I. Call to Order – 5:00 p.m.

North High School ViKorale – Vocal Music Ensemble
The Vocal Music Ensemble from North High School, under the direction of Dr. Ira Bigelow, sang five musical numbers for the Board and audience.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

President Elaine Gantz Berman called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Ms. Elaine Gantz Berman, Mrs. Susan G. Edwards, Rev. Lucia Guzman, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, Ms. Theresa Peña, and Mr. Lester Woodward.

II. Board Members Reports

A. Resolution Recognizing Summer Scholars Program 10th Anniversary

Mr. Patterson read and moved the adoption of Resolution 2847 honoring the Summer Scholars Program, which officially recognizes the decade of work the organization has provided for Denver students. Mrs. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of Resolution 2847 is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, II-A.

B. Grant Ranch K-8 School – National Winning Certificate for the Eighth-Grade “Project Citizens” Students

Mrs. Moss recognized a group of Grant Ranch School students who won state and national honors in the “Project Citizen” Program, a program that helps young people learn how to monitor and influence public policy.

III. Superintendent’s Reports

Superintendent Jerry Wartgow said that on October 15, he attended a joint press conference on to announce a significant new partnership for the expansion of funding for the Lights on After-School! Program for elementary and middle school students in the district. Partners include United Way with a $100,000 donation and the DPS Foundation with a donation of $200,000.
Dr. Wartgow said that Mayor John Hickenlooper had joined Michael K. Durkin, President of Mile High United Way; Bruce Benson, Chairman of the DPS Foundation and he in announcing this effort to raise ten million dollars for the program over the next five years.

Dr. Wartgow noted that at this meeting the Board would be voting to adopt nine recommended priorities for district staff for the 2003-2004 school year. These priorities are appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-30, IV-B-3.

He said that these priorities will not change the fundamental mission and goals of the district. The Goals of the district remain: To set high expectations for students, parents, principals, and all other staff of DPS and the community it serves; to improve the performance of all students; and to close the gap between the better and poorer performing students.

IV. Consent Agenda

Assistant Secretary Jacque Lucero read the agenda items by number and sequence. In accordance with consent agenda procedures, the following items were removed from the consent agenda and held for discussion.

IV-B-2 Policy Revision – KB – Parent Involvement
IV-E-1 - IV-E-15 Resolutions for non-public school applications to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Pilot Program
IV-F-1 Policy Revision – JLCD – Administering Medicine to Students

Mrs. Edwards moved that the items not held be approved under the consent agenda process and Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The following items were approved under the consent agenda process:

A. Board of Education


The Board of Education approved the minutes of the above listed Board of Education Meetings.
B. Superintendent

1. **Gift Report** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Gift Report. A copy of this report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, IV-B-1.

3. **District Priorities** – It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt the District Priorities for 2003-2004. A copy of the priorities is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, IV-B-3.

C. Administrative Services

1. **Human Resources**

   a. **Personnel Transaction Report** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report. A copy of this report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, IV-C-1a.

   b. **Motion to Accept the Arbitrator’s Report regarding AAA Case No. 77 E 390 00380 03** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Motion to Accept the report of the Arbitrator. A copy of this motion is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, IV-C-1b.

2. **Facility Management**

   a. **Final Settlements** - It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Final Settlements for Contracted Services. A copy of this report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, IV-C-2a.

   b. **Easement** - It was recommended that the Board of Education approve an Easement at Holm Elementary School. A copy of this report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, IV-C-2b.

D. Budget and Finance

1. **Approval of Agreement for Independent Contractor Services** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Agreement with Gonder & Associates for consulting services in support of the DPS-DCTA Pay for Performance Pilot and the DPS-DCTA Joint Task Force on Teacher Compensation. A copy of this agreement is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, IV-D-1.
DISCUSSION AGENDA

IV-B-2  Policy Revision – KB—Parent Involvement

Mrs. Moss said that this policy for parent involvement had its roots in a large gathering of parent stakeholders in August 2003, and that it spells out precise roles for central administration, principals, teachers, other school staff and parents. She said that the implementation of this policy is just the beginning, that it is critical the district have the involvement of all the DPS staff and parents working together to improve student achievement for all students. Rev. Guzman urged that the district take the policy seriously, particularly in regard to parents of migrant students.

Mrs. Moss moved that the Board of Education adopt Policy KB-Parent Involvement. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of this policy is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, IV-B-2.

