

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE.1

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes
September 4, 2007

President White convened a work session regarding the review of the Agenda and the development of the Board's strategic planning document at 5:07 p.m.

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

Board/Superintendent Updates: The Superintendent shared an update on current enrollment in Douglas County School District as well as briefed the Board on a recent visit with Apple.

Pres. White called the regular meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

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

MOTION: By Wucherpfennig, seconded by Hansen, that the Board of Education accept the Agenda as presented.

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

Public Comment: None heard.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Campbell, seconded by Hansen, that the Board of Education adopt the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Award of Contract: GC Agreement, West Terminal HVAC Project
- 2) Award of Contract: Architect Agreement, Early Childhood Center
- 3) Award of Contract: Purchase Agreement
- 4) Award of Contract: Servers, Oracle Identity Management Implementation
- 5) Personnel Changes

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

Joint Motion Agenda: Motion by Campbell, seconded by Turner, that the Board of Education adopt the Minutes of August 21, 2007 as presented.

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

Board Decisions

Legislative Platform: Superintendent Christensen stated that the focus of the report would be around Senate Bill 215 as well as aggregate scoring. The 2007 Legislative Session information was submitted for the Board packet and Superintendent Christensen pointed out key components of the Bill. He also shared that Hope Online will be

bringing forth a charter application for the Board's approval. Board discussion followed.

Carole Murray, Board lobbyist, and Jane Urschel of CASB, detailed the work of the upcoming Legislative session and asked that the District be present during the legislative session and the P-20 committee work in sharing some of the District's work. They emphasized that the District's leadership role will continue to educate legislators. Jane addressed several initiatives affecting education.

Board/Superintendent Updates continued: The Board heard Board Committee and Liaison Reports and addressed upcoming agenda items.

Recognitions: Superintendent Christensen shared that when the Board of Education has an opportunity to meet and greet members of our organization and honor them with a recognition, we typically see a lot of students. Tonight, we have an opportunity to recognize our staff.

Superintendent Christensen congratulated Pat Maloney and Jeff Pihl in our Transportation Department representing the Castle Rock Terminal. This past June, they placed 1st and 2nd respectively in a service technician state competition sponsored by the Colorado State Pupil Transportation Association in Pueblo beating out highly qualified and skilled mechanics from across the state. Their placement qualified them to compete against mechanics at a national level. Jeff who has been with our District for two years finished second at the national level.

Superintendent Christensen recognized Ron McCulley, Assistant Director of Purchasing and Contracting, who just started his 13th year with Douglas County School District. Ron was one of only three across the country to receive the Pinnacle of Achievement Award from the Association of School Business Officials. The program recognizes outstanding practices and new ideas that result in "significant contributions to school entities and the profession of school business management." Ron received a \$1000 award which he earmarked for the District's Administrator Scholarship Fund to benefit students.

Superintendent Christensen and President White acknowledged Kim Herrell, a Theatre teacher at Mountain Ridge Middle School, and Kim Moore, a Theatre teacher at Ponderosa High School and Chair of the District Theatre Study Team, who were recognized by the Alliance for Colorado Theatre as the High School and Middle Level Theatre Educators of the Year for the most recent 2006-2007 school year. It was a SWEEP for Douglas County School District. Both recipients will be honored at a luncheon in September.

Policy Governance

Did You Know 2.0 – Karl Fisch: Director Hansen introduced Karl Fisch, author of *Did You Know 2.0*. Karl provided the background in the development of his presentation and shared the feedback he has received as a result of the presentation's exposure. The Board asked for permission to use the presentation as part of their community education format. Mr. Fisch granted permission to use any or part of his work.

Community Education/Engagement: Jim Weigel facilitated the Board's discussion identifying four target groups and dates for Community Engagement. The Board also reviewed the proposed letter, questions, and meeting format. Discussion followed.

Policy Revisions

Executive Limitations (second reading): Jim Weigel recommended proposed revisions to Executive Limitations summarizing the advantages and disadvantages of the changes. Board discussion followed.

MOTION: By Campbell, seconded by Turner, that the Board of Education adopt the Executive Limitations as currently reflected.

MOTION: By Wucherpennig, seconded by Turner, that the Board of Education move to amend the original motion to include a change to Executive Limitation 1.1.3 to read "Be disorganized or unclear with respect to interactions with students, public, and community.

VOTE: Wucherpennig, aye; Campbell, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

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

Governance Process: 1.7 Board Committee Structure: Board discussion followed resulting in the request for the editing of the current Policy Governance Book and providing proposed policy revisions to reflect changes.

Superintendent Updates

School Improvement Plan: Superintendent Christensen shared with the Board that Colorado Department of Education is interested in using the School Improvement Plan as the model for the State of Colorado as part of their process. Terry Killin commended Clay Abila for his tireless work on the development and implementation of the School Improvement, accreditation, and the accountability processes. They shared that the focus of their update was to demonstrate the flow of communication in these processes, identify and clarify the areas of responsibility, outline a strategic timeline, and list criteria for accessing funds.

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 9:18 p.m.

Nona V. Eichelberger,
Secretary