

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
May 15, 2007

President White convened a worksession at 5:03 p.m. addressing Policy Governance Work under the Governance Process and reviewing the Legislative process.

Campbell, Carson, Hansen, Stahl, Turner, White and Wucherpfennig were in attendance. Also attending were Supt. Christensen, Executive Director ISS Jefferson Jenkins, Asst. Supt. Hodges, Chief Financial Officer Stutler, Chief Operating Officer Herzog, Chief of Staff McGraw and N. Eichelberger, Secretary. Absent: Asst. Supt. Fante.

MOTION: By Hansen, seconded by Wucherpfennig, that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session to discuss legal matters under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(c), C.R.S. §24-6-402-(4)(a) and C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e).

VOTE: Hansen, aye; Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Stahl, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye; Wucherpfennig, aye. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 5:10 p.m.

President White reconvened the worksession at 5:27 p.m. for Board discussion on Ends. The Board heard an update on the 2007 Legislative Session from Jane Urschel of Colorado Association of School Boards. The Board also reviewed and edited the Agenda for the Board Retreat.

President White called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Campbell, Carson, Hansen, Stahl, Turner and White. Supt. Christensen, Executive Director ISS Jefferson Jenkins, Asst. Supt. Hodges, Chief Operating Officer Herzog Chief Financial Officer Stutler, Chief of Staff McGraw and N. Eichelberger, Secretary. Absent: Director Wucherpfennig and Asst. Supt. Fante.

MOTION: By Carson, seconded by Campbell, that the Board of Education accept the meeting agenda with the addition of a topic "G2 Charter School Funding" under Community Engagement for discussion.

VOTE: Carson, aye; Campbell, aye; Hansen, aye; Stahl, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Recognitions: Superintendent Christensen and President White congratulated Luke Peterson, a 7th grader at Mountain Ridge Middle School, who will join 14 other students as a member of the second annual National Geographic Kids Expedition Team for a safari in South Africa in August 2007. His essay and photos were chosen from more than 4,000 entries submitted from around the world in National Geographic's Hands-on Explorer Challenge. Luke has a grasp of cross-culture understanding that is unusual in a 13 year old. He has gone on foreign church missions to Japan and Australia with his father, has helped build homes for the poor in Juarez, Mexico, and traveled to China to help his mother bring home his adopted sister, Kate. In his essay, Luke writes "Although our worlds are different, by doing our part, by exploring, we can begin to understand those differences and then try to make changes to better all human kind."

Superintendent Christensen recognized Rock Canyon High School's school newspaper, *The Rock*, for winning "Best of Show" for newspapers over 16 pages at the JEA/National Scholastic Press Association/Journalism Education Association Spring National High School Journalism Convention.

There were seven individual winners as well in the National Write-Off competition. Contestants listened to a speaker for 20-30 minutes, took notes, then completed a writing assignment. Honorable Mentions went to Myke Dydyn (Advertising), Nate Cook (Newspaper Layout), and Alyssa Davanzo (Academic Writing). Excellent winners were Chelsea Long (Sports Writing), Adam Scurto (Review Writing), and Hannah Wellman (Copy Editing and Headline/Caption Writing). The first Superior award in the school's history went to Susie Typher for Commentary Writing.

Superintendent Christensen announced and congratulated the following seniors who earned perfect scores on sections of their college entrance exams:

Highlands Ranch High School

- Clifford Blakestad, 800 on SAT Reasoning sub tests Critical Reading and Math, and a perfect score of 800 on SAT II Subject physics test
- Jeffrey Hyatt, 36 on Reading and Science ACT subtests
- Kiley Spencer, 800 on Writing portion of SAT Reasoning exam

Douglas County High School

- Kelsey Moser, 800 on Writing portion of SAT Reasoning exam

Chaparral High School

- David Stephenson, 36 on Science portion of SAT Reasoning exam
- Zacharie Jacobson, 36 on Science portion of SAT Reasoning exam

Mountain Vista High School

- Patrick Morgan, 800 on Critical Reading portion of SAT Reasoning exam

Ponderosa High School

- Nicholas Kain, 800 on Math portion of SAT Reasoning exam
- Mary Enterline, 36 on Science portion of ACT exam
- Billy Ferguson, 36 on Math portion of ACT exam
- Adam Gneiting, 36 on Science portion of ACT exam
- Caleb Lyman, 36 on Reading portion of ACT exam

Superintendent Christensen recognized the following students who earned awards at the state Future Business Leaders of America Leadership Conference.

- Tanisha Cocetti, Rock Canyon High School 10th-grader, received first place for her Electronic Career Portfolio at the Future Business Leaders of America state leadership conference.
- Douglas County High School 10th-grader Kelly Heo earned first place for FBLA Procedures at the Future Business Leaders of America state leadership conference.

