved approval of this motion. Ms. Conrad seconded the motion. Voting “Yes,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, and Ms. Peña. Mr. Patterson recused himself.

Ms. Peña recessed the meeting at 6:14 p.m., to hear public comments on the proposed graduation requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

The Public Comment Session began at 6:41 p.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m. A copy of the Speakers List is appended to the minutes of this meeting

Ms. Peña reconvened the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF HELD AGENDA ITEMS (Continued)

Amendments to Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements

Mrs. Moss offered the following substitute amendment to Policy IKF:

Exclude the change in the World Language portion of Policy IKF; leaving it at two years until staff can come to the Board and explain how they would deal with the English language learners and how they would deal with all of the other issues surrounding Word Language

After discussion, Mrs. Moss moved approval of her substitute amendment. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. Voting “Yes,” Mr. Jiménez, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Moss, and Mr. Patterson. Voting “No,” Ms. Conrad, Mr. Hoyt, and Ms. Peña. The substitute amendment passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION (Continued)

The Public Comment Session began at 7:35 p.m. and adjourned at 9:00 p.m. A copy of the Speakers List is appended to the minutes of this meeting

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Jill Conrad, Secretary
Board of Education