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: Linda Alston, Teacher, Fairview Elementary School, Recipient of the Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award

Mary Ann Bash, Southwest Area Liaison, introduced Linda Alston, recipient of the Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award; at $100,000 the largest unrestricted award for a K-12 teacher in U.S. history. A copy of Resolution 2972A is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Recognition of Denver Public Schools Educational Outreach Program

Rev. Guzman recognized Liz Murphy, Jackie Ulmer, and Anna Stout as recipients of the “2005 Homeless Program of the Year Award.” A copy of Resolution 2972B is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Recognition of Denver Public Schools Employees Gilbert Munoz, Theress Piddick, Deborah Hearty

Ms. Conrad recognized Deborah Hearty, Gilbert Munoz, and Theress Pidick, staff members in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, who were instrumental in securing the discretionary grant Teaching of American History Grant Program for the district. A copy of Resolution 2972C is attached to the minutes of this meeting.
Recognition of students from George Washington High School as State Champions in Various Athletic Events

Ms. Peña read the following list of students and awards: Maxwell Lancy won the 200 yard Individual Medley and the 100 yard Backstroke; Darius Reed won the 110M Hurdles and the 300M Hurdles; Quinton Dodson, Tehran Lomax, David Williams, and Terrance McLaughy won the 400M Relay; Talaya Owens won the 100M Dash, the 200M Dash and the 100M Hurdles.

III. Superintendent’s Report

Michael Bennet, Superintendent, recognized John Leslie, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, who is retiring as of June 30, 2006. He expressed his gratitude and the district’s gratitude to Mr. Leslie for his service and what he has done for the children of Denver.

Mr. Bennet asked the Instructional Superintendents to introduce the following new district principals: Kenton Burger, Southmoor Elementary School; Amanda DeBell, Rachel B. Noel Middle School; Monica Dilts, Garden Place Academy; Kevin Fletcher, Farrell B. Howell K-8 School; Merida Fraguada, Marrama Elementary School; Patricia Hurrieta, Godman Elementary School; Irene Jordan, Interim Principal, Slavens Elementary School; Hans Kayser, Lake Middle School; Jorge Loera, Horace Mann Middle School; Veronica Maes, Newlon Elementary School; Alez Magana, Kunsrmler Middle School; Roberta Manitone, Hallett Elementary School; Julie Murgel, Whiteman Elementary School; Mikel Royal, Maxwell Elementary School; Patrick Sanchez, Abraham Lincoln High School; Julia Shepherd, Cory Elementary School; Damon Smith, Florida Pitt Waller K-8 School; Jana Smith, Knight Academy; Nicole Veltze, Skinner Middle School; Richard Vigil, Johnson Elementary School; Joan Wamsley, Dora Moore K-8 School; Jonathan Wolf, Bromwell Elementary School; Cheri Wrench, Castro Elementary School.

IV. Consent Agenda

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

- Resolution to Approve Identification and Filing of Supplement Adopted Budget and Appropriation Resolution and Copies Thereof

- Motion to Approve the Montbello High School School Innovation Grant

- Motion to Revise Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements
Mr. Hoyt moved that all matters on the Consent Agenda not held be approved. Mrs. Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The following items were approved:

**Board of Education**

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 18, 2006, and the Special Meeting of May 30, 2006

Copy 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 Use of Additional Contingency Funds - A copy of this motion, approval of the use of additional contingency funds for the new Farrell B. Howell K-8 School construction project, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Award of Price Agreement #060165 to GovConnection – A copy of this motion, award of the award to GovConnection to provide a source from which schools and departments can purchase computer supplies and peripherals, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Annual Payment to Infinite Campus – A copy of this motion, approval of annual payment which allows the district to use the Infinite Campus student information system for the 2006-2007 school year, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Award of Request for Proposal #BD 1127 to The Princeton Review and Riverside Publishing – A copy of this motion, to provide item banking, score reporting software, and benchmark assessment development by the Princeton Review and Riverside Publishing, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Award of Request for Proposal #BD 1135 to First Choice, Great Source, and Houghton Mifflin – A copy of this motion, to provide Reading Skills and Intervention materials for the schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

