

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE.1
Tuesday, January 15, 2008

The Work Session of the Board of Education of Douglas County School District RE.1 was called to order by President Turner at 5:14 p.m.

Regular Meeting

1. Roll Call

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

BOARD MEMBERS: Carson, Hansen, Stuart, Turner, White, Williams.

ABSENT: Stahl

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Superintendent Christensen, Assistant Superintendent Fante, Assistant Superintendent Hodges, Chief Operating Officer Herzog, Chief Financial Officer Hart, Chief of Staff McGraw and N. Eichelberger, secretary.

President Turner called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. 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

3. 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 Hansen moved, Member Stuart seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board of Education move to accept the Agenda as presented.' Hansen, aye; Carson, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye; Williams, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED 6 - 0.

Public Comment

4. 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

None heard.

Consent Agenda

5. Consent Agenda

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board of Education adopt the Consent Agenda as presented: 7. Colorado Department of Education Full Day Kindergarten submission 8. Douglas County Youth Initiative IGA 9. Resolution regarding Meeting Notice of Meetings of the Board of Education 10. Personnel Changes

ORIGINAL – Motion

Member Stuart moved, Member Williams seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion that the Board of Education adopt the Consent Agenda as presented:

Colorado Department of Education Full Day Kindergarten submission
Douglas County Youth Initiative IGA
Resolution regarding Meeting Notice of Meetings of the Board of Education
Personnel Changes

Stuart, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye; Williams, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 6 – 0.

6. Colorado Department of Education full day kindergarten submission as per Senate Bill 01-199.

Attachment #1: Executive Summary of the Full Day Kindergarten
Attachment #2: Douglas County School District responses to Colorado Department of Education questionnaire regarding full day kindergarten. Staff presented the first draft during the Superintendent update on December 18, 2007. The attachment represents the completed questionnaire with an executive summary outlining programming costs.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the submission of required information to the Colorado Department of Education per Senate Bill 01-199.

7. Douglas County Youth Initiative Intergovernmental Agreement

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board of Education approve the Douglas County Youth Initiative IGA

8. Resolution Regarding Notice of Meetings of the Board of Education
Resolution

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board of Education approve the Resolution regarding Notice of Meetings of the Board of Education as presented.

9. Personnel Changes

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

Joint Motion Agenda

10. Joint Motion Agenda

December 18, 2007 Minutes

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Stuart moved, Member Hansen seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'that the Board of Education adopt the Joint Motion Agenda items as presented'. Stuart, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye; Williams, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED 6 – 0.

Board Decisions-Monitoring Reports

11. Board Retreat Agenda January 24-26, 2008

NOTE 1.15.08

PENDING - Proposed Retreat Agenda not available at time of publishing. Agenda planning is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board of Education approve the Retreat Agenda as presented

President Turner presented the proposed Board Retreat Agenda. Board discussion followed.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member White moved, Member Hansen seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'that the Board of Education approve the Retreat Agenda as presented'. White, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye; Williams, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED 6 – 0.

12. EL 1.4 -- Compensation/Benefits/Employment

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: Superintendent recommends the BOE accept this Executive Limitation as being in compliance.

Superintendent Christensen submitted the written Monitoring Report Executive Limitation 1.4 Compensation/Benefits/Employment for Board consideration. Board discussion followed.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Williams moved, Member Hansen seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Superintendent recommends the BOE accept this Executive Limitation as being in compliance.' Williams, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED 6 – 0.

13. Annual monitoring report of sub ends 1.9 (Fine Arts) and 1.10 (Beyond the Liberal Arts).

Attachment #1 is Jim Christensen's signature certifying that the information in the report is true. Attachment #2 is the monitoring report. Attachment #3 is the Power Point for monitoring report 1.9 and 1.10.

The annual monitoring report shows Douglas County School District's current state of progress on End Statement 1.0, sub ends 1.9 and 1.10. The last such report was accepted by the Board of Education in November 2006.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: Acknowledge the receipt of the monitoring report dated January 15, 2008 for ends policy 1.9 and 1.10 concerning student

exposure to the fine arts and exploration beyond the liberal arts education and find the report to be reasonable.

