I. Call to Order

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, Mr. James Mejia, Mrs. Michelle Moss, Mr. Kevin Patterson, and Mr. Lester Woodward.

C. Recognitions

The George Washington High School barbershop quartet performed for the Board at the beginning of the meeting.

Dr. Jerry Wartgow, Superintendent, presented a certificate of appreciation to Barry Fey, head of House of Blues Concerts. He explained how Mr. Fey became active in supporting music in the DPS. Mr. Fey donated to DPS fifty cents from every ticket sold at all of the summer concerts he sponsored as a representative of the House of Blues. Mr. Fey said the program raised $50,316 that would be donated to bolster the district’s supply of musical instruments and to support music instruction.

Cole Finnegan, Vice President of the DPS Foundation, thanked Mr. Fey on behalf of the foundation. He said they have reconstituted the DPS Foundation Board, and have put together a dynamic group to raise funds from the community to supplement district funds for arts, athletics, and after-school programs. He said the first fund raising dinner would be held on January 22, 2003. The goal was to raise at least a half million dollars.

A seventh grade student from the Denver School of the Arts, Zoe Aqua, performed a violin solo.

Rev. Guzman read Resolution 2816 expressing appreciation to Gully Stanford for his six years as a State Board Member and for his tireless work for all the students in the state, but particularly those in the DPS.

Cynthia B. Rundstrom, Assistant to the Superintendent, expressed her appreciation for her retirement reception and the outpouring of good will and friendship that she had received. She thanked many people who had offered her encouragement and support in her 34 years with the district. Wayne Eckerling, Assistant Superintendent for Research,
Planning and Special Programs, read Resolution 2815 expressing the district’s appreciation for Ms. Rundstrom’s contributions.

D. Approve Agenda

Mrs. Edwards moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded, and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Board Member Reports

There were none.

III. Superintendent’s Reports

Dr. Wartgow said the report, Montbello Area Security Impact Plan, was a response to safety and security issues in Montbello. He said changes had been put into place to reconfigure deployment of safety and security staff, and a more regional approach was being used that facilitated communication among schools and provided better security overall. He said they were working closely with the Denver Police Department. He explained that the issues were in response to the fatal shooting and wounding of two young men who were not DPS students but were in Falcon Park. He said other things had been done, particularly at Rachel B. Noel Middle School and Montbello High School.

Hansell Gunn, Principal at Montbello High School, said that one of the changes requested at Montbello was to close campus for eleventh graders. He said a plan was being implemented which included ninth and tenth graders. He said lunch was a crucial time and described time schedules, security provided, and penalties for leaving campus. He said students and parents were accepting of the plan and they would continue implementation. He said they emphasized high visibility of all administrators, more monitoring of visitors, and more parental involvement.

At Rachel B. Noel, many students walked home because of a lack of busing. Busing had been added for students who lived west of Chambers, and that would help with problems of students stopping in parks and at neighborhood elementary schools. Parents had been contacted about changes in school dismissal, transportation, and bus zone procedures. The plan would be implemented in the second semester.

IV. Consent Agenda

Assistant Secretary Jacquie Lucero read the consent agenda items by number and sequence, in accordance with consent agenda procedures as follows:
A. Board of Education

1. Policy Revision – JEC – Tuition Based Programs for Early Childhood – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve a policy revision to JEC – Tuition Based Programs for Early Childhood. A copy of the revision is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-A-1.

2. Policy Revision – ACA-E – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex – It was recommend that the Board of Education approve a policy revision to ACA-E – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex. A copy of the revision is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-A-2.

B. Superintendent’s Office

1. Gift Report – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the gift report. A copy of the report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-B-1.

2. Pupil Assignment Plan Revisions - Stapleton Elementary – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the pupil assignment revision recommended herein and that staff implement the revision for the 2003-2004 school year. A copy of the revision is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-B-2.

3. Tuition-Based Extended-Day Kindergarten and Montessori Programs – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve 2003-2004 tuition rates herein for Academia Ana Marie Sandoval, the Denison Montessori School, and the Tuition-Based Extended Day Kindergarten program. A copy of the report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-B-3.

C. Administrative Services

1. Human Resources

   a. 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 02-23, IV-C-1a.

2. Facility Management

   a. Final Settlements – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Final Settlements for Contracted Services as described on the attached schedule. A copy of this motion is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-C-2a.
b. **Architect Selection for Barrett Elementary School Learning Landscape Project** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the firm of Jump Design Company as the architect for the Barrett Elementary School Playground and Learning Landscape Project. A copy of the report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-C-2b.

c. **Easement at Kepner Middle School** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve granting an easement to Public Service Company of Colorado for additional street lighting at Kepner Middle School and authorized officers of the Board and staff to implement this action. A copy of the report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-C-2c.

d. **Land Purchase in Montbello Area for School Site** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of approximately seven acres of vacant land located at the southeast corner of Albrook Drive and Carson Street in the Montbello area for $1,300,000, plus reasonable and necessary closing costs, to be paid through the issuance of certificates of participation and authorize officers of the Board and staff to implement this action. A copy of the report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-C-2d.

e. **Architect Selection for Castro and Columbine Elementary Schools Learning Landscape Projects** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the firm of Design Concepts as the architect for the Castro and Columbine Elementary School Playground and Learning Landscape Projects. A copy of the report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-C-2e.

f. **Architect Selection for the Ebert, Gilpin, and Mitchell Elementary Schools Learning Landscape Projects** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the firm of GPD Land Design, LLC, as the architect for the Ebert, Gilpin and Mitchell Elementary School Playground and Learning Landscape Projects. A copy of the report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-C-2f.