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Motion to Approve Award of Request for Proposal #BD 1136 to Blackjack Pizza Franchising – A copy of this motion, to provide pizza delivered school to school, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Award of Request for Proposal #BD 1140 to Sinton Dairy Foods Company – A copy of this motion, to provide milk, juice, and dairy products delivered school to school, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Award of Invitation to Bid #BD 1144 to Paragon Food – A copy of this motion, to provide chips and snack foods delivered school to school, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Award of Invitation to Bid #BD 1145 to US Foodservice, Andrews Foodservice, Stillman Wholesale, H. Schreir, Roma Donsons Foods, Front Range Wholesale, Poppy Street Food Products, and Cookietree Bakeries – A copy of this motion, to provide frozen and refrigerated food products for warehouse stock, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Award of Request for Proposal #BD 1147 to Pearson Education A copy of this motion, to provide English Language Development Curriculum materials to schools, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Human Resources

Motion to Approve the Personnel Transaction Report – A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Facilities Management

Motion to Approve Donation from Forest City Enterprises – A copy of this motion, approval of a donation to Ashley Elementary School, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Financial Services

Resolution to Approve Supplemental Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2005, and Ending June 30, 2006 – A copy of this resolution, approval of the supplemental budget to identify the specific adjustments to the revenues and expenditures of the General Fund as they pertain to Referendum C and CPP Funding and to establish the ProComp Trust Special Revenue Fund, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.
Resolution to Approve Supplemental Budget Appropriations for Expenditures During the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2005, and Ending June 30, 2006 – A copy of this resolution, approval of the supplemental budget appropriation for expenditures to change the appropriation for the General Fund and the ProComp Trust Special Revenue Fund based on the adjustments, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution to Amend the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2006, and Ending June 30, 2007 – A copy of this resolution, approval of the amendment which identifies the specific adjustments to the revenues and expenditures of all funds, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution Authorizing the Use of the Beginning Fund Balance During the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2006, and Ending June 30, 2007 – A copy of this resolution, in accordance with SB 03-149, to authorize the expenditure of the beginning fund balance of specified funds as anticipated in the recommended budget, to state the purpose for which the expenditure is made, and to state the district’s plan to ensure the use of beginning fund balance will not lead to an ongoing deficit, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution to Adopt the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2006, and Ending June 30, 2007 – A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution – Appropriation for Expenditures During the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2006, and Ending June 30, 2007 – A copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution – Identification and Filing of Adopted Budget and Appropriation Resolution and Copies Thereof – A copy of this resolution, directing that the adopted Budget be labeled as such and signed by the Board President and to cause the Board Secretary to have this Adopted Budget on file for public inspection, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution on Class Size Information and Use of the One-Percent Funding Increase Provided by Amendment 23 – A copy of this resolution, in accordance with HB 01-1232, to report the uses of the one-percent funding increase approximating $4.5 million provided by Amendment 23, provide kindergarten through grade three class size information, and explain why class size reduction was not a priority if the one-percent increase was not used for this purpose, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Adopt Letter of Credit with JP Morgan Chase Bank – A copy of this motion, for the purposes funding emergencies for the one-year period ending June 30, 2007, and to increase the stated amount of letter of credit, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.
Resolution – Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Borrow Unencumbered Funds
A copy of this resolution, to authorize the use of available cash and investments in
other funds to alleviate General Fund cash deficits first prior to borrowing funds from
the state, as required by the State Treasurer’s Interest Free Loan Program; state law
permits the Board of Education to borrow unencumbered moneys from any one fund,
except the Bond Redemption Fund, for the use of another fund at any time, is
appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Resolution – Authorizing the Participation by the District of the State Treasurer’s
Interest Free Loan Program – A copy of this resolution, in accordance with
HB 03-1274 to authorize participation by the district in the State Interest Free Loan
Program which provides the funds based on projected cash flows of revenues and
expenditures anticipated in the 2006-2007 Adopted Budget, is appended to the
minutes of this meeting.

Resolution Authorizing the District to Apply for and Receive a Low-Interest Loan - A
copy of this resolution, in accordance with HB 03-1274, to authorize an emergency
loan in July 2006 from the State Treasurer for the period prior to the state’s July 2006
closing of the tax and revenue anticipated notes which will fund the State Treasurer’s
Interest Free Loan Program; this emergency loan will accrue interest at the same rate
as the rate of interest paid by the State Treasurer on notes issued by the state and will
be for the number of days outstanding prior to the state’s July 2006 closing on the
Interest Free Loan, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Payment of Insurance Premiums for 2006-2007 to the Colorado School Districts Self-
Insurance Pool – A copy of this motion, for the 2006-2007 school entity liability,
automobile liability, and property insurance coverage with the Colorado School
Districts Self-Insurance Pool, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Tuition Rates – A copy of this motion, to approve 2006-2007 tuition rates for non-
resident students, foreign students, and special education services, is appended to the
minutes of this meeting.