Superintendent Christensen also recognized the following Science Olympiad recipients:

- Eric Wilson, Platte River Academy, grade 7 and Vikrant Jain, grade 8 earned a 1st place award at the state Science Olympiad tournament in the Heredity event and qualifying for the national competition.
- Platte River Academy 8th-graders Corey Alexander and Dan Zezula earned a 1st place award at the state Science Olympiad tournament in the Science Word event and qualifying for the national competition.

Superintendent Christensen congratulated Douglas County High School's winter color guard for winning the first place at the Rocky Mountain Color Guard Association's championships.

Superintendent Christensen announced that Sherri Clemens, technology teacher at Trailblazer Elementary, was chosen to join the Apple Distinguished Educator program as a member of the Class of 2007.

Superintendent Christensen congratulated Katie Eklund, girls track and cross-country coach at Mountain Vista High School and coordinator of Mental Health Services for the district for receiving the *Sasson Sharify Outstanding Track Coach of the Year* award.

Superintendent Christensen recognized students whose art was selected for purchase by the Board of Education from art works chosen by District art teachers for exhibit at the Annual District Art Show to include:

Cassidy Klein – 3rd Grade, Eldorado Elementary, Teacher: Teddy Goldman; Hayleigh McNatt – Kindergarten, Larkspur Elementary, Teacher: Ginger Hodges; Alli Tuttle – 6th Grade, Trailblazer Elementary, Teacher: Marcella Griego; Louise Kuehster – 5th Grade, Renaissance Expeditionary Magnet School, Teacher: Pam Cogburn; Emma Friedland – 8th Grade, Castle Rock Middle School, Teacher: Andrea Bassante; Amber Parmley – 7th, Sagewood Middle School, Teacher: Katie Obrecht; Shane Miles – Freshman, Castle View High School, Teacher: Julie Holladay; Anthony Cortes – Senior, Mountain Vista High School, Teacher: Ruth Wilson; Sherice Coffey – Sophomore, ThunderRidge High School, Teacher: Sue Silverman; Rachel Ryan – Senior, Chaparral High School, Teacher: Alicia Conrad.

Public Comment: Amy Mays addressed the Board and provided information on a regional youth venue entitled "Spare Parts."

Consent Agenda:

MOTION: By Campbell, seconded by Stahl, that the Board of Education adopt the Consent Agenda as amended:
1) Minutes May 1, 2007 move to H) Decisions, item 3
2) Personnel Changes May 1, 2007 corrections as noted by Asst. Supt. Hodges

VOTE: Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Stahl, aye; Turner; White, aye.
Motion carried 6-0. (Copies attached to the official minutes.)

Community Engagement Charter – District Task Force: Brien Hodges and Teri Aplin reviewed the goals of the Charter-District Task Force for the Board and the vision for future communication and collaborative work. It was the recommendation of the Board to meet quarterly during Worksession with members of the Charter-District Task Force. To facilitate the process, President White and Dr. Hodges will discuss a proposed timeline, prioritize the topics for discussion and submit their schedule for the June 8th Agenda Planning meeting.

Charter School Funding: The request for this discussion topic was a result of the motion to amend the meeting agenda to include item G2 on the Agenda under Community Engagement. A Board discussion followed. It was the recommendation of the Board that the original intent of the Board's motion was clear and that the Board has given clear direction to the Superintendent to move forward with the distribution of funds at the Superintendent's discretion. Board's Legal Counsel will work with the charter schools as individual contracts are presented for renewal.

Decisions

Employee Contract Renewals/Non-Renewals: Asst. Supt. Hodges stated that in compliance with state statutes to renew or nonrenew certified employees, annual contract action has been prepared for Board of Education approval. Hodges stated that all nonrenewals have been notified as required by law and due to the confidential nature of personnel

actions, individual situations and reasons have been discussed in Executive Session. Hodges stated Administrative/Technical positions are also approved on an annual basis and that following formal action for classified employees, an at-will notice of employment will be issued. Hodges requested approval on outlined employee actions with a formal roll call vote. President White read each subsequent resolution and entertained a motion to adopt.

MOTION: By Hansen, seconded by Turner, that the Board of Education approve the stated Resolution for Contract Renewal of Probationary Teachers and authorize reemployment for the 2007-2008 school year for teachers listed on Attachment A to this resolution.

VOTE: Hansen, aye; Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Stahl, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye. Motion carried 6-0. (Copy attached to the official minutes.)