Mrs. Edwards asked that the resolutions concerning nonpublic school applications be held until further discussion could be held in the Board’s Work Session.

IV-F-1  Policy Revision – JLCD—Administering Medicine to Students

Mr. Patterson asked John Leslie, Assistant Superintendent of Students Services, to explain the policy revision. Mr. Leslie said that the revisions are modifications to existing policy, the two basic changes are that asthmatic students, in grades 6 through 12, will now be allowed to carry their inhalers when requested by parents and accompanied by a physician’s order for medication; and legally school staffs are not permitted to recommend or require that a student be prescribed psychotropic medication(s) in order to attend school. Mr. Patterson said that this will cut down on the time it took asthmatic children to get medicine when they had an asthma attack, and as a parent of an asthmatic child, he welcomed this change.

Mr. Patterson moved that Policy JLCD, administering medicine to students, be adopted. Mrs. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the policy is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, IV-F-1.

V. Old Business

There was none.

VI. New Business

A. Budget and Finance – Financial Services

1. Statement of Revenue Allocations, Appropriations, Commitments, Expenditures for the period July 1, 2003, to September 30, 2003 – The Board will receive the status report of year-to-date revenues, expenditures, and inter-fund transfers for each fund as compared to the current year budget, and as
compared to the year-to-date budget for the prior year for information only. A copy of this report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, VI-A-1.

DISCUSSION AGENDA CONTINUED

The Board recessed at approximately 6:00 p.m., for dinner and further Work Session. The Board reconvened at approximately 7:30 p.m. Ms. Gantz Berman called upon Dr. Wayne Eckerling, Assistant Superintendent of Research, Planning, and Special Programs, to introduce the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program applications from nonpublic schools.

Dr. Eckerling summarized the process used by staff in their review and recommendations concerning the nonpublic schools applications to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program for 2004-2005. He stated that the district had received 82 applications. Staff is recommending conditional acceptance of 66 schools and conditional denials of 12 schools. Three schools were conditionally accepted and one school conditionally denied at the Board of Education Regular Meeting of October 2, 2003. Reasons for denials include discrimination, lack of appropriate surety from new schools, concerns about disciplinary policy, advocating or fostering hate, and incomplete applications.

Mr. Woodward read the following resolutions:

IV-E-1 Resolution 2832 - Accepting 49 nonpublic school applications to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Pilot Program conditioned upon receipt of additional information on or before November 1, 2003, and on or before March 1, 2004.

IV-E-2 Resolution 2833 - Accepting the University of Denver High School nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program conditioned upon receipt of documentation as detailed in the Resolution

IV-E-3 Resolution 2834 - Accepting 16 nonpublic school applications to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Pilot Program conditioned upon receipt of additional information on or before March 1, 2004.

IV-E-4 Resolution 2835 – Denying the American Online High School nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.

IV-E-5 Resolution 2836 – Denying the Bridges to the Future Child Learning Center nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.

IV-E-6 Resolution 2837 – Denying the Colorado State High School nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.

IV-E-7 Resolution 2838 – Denying the Denver Street School nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.
IV-E-8  Resolution 2839 – Denying the Golden Independent School nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.

IV-E-9  Resolution 2840 – Denying the Home Away From Home Learning Daycare nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.

IV-E-10 Resolution 2841 – Denying the Mountain High School nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.

IV-E-11 Resolution 2842 – Denying the Lighthouse Christian Academy nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.

IV-E-12 Resolution 2843 – Denying the The Character Leadership Academy nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.

IV-E-13 Resolution 2844 – Denying the University Hills Lutheran School nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.

IV-E-14 Resolution 2845 – Denying the Westland Christian Academy nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.

IV-E-15 Resolution 2846 – Denying the Silver State Baptist School nonpublic school application to participate in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program.

Mr. Woodward moved that acceptance of Resolutions 2832 through 2846, accepting or denying nonpublic schools applications participating in the Colorado Opportunity Contract Pilot Program, be approved. Mr. Patterson seconded the motions. The motions passed unanimously. A copy of each resolution is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 03-20, IV-E-l through IV-E-15.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Gantz Berman reminded all members of the audience to vote and commented that the mail-in ballots had to reach the Election Commission by November 4, 2003.

Ms. Gantz Berman adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Susan G. Edwards, Secretary
Board of Education