Reimbursement Resolution – A copy of this resolution, to authorize the expenditure of
bond proceeds from prior issued or future authorized and issued general obligation
bonds for the renovation of North High School construction project and the
construction of the following new schools: Green Valley High School and Green
Valley K-8 School, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Motion to Approve Charter Application Timelines for Fall 2006 – A copy of this
motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.
Motion to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Contract for Connections Academy – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Contract for Skyland Charter School – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Contract for Ridgeview Academy Charter School – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve the Contract for Lifeskills Charter School – A copy of this motion is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve School Improvement Plans (SIP) for Escuela Tlatelolco and Johnson Elementary School – A copy of this motion, to approve the School Improvement Plans for Escuela Tlatelolco and Johnson Elementary School who received 2004-2005 unsatisfactory ratings on the School Accountability Reports, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Student Fees – A copy of this motion, the schedule of district-wide fees for the 2006-2007 school year, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Academy of Urban Learning Charter School’s Application for an Alternative Education Campus – A copy of this motion, approval of the joint submission of the charter school’s application for an Alternative Education Campus to the Colorado Department of Education, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Approve Academy of Urban Learning Charter School’s Contract – A copy of this motion, approval of the first amendment to the charter school’s contract to approve a change in physical location, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

POLICY REVIEW

Motion to Adopt New Policy AC - Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity and to Repeal the District’s Nondiscrimination Policies ACA, ACA-E, and ACE-E – A copy of this policy, consolidating the repealed policies in to the new policy, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Revise Policy GBK – Staff Concerns/Complaints/Grievances – A copy of this policy, a modification to clarify that all employees may grieve violations of nondiscrimination policies; according to Policy BGC, a proposed disability grievance procedure GBK-R will be reviewed and approved by the Superintendent, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.
Motion to Adopt New Policy JBBAA - Nondiscrimination of Students on the Basis of Disability (Grievance and Impartial Hearing Procedures) – A copy of this policy, that clarifies that students may file a grievance for complaints of discrimination on the basis of disability and establishes an impartial review process, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Adopt New Policy KEE - Nondiscrimination of Public on the Basis of Disability (Grievance Procedures) – A copy of this policy, that clarifies that members of the public may file a grievance if he/she believes violations of the district’s nondiscrimination policy as they apply to qualified persons with disabilities and establishes a procedure for considering such grievances, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Adopt New Policy ADF - School Wellness Policy – A copy of this policy, DPS, as a participant in the USDA school meal program, is required by federal law to implement a wellness policy by July 1, 2006, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Revise District Compulsory School Age Attendance Policies and Procedures
A copy of this policy, to revise any and all district policies and procedures to conform to the new law, Senate Bill 06-073; the compulsory school attendance law now applies to every child who has attained the age of seven years and is under the age of 17 years, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Motion to Adopt the Revision of Policy IMDB - Flag Displays – A copy of this policy, in order to conform to the new law requirements in HB 06-1375; the new law ensures the right to reasonably display the flag by school district employees and students, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Services

Expelled Students Report - A copy of this report is appended to the minutes of this meeting.
HELD CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION

Resolution to Approve Identification and Filing of Supplemental Adopted Budget
And Appropriation Resolution and Copies Thereof

Mr. Hoyt pointed out that the district has been dealing with a $16.4 million budget shortfall this
year and has instigated a series of budget cuts. In an effort to hold the schools as harmless as
possible, a substantial portion, $7.5 million of the cuts, came from central offices. Virtually no
department was spared.

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

Motion to Approve the Montbello High School School Innovation Grant

Antwan Wilson, Principal of Montbello High School presented the report on the grant.

Mr. Patterson expressed his gratitude to Mr. Wilson and members of his community. He pointed
out the importance of the community’s role in revitalization efforts. He thanked the Foundation
for Excellence for their help in these efforts and in pulling the community together.

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

Motion to Revise Policy IKF – Graduation Requirements

Ms. Peña said that discussion on this policy has been held over the past two months. This week
the Superintendent, Dr. Aquino, and Board members participated in community meetings; they
have discussed the policy extensively with staff.

