MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (02-17) 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, SEPTEMBER 19, 2002

I. Call to Order

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

President Elaine Gantz Berman called the meeting to order at 5:15 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, and Mr. Lester Woodward. Mr. James Mejia was absent and excused.

C. Recognitions

Mrs. Gantz Berman announced that district elementary schools had been selected to participate in a demonstration program with the California Raisin Marketing Board in cooperation with USDA. The California Dancing Raisins performed. Judy Nirigoyen, California Raisin Board, and Pete Penner, California raisin farmer, gave an overview of the program. Donna Wittrock, Executive Director of DPS Food and Nutrition Services, described how the partnership would benefit children in the DPS.

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. Jerry Wartgow, Superintendent, said it had been an exciting week with the dedication of the playground at Smith Renaissance School of the Arts, a visit to Harrington for the million word campaign, and continuing implementation of the districtwide literacy program.
IV. Consent Agenda

Assistant Secretary Jacquie Lucero read the consent agenda items by number and sequence, in accordance with consent agenda procedures.

A. Board of Education

There were none.

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 02-17, IV-B-1.

2. Grant Proposal – Colorado Department of Education Prevention Initiatives, Services for Expelled Students and Expulsion Prevention program Submitted by Student Services – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve submission of the grant application as described in the proposal summary and that the Superintendent be directed to submit all necessary documents consistent with grant application guidelines and be authorized to make any technical or administrative adjustment that may be necessary. A copy of the report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, IV-B-2.

3. Grant Proposal – Colorado Department of Education Prevention Initiatives, Services for Expelled Students and Expulsion Prevention Program, Submitted by Cole, Kepner and Randolph Middle Schools – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve submission of the grant application as described in the proposal summary and that the Superintendent be directed to submit all necessary documents consistent with grant application guidelines and be authorized to make any technical or administrative adjustment that may be necessary. A copy of the report is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, 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 02-17, IV-C-1a.

   b. Motion to approve Agreement between the Denver Public Schools and the Denver Federation for Paraprofessionals, effective September 1, 2002 - It was recommended that the Board of Education approve a 2.2% salary increase for the Denver Federation for Paraprofessionals, effective January 1, 2003, approve
a reclassification of campus security officer, and a benefit allowance supplement of $22.00 per month effective July 1, 2002. A copy of the Agreement is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, IV-C-1b.

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 02-17, IV-C-2a.

b. Use of Additional Contingency Funds for the Steele Elementary School Cafeteria Addition and Renovation Project – It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the use of additional contingency funds in the amount of $50,000 for the Steele Elementary School Cafeteria Addition and Renovation Project. A copy of this motion is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, IV-C-2b.

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, 2001, to August 31, 2002. A copy of this statement is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, IV-D-1.

2. Resolution 2800 – Supplemental Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2002 – It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2800 to approve the supplemental budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002. A copy of this resolution is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, IV-D-2.

3. Resolution 2801 – Supplemental Budget Appropriation for Expenditures During the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2002 – It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2801 to approve the supplemental budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002. A copy of this resolution is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, IV-D-3.

4. Resolution 2802 – Identification and Filing of Supplemental Adopted Budget and Appropriation Resolution and Copies Thereof – It was recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2802 to approve Identification and Filing of Supplemental Adopted Budget and Appropriation Resolution Copies Thereof. A copy of this resolution is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, IV-D-4.
Under the consent agenda process, a roll call vote was recorded and the motion passed unanimously.

V. 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 02-17, VI-A-1.

5. Colorado on the Move. A copy of this program is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, VI-2.

Dr. James Hill, Director of Center for Human Nutrition, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, gave an overview of the program on nutrition, physical fitness, and obesity. He described health risks associated with obesity, especially in relation to school age children. He said a focal point of the program was walking as a way of increasing physical activity and decreasing obesity. Darlene LeDoux, Assistant Superintendent for School Community Partnerships, described how the program would be implemented with adults and students in DPS. She said the goal was to distribute pedometers to students and staff and to encourage competition on the number of miles walked.

6. Million Word Campaign. A copy of this program is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, VI-3.

Sally Mentor Hay, Chief Academic Officer, gave a brief description of the rationale behind the program. She said the campaign would be one component of the district’s literacy program and described the positive benefits for students—increased fluency in reading and development of vocabulary.

Darlene LeDoux emphasized that the district alone could not reach the goal of the program, that help was needed from parents and community. She said support had been received from the Denver Public Library, the faith based community, the DCTA, and the Public Education Business Coalition and other partnerships.

B. Issues Requiring Action Following Public Input

1. Adoption/Revision Deletion of Policies
a. **Revise GBEA - Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest** - The Board of Education will be asked to approve revisions to Policy GBEA. A copy of the revision is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, VI-B-1a.

b. **Revise – IF – School Design** - The Board of Education will be asked to approve revision to Policy IF. A copy of the revision is appended to the official minutes of this meeting as Appendix 02-17, VI-B-1b.

**B. Discussion and Appointment of Members to the Collective Decision Making (CDM) Commission**

Mrs. Moss said the CDM process came about during the negotiation process between Denver Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA) and DPS. It was decided that there should be a CDM Commission that would look at CDMs in the district and make recommendations about the future of CDMs. Those recommendations would become a negotiable item between DCTA and DPS. The Commission is comprised of one administrative team member, two principals, four parents or community members, four teachers, and one Board member.

She said the selection process included ads in the newspaper and on the web site asking interested parties to apply. They received 23 applications from parent and community members, they were interviewed, and four parent community members were selected. The DCTA selected four teachers, and Dr. Wartgow selected two principals and the administrative representative. Mrs. Moss was the Board’s representative. Becky Wissink, President of DCTA, introduced the members of the Commission.

**VII. Adjournment**

Ms. Gantz Berman adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Susan G. Edwards, Secretary
Board of Education