MOTION: By Turner, seconded by Hansen, that the Board of Education approve the stated Resolution for Nonrenewal of Contracts of Probationary Teachers listed on Attachment B and accept the recommendation of the Superintendent that the probationary teachers not be reemployed for the 2007-2008 school year.

VOTE: Turner, aye; Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Stahl, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye. Motion carried 6-0. (Copy attached to the official minutes.)

MOTION: By Turner, seconded by Stahl, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Concerning Administrators, Technical and Professional Employees and authorization of offered reemployment and to extend an offer for a contract to the 2007-2008 school year.

VOTE: Turner, aye; Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Stahl, aye; White, aye. Motion carried 6-0. (Copy attached to the official minutes.)

MOTION: By Carson, seconded by Turner, that the Board of Education adopt the stated resolution to authorize the Superintendent to identify and issue notice for continuation of employment of classified at-will employees and applicable rates of pay for work performed after June 30, 2007.

VOTE: Carson, aye; Campbell, aye; Hansen, aye; Stahl, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye. Motion carried 6-0. (Copy attached to the official minutes.)

Auditor Selection: Chief Financial Officer Stutler provided information to the Board per their request on May 1, 2007. Additionally, she provided an update on the status of the process to date.

MOTION: By Hansen, that the Board of Education appoint Clifton Gunderson, LLP for professional auditor services. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Board discussion followed.

MOTION: By Turner, seconded Hansen, that the Board of Education appoint Swanhorst & Company, LLC for professional auditor services.

VOTE: Turner, aye; Campbell, nay; Carson, nay; Hansen, aye; Stahl, nay; White, nay. Motion failed 4-2.

Director Hansen asked that the record reflect that reason for this motion is based on the cost of the professional services.

MOTION: By Hansen, seconded by Carson, that the Board of Education appoint Clifton Gunderson, LLP for professional auditor services based on the improved scoresheet adjustments and their points of clarification to the Board's satisfaction.

VOTE: Hansen, aye; Campbell nay; Carson, aye; Stahl, nay; Turner, nay; White, aye. Motion failed 3-3.

MOTION: By Stahl, seconded by Campbell, that the Board of Education appoint Bondi & Company, LLC for professional auditing services.

VOTE: Stahl, aye; Campbell, aye; Carson, nay; Hansen, nay; Turner, nay; White, aye. Motion failed 3-3.

Minutes May 1, 2007:

MOTION: By Campbell, seconded by Carson that the Board of Education modify the May 1, 2007 minutes as read to reflect changes proposed by Director Campbell and Director Carson.

VOTE: Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Stahl, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye. Motion carried 6-0. (Copies attached to the official minutes.)

Legal Requirements

2006-2007 Third Quarterly Budget Report: Chief Financial Officer Stutler stated that in compliance with State Statute and Executive Limitation 1.6 the third quarterly Budget update for 2006-2007 has been provided for the Board review. Director of Budgets Shelley Becker summarized revenues and expenditures and outlined projected changes in the ending fund balance. Director Becker highlighted the benefits of the energy manager in the Utility area.

2007-2008 Proposed Budget: Chief Financial Officer Stutler and Director of Budgets Shelley Becker provided an overview of fund functions and detail on District operations funds on the proposed 2007-2008 budgets. Stutler stated the now proposed budget is very close to preliminary projections that the Board has reviewed over the past months. The funds highlighted were the Debt Service, Nutrition Services, Building, Athletic and Activities and Mill Levy. Stutler reviewed the General Fund assumptions and outlined the increasing cost of doing business. Stutler stated that the proposed budget would be revised as needed and then brought back to the Board for consideration of adoption to meet the June 30th statutory deadline.

President White stated that as the budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008 was not formally adopted at this meeting, the Board of Education would next consider the proposed budget for adoption at its regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., at 620 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock.

Any taxpayer of the District or his or her representative is entitled to file or register objections to the proposed budget prior to its final adoption in accordance with Colorado law.

President White asked David Hart to address the Board of Education on the importance of the auditor decision.

President White asked the Board if they would entertain continuing their discussion on the issue of professional auditing services. It was the consensus of the Board to reconsider the topic.

Public Comment: Platte River Academy Board member, Chris Murphy, asked to address the Board regarding the issue of professional auditing services.

Board discussion followed.

MOTION: By Campbell, seconded by Carson, that the Board of Education appoint Bondi & Company, LLC. for professional auditing services.

VOTE: Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Stahl, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Board/Superintendent Updates

The Board heard committee and liaison reports.

Policy Governance

The Board reviewed the amended Retreat agenda.

Meeting Evaluation: Board members provided individual feedback for Board self-assessment.

Adjournment: Motion by Campbell, seconded by Turner, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Nona V. Eichelberger,
Secretary