Mrs. Moss expressed her absolute support for the new graduation requirements and the process
they went through to create them. She is very concerned about the proposed change in the
implementation date from 2010 to 2011. She said graduation requirements need to be
implemented next year. It is not appropriate to make next year’s ninth graders wait another year.
The district owes it to the students to implement these new rigorous graduation requirements as
quickly as possible.

Dr. Aquino, Chief Academic Officer, stated that, at the request of the Board, they went back and
met with high school principals; the change in the implementation date came at the request of the
high school principals. There are many schools not ready to implement some of the components
of graduation requirements, such as the full year of geography and the personalized education
plan.

Mrs. Moss pointed out that at the last discussion the Board had with staff, staff indicated that if
all phases of graduation requirements were not ready, there was the potential of implementing
the areas that are ready. She would prefer that the district implement the areas the district has the
capacity to implement, such as language arts and mathematics, next year and phase-in geography and the personalized education plan the following year.

Dr. Aquino said there are some logistical challenges to doing that, but if the Board decides they want the graduation requirements implemented in 2010 then staff will find ways of making it happen.

Mr. Bennet expressed his appreciation to the parents, teachers, and members of the graduation requirements committee; Dr. Aquino for his leadership; Board members for their consideration; and Ms. Moss for her sense of urgency. He thinks that spending a year to make sure that the implementation is as carefully undertaken as possible will mean only a slight delay, but the district will still be ahead of many other districts. High school principals understand the need for rigor and it is something they are working on in their buildings and with their staff.

Ms. Conrad expressed concern regarding what, if the Board approves this proposed change in implementation date, steps would be taken to ensure that the class of 2010 would be provided with incentives to not have their senior year wasted.

Dr. Aquino repeated that the high school principals are committed to ensuring that all students receive rigorous instruction to prepare them to go to college and enter the workforce.

Ms. Conrad stated she was torn on this particular issue because she definitely wants to move ahead with this; but at the same time she wants to support high school principals. She is aware that sometimes investing in time means quality will be better in the long run. What troubles her about this particular change is that Board members and staff have been out in the community talking about this being something for the class of 2010; then at the last minute make a change to the class of 2011.

Mr. Patterson said that the input from the high school principals has caused him to rethink the implementation impacts. The issue right now is not if we are changing graduation requirements; but when we change graduation requirements. He does not want to rush to get it done; if we do not do it the right way it may not matter.

Mrs. Moss moved adoption 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 6:48 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – 6:48 P.M.

Future of Social Studies

Dr. Frank Deserino, teacher, reiterated his concerns regarding the lack of compromise between the graduation requirements social studies committee and those of the curriculum department. He stated that it is now time to move forward. The argument is done; graduation requirements need to be implemented and get our seniors on board.
Principal’s Institute

Shannon Hagerman, Principal, Montclair Elementary School; Jan Box, Principal, Asbury Elementary School; Sylvia Brookhart, Principal, Rishel Middle School; William Kohut, Principal, South High School; Wendy Lanier, Principal, Henry Middle School; Jeannie Peppel, Principal, John F. Kennedy High School; and Ann Myers, Principal Force Elementary School reported on the district’s Principals Institute. They expressed their gratitude for the outstanding, remarkable, energizing learning opportunity.

Connections Academy

Gail Klapper, attorney for Connections Academy, discussed Connections Academy Charter School and a recruiting problem that arose during their renewal process. During the long renewal process they went through they had been given every assurance from the district that they could add tenth grade. They were not aware that Board members had concerns regarding CSAP. This is a statewide program and it is not easy to get students to test sites; also, many parents object to CSAP, therefore, they do not take their children to test sites. They have a plan in place to mandate the CSAP exam next year.

Ms. Peña thanked her for the information and said she would be contacted if the Board wanted to revisit the issue.

Follow-Up on Open Records Request

Joanne Roll requested follow-up on her last month’s formal open records request. She had requested: documents related to Manual High School’s participation in the English Language Acquisition (ELA) court case; a copy of the Students for Justice complaint to the Colorado Civil Rights Commission regarding the achievement gap between Black and White students; a copy of the May 2002 report given to the Board of Education from the Civil Rights Commission by Dr. Oscar Joseph; and documents which specifies why Manual High School did not receive revitalization money. She is concerned that people do not know what happened at Manual. A level playing field for the reform plan has not been set and schools are in competition for revitalization money. If people do not know why Manual was abruptly closed, it will be very difficult not to repeat those mistakes.

Ms. Peña adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Jeanne S. Kaplan, Secretary
Board of Education