

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT Re.1

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Minutes  
March 18, 2008

President Turner called the meeting of the Board of Education of Douglas County School District Re.1 to order at 5:15 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Roll Call

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: President Turner to call roll

Upon Roll Call being taken, the following Board members were present: Stahl, Stuart, Turner and Williams. Absent: Carson, Hansen, and White. Also present were Superintendent Christensen, Assistant Superintendent Fante, Assistant Superintendent Hodges, Chief Financial Officer Hart, Chief Operating Officer Herzog and N. Eichelberger, secretary.

2. Board of Education Committees Discussion

NOTE 3.18.08: Memo and matrix submission

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Director Williams, Board District Advisory Committee liaison, provided the Board with a status report on the DAC and outlined some of the committee's concerns. Debby Novotny, District Advisory Committee liaison, also provided Board members the rationale for the discussion and the need for an established timeline and guidance to complete the required reports/recommendations. The Board finalized the agenda for the April 8<sup>th</sup> DAC Forum. Board discussion followed.

3. Legislative Update

Board Lobbyist, Carole Murray, will brief the Board.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Jane Urschel, Colorado Association of School Boards, provided the Board summaries of the education-related legislation that CASB is following in the 2008 session of the Colorado General Assembly. Urschel thanked the Board and District, as leaders of effective change, for the positive working relationship established with Colorado Association of School Board. Carole Murray, Board Lobbyist, addressed the Board on the current status of bills in the House and Senate. Board discussion followed.

Executive Session I

4. Executive Session

Chairperson clarified on the record that the Board of Education had issues to discuss in Executive Session under Real Estate, C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a). President Turner identified Board members present and called for a motion to convene in Executive Session.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session under C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(a) to discuss Real Estate Matters.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member Williams Moved, Member Stahl seconded to approve the original motion 'that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session under C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(a) to discuss Real Estate Matters.' Williams, aye; Stahl, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion carried 4-0.

The Board reconvened the regular session at 6:57 p.m.

**5. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, Indivisible with Liberty and Justice for all.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**6. Acceptance of the Agenda**

Governance Process 1.5.3.4

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Education move to accept the Agenda as presented.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member Williams moved, Member Stuart seconded to approve the original motion 'that the Board of Education move to accept the Agenda as presented.' Williams, aye; Stahl, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion carried 4-0.

**7. Public Comment**

Members of the public may address the Board of Education on any topic. Please sign a speaker's card and submit to the Board of Education Secretary. Those relating to a specific agenda item will be allowed following Board discussion on that topic. Time for subjects not included on the agenda will be allotted during the Public Comment section. Remarks should be limited to five minutes.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Jerry McCabe, Douglas County resident, provided a handout on a House Resolution regarding legislation for people with disabilities. Mr. McCabe stated that the District website was much more user-friendly and that he participated in the Superintendent's survey online.

**8. Consent Agenda**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board of Education adopt the Consent Agenda as presented: Novel Adoption "Rules" Novel Adoption "Williwaw!" Novel Adoption "The Music of Dolphins" Novel Adoption "The Young Man and the

Sea" Novel Adoption "Poppy and Rye" Novel Adoption "Chasing Vermeer"  
Construction Agreement - Summit View Elementary Personnel Changes  
presented: Novel Adoption "Rules" Novel Adoption "Williwaw!" Novel  
Adoption "The Music of Dolphins" Novel Adoption "The Young Man and the  
Sea" Novel Adoption "Poppy and Rye" Novel Adoption "Chasing Vermeer"  
Construction Agreement - Summit View Elementary Personnel Changes

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member Williams moved, Member Stahl seconded to approve the original  
motion 'that the Board of Education adopt the Consent Agenda as  
presented:

Novel Adoption "Rules"

Novel Adoption "Williwaw!"

Novel Adoption "The Music of Dolphins"

Novel Adoption "The Young Man and the Sea"

Novel Adoption "Poppy and Rye"

Novel Adoption "Chasing Vermeer"

Construction Agreement - Summit View Elementary  
Personnel Changes'.

Williams, aye; Stahl, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye. Upon a roll call  
vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion carried 4-0.  
(Copies attached to the official minutes.)

**9. The novel adoption of the booked titled, "Rules."**

Attached is the completed novel approval process form for the book  
titled, "Rules"

This novel is being proposed by the District Library Media Center. The  
novel speaks of an important issue facing children today, disabilities.  
The novel is a Newberry Honor book allowing us to look at different  
themes present in a book that make it worth reading.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board of Education, in consent agenda, accept the  
novel adoption of the book titled, "Rules."

**10. The novel adoption of the book titled, "Williwaw!"**

Attached is the completed novel adoption process form for the book  
titled, "Williwaw!"

This novel is being proposed by Trailblazer Elementary. This novel will  
keep the reader in the edge of their seat as the adventure unfolds.  
Critical thinking will be fostered as the reader ponders how and if the  
siblings will be punished for going to sea. Lots of adventure. An easy  
read.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board of Education, in consent agenda, accept the  
novel adoption of the book titled, "Williwaw!"

**11. The novel adoption of the book titled, "The Music of Dolphins."**

Attached is the completed novel adoption process form for the book  
titled, "The Music of Dolphins."