D. **Budget and Finance**

1. **Statement of Revenue Allocations, Appropriations, Commitments and Expenditures** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Statement of Revenue Allocations, Appropriations, Commitments, and Expenditures for the Period July 1, 2002, to November 30, 2002. A copy of this statement is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-D-1.

2. **Resolution _____ – Designating Eligible Public Depositories** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution _____ designating eligible public
depositories. A copy of the resolution is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-D-2.

3. **Lowry School Funding Agreement** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Lowry School Funding Agreement with the Denver Urban Renewal Authority. A copy of the report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-D-3.

4. **Resolution - Reimbursement of Certain Expenditures from Future Funding** – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve Resolution _____ declaring the official intent of School District No. 1, in the City and County of Denver and State of Colorado, to reimburse certain expenditures which have and will be made on certain capital projects from the proceeds of future financings. A copy of the resolution is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, IV-D-4.

Mr. Mejia moved and Mr. Patterson seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda A roll call vote was recorded, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Old Business**

There was none.

VI. **New Business**

A. **Information Only**

1. **Report of Expelled Students** – The Report of Expelled Students was submitted for information, a copy of which is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, VI-A-1.

B. **Action on AAA Case No. 77 300 00045 02, DCTA and DPS** – It was recommended that the Board of Education accept the arbitrators opinion and award. A copy of the motion is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, VI-B.

Mrs. Edwards made and Mr. Mejia seconded a motion to approve the arbitrator’s opinion and award. A roll call vote was recorded, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. **Issues Requiring Action Following Public Input**

1. **Adoption/Revision Deletion of Policies**

   a. **Policy Adoption –GCOC – Evaluation of Administrators** – It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt Policy GCOC, Evaluation of Administrators, and that the superintendent or his/her designee be authorized to develop
appropriate procedures and forms related to this policy. A copy of the policy is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, VI-C-1a.

D. Citizens Committee for Facility Needs Charge and Appointment of Members - Mr. Patterson read the motion to approve the Charge to the Citizens Committee for Facility Needs as listed in the motion, and that the individuals named on the attached roster be appointed to serve as members of the Committee. A copy of the motion is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-23, VI-D.

Mrs. Edwards seconded the motion. A roll call vote was recorded, and the motion passed unanimously.

E. No Child Left Behind – Planning Update

Dr. Wayne Eckerling said there were three proposals that would be presented for the Board’s consideration and possible action at a later date.

International Preparatory Program at Smiley Middle School – John Youngquist said they were proposing the addition of an international preparatory magnet program, the second in the district. The program would be modeled after the program at Hamilton Middle School, which had demonstrated great success. The Smiley program would prepare students in the Northeast area of Denver for success in the George Washington High School International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. He described the areas of rationale for the proposal: low attendance at Smiley, the number of students attending the Hamilton program, the proximity of the program to Smiley students, and the ability to provide more educational options in the area. He said there was a Smiley Exploration Committee comprised of parents, teachers, and community members that would ensure that programming would support every student.

Mrs. Edwards asked about the geographic areas that would be included in the program. Mr. Youngquist explained the rationale for the areas included. Mrs. Edwards encouraged them to work with the George Washington IB program. She asked if students completing the program would still have to meet requirements to enter the IB program, and their response was that they would.

Mr. Patterson asked about transportation and was told that transportation would be from the feeder school only.

Ms. Gantz Berman asked how the school-within-a-school concept would be handled to ensure that it would be fully integrated and not isolated. The response was that there were areas where they would work with all students and staff in the school, and their goal was to make sure it was understood that no one program overshadowed another.

Highly Gifted Program at Carson Elementary School – Barbara Neyrinck, Program Manager for Gifted and Talented, said they wanted to expand the elementary Highly Gifted Program from six sites to a seventh site at Carson. She said that would allow
more children to attend the program and would provide more choice opportunities for children. She said they had three very successful programs on the east side of town—Crofton, Cory, and Southmoor, each with specific feeder schools. She said there was a concern about capacity at Southmoor because of more applications for the program and increased enrollment at the school. They determined that Carson would be a perfect site for expansion of the program because of increased growth in the Lowry area and the number of students who were attending private schools. She explained that the expansion would not harm enrollment at Cory or Southmoor because they would be unable to accept the projected number of additional students. She said she felt the expansion was necessary to accommodate students who needed the program without overburdening the other schools. She discussed the possibility of some of the other schools losing students to Carson, but said it would increase the options for students. Ms. Neyrinck discussed costs associated with the program, but said the program would not take resources away from Carson.

Ms. Gantz Berman asked if the program was a choice school offering no transportation, rather than a magnet school, would parents still get the kids there. The response was that it would be difficult when transportation was provided to other programs in the district.

Expansion of Highly Gifted Program at Gust – Ms. Neyrinck said they were proposing to expand the program at Gust to include high achieving students. They found this to be a model that worked well at Crofton and Morey Middle School. The numbers had declined at Gust over the last years and they felt this expansion would help revitalize the program. They wanted to continue to offer a program with enough students to make a viable program for southwest Denver.

Ms. Gantz Berman asked if they knew why the enrollment had dropped. The response was that when Grant Ranch opened, many highly popular teachers from Gust went there and many students followed them.

Mrs. Moss asked if they were confident that there would be adequate staff at Gust to replace those teachers who had left. Sue Everett, Principal at Gust, responded that they had teachers in place that had been trained by the highly gifted program and she felt they were wellstaffed.

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Gantz Berman adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Susan G. Edwards, Secretary
Board of Education