This book is being proposed by Trailblazer Elementary. This book is not  
an east read, but the topic (living with dolphins) will be intriguing  
for intermediate readers and possibly engage reluctant readers. This  
novel will actively engage both the student and the reader. The subject

matter will also entice the reader to engage in dialogue that will promote critical thinking.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Education, in consent agenda, accept the novel adoption of the book titled, "The Music of Dolphins."

12. The novel adoption of the book titled, "The Young Man and the Sea."  
Attached is the complete novel approval form for the book titled, "The Young Man and the Sea."

This book is being proposed by Trailblazer Elementary. This book will appeal to a wide array of adventure seekers. The reader will be vicariously engaged, as they reflect and connect to their own experiences.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Education, in consent agenda, accept the novel adoption of the book titled, "The Young Man and the Sea."

13. The novel adoption of the book titled, "Poppy and Rye."

Enclosed is the completed novel approval form the the book titled, "Poppy and Rye."

This book is being proposed by Trailblazer Elementary. Poppy and Rye is part of a series of Board-Approved novels by the popular author, Avi. The series of books teaches many components of character education, as the characters learn about friendship, fidelity, and compassion. Readers will have plenty to write about as they follow the adventures of Poppy and Rye.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Education, in consent agenda, accept the novel adoption of the book titled, "Poppy and Rye."

14. The novel adoption of the book titled, "Chasing Vermeer."

Enclosed is the completed novel approval process form for the book titled, "Chasing Vermeer."

This book is being proposed by Trailblazer Elementary. The author has combined mystery and intrigue as two sixth-grade students search for a missing Vermeer Painting. This story works on the imagination as the children solve the mystery. The book will actively engage both student and teacher, and will generate topics for student writing.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Education, in consent agenda, accept the novel adoption of the book titled, "Chasing Vermeer."

15. Summit View Elementary - Construction Agreement

A Request for Qualifications was issued on November 28, 2007 for general contractors and major subcontractors. General contractors submittal materials were received and reviewed by DCSD Construction Department staff. The approved list of general contractors and subcontractors was advertised on January 2, 2008. The pre-bid conference was held on March 25, 2008. Eight pre-qualified general contractors attended the pre-bid conference. One general contractor dropped out of the bid process after the pre-bid conference due to work that was acquired after the initial general contractor survey. Sealed

bids were received and opened on March 6, 2008. W O Danielson Construction Company is the apparent low bidder.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to approve W O Danielson Construction Company agreement in the amount of \$2,144,300 for the Summit View Elementary School, Addition/Remodel. Motion to approve an additional \$200,000 to fund casework, ceiling tile replacement, and replacement of marker boards with white boards.

16. Personnel Changes

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approves the Personnel Changes as presented.

Joint Motion Agenda

17. Joint Motion Agenda

3.17.08 Note: Board of Education Minutes 3.4.08

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board of Education adopt the Joint Motion Agenda items as presented

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Stahl Moved, Member Williams seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'that the Board of Education adopt the Joint Motion Agenda items as presented'. Stahl, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye; Williams, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion carried 4-0. (Copy attached to the official minutes.)

Monitoring Reports

18. Executive Limitation 1.3 -- Emergency Succession

Monitoring Report Monitoring Report Checklist

Monitoring Report details for the BOE an emergency succession plan in the event of a Superintendent's short-term absence.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend the BOE approve EL 1.3 as submitted.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Stahl Moved, Member Stuart seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Recommend the BOE approve EL 1.3 as submitted.' Stahl, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye; Williams, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion carried 4-0.

Board Decisions

19. Board of Education 2008-2009 Budget

3.17.08 Note: Budget Worksheet

In the Board's 2.29.08 working documents packet, the Board had the opportunity to review the proposed budget for 2008-2009. The attachment reflects some changes based on the Board's discussion. Final approval is requested for submission to Business Services.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Board of Education approve the 2008-2009 Budget Worksheet.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member Stuart moved, Member Stahl seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'that the Board of Education approve the 2008-2009 Budget Worksheet.' Stuart, aye; Stahl, aye; Turner, aye; Williams, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion carried 4-0.

Member Carson arrived at 8:13 p.m.

**20. Community Engagement and Debrief**

Sample Letter School Choice Questions Summary SAC Feedback

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Board of Education Directors met with parents and engaged in a discussion about school choice. During the debrief, the Board came to consensus that through the spring cycle of Community Engagement, members would commit to attending scheduled District community meetings e.g. Parent University, Feeder School Advisory Committees, etc. and have a placeholder in Board/Superintendent Updates on Board Agendas for sharing feedback.

**Board/Superintendent Updates**

**21. Board of Education Committee Reports**

Douglas County Youth Initiative Updates

District Advisory Committee

Long Range Planning Committee

Colorado Association of School Boards

Douglas County Youth Initiative

Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning

Douglas County Partnership Team Highlands Ranch

Other

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The Board heard Superintendent updates as well as continued the Board of Education Committee and Liaison Reports.

**For Your Information**

**22. "Current Events"**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Meeting Evaluation**

**23. Meeting Evaluation**

Plus/Delta

Board members provide individual feedback for Board self-assessment.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Board members provided individual feedback for Board self-assessment.

Adjournment

24. Adjournment

Member Stahl moved, Member Stuart seconded, that the Board of Education be adjourned. Stahl, aye; Carson, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye; Williams, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Nona V. Eichelberger,  
Secretary