Superintendent Christensen submitted the written Monitoring Report End Statement 1.0 Responsible Citizens, sub ends 1.9 Fine Arts and 1.0 Beyond the Liberal Arts for Board consideration. Assistant Superintendent Fante introduced Dr. Jed Bowman, Executive Director of Research and Assessment, Curriculum and Instruction, and Student Development. Fante stated that the End Statement has ten components to it and because of the amount of information, this Monitoring Report would cover the sub ends 1.9 Fine Arts and 1.10 Beyond the Liberal Arts. Bowman detailed the data points and shared that there were multiple measures in the different data types e.g. perception, participation, graduation and targeted improvement. Fante briefed the Board on opportunities for students for the 2008-2009 registration period. They concluded their presentation and Assistant Superintendent Fante reported compliance asking that the Board of Education find the interpretation reasonable. Board discussion followed.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Hansen moved, Member Williams seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Acknowledge the receipt of the monitoring report dated January 15, 2008 for ends policy 1.9 and 1.10 concerning student exposure to the fine arts and exploration beyond the liberal arts education and find the report to be reasonable.'. Hansen, aye; Carson, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye; Williams, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED 6 – 0.

Legislative Update

14. Legislative Update

NOTE: 1.14.08 Summary and Board Meeting Report NOTE: 1.15.08

Board Lobbyist, Carole Murray, will brief the Board.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

Carole Murray provided the Board a legislative update. Board discussion followed.

Board Decisions

15. HOPE Online Learning Academy Charter School Application First Reading

Hope Charter School Application Hope Online Documents Policies and Procedures Notebook (Table of Contents included, 300 page document available upon request) Curriculum Alignment Notebook (sample) Charter Application Matrix DCSD/Hope Business Plan DCSD/Hope Budget Model

Hope Academy Online Charter school has submitted an application to be chartered by Douglas County School District RE. 1. This desire and chartering process was presented to the Board of Education December 4, 2007. DCSD staff have completed an initial evaluation of the Hope charter application. We met with Hope staff January 7, 2008 and provided them initial feedback. Hope staff is working on compiling responses to DCSD staffs questions and comments and will provide responses back to DCSD staff by January 28, 2008.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: Board of Education review charter application and provide staff with initial comments and questions to be answered prior to second reading.

Chief of Staff McGraw introduced members of the presentation team: Dr. Brien Hodges, Heather O'Mara, Kindra Whitmyre, and Erin Silver. Dr. Hodges addressed the Board and provided an overview of the application process to date. Hodges stated that the final submission will come before the Board for approval during the February 19th Board meeting. Pat McGraw shared that he would be available as the point of contact if Board members have any questions of Staff. Board discussion followed.

16. The naming of middle school #9. The selection committee is requesting the school be named Cimarron Middle School.

Attachment #1: Is the explanation of the first and second choices for school name, mascot and school colors.

Middle School #9 is scheduled to open during the 2008-2009 school year and will be housed within High School #9 facility. The middle school facility is scheduled to be completed for the 2010-2011 school year. This school will be located in Parker and will open with grades seven and eight. Students will give a brief verbal presentation and at the conclusion will ask that the Board of Education approve the naming of their school as Cimarron Middle School. Presentation team: Natasha Williams, Jasmine Welling, Micaela McNiff, Ian Baker, Lewis Farrar and Nick Schulhoff.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Education is asked to approve the naming of middle school #9 as recommended by the selection team.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Hansen moved, Member White seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'The Board of Education is asked to approve the naming of middle school #9 as recommended by the selection team.' Hansen, aye; Carson, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye; Williams, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED 6 – 0.

17. The naming of high school #9. The selection committee is requesting that the school be named Legend High School.

Attachment #1: Explanation for the first choice of name, mascot and colors; second choice changing the mascot and colors; third choice of name with the same mascot and colors as choice #2.

High school #9 is scheduled to open during the 2008-2009 school year in Parker serving students in grade 9. The school will add a grade level annually until reaching its comprehensive grades 9-12 programming. This school will include our first regional career and technical education magnet. Plans to date include programming in six career clusters: Transportation, Distribution and Logistics; Law, Public Safety and Security; Environmental Sciences and Agriculture; Information, Science and Technology; Manufacturing; and Health Sciences. We are extremely pleased with our business and higher education partnerships without whom these career and technical education pathways would not be possible. Students will give a brief verbal presentation and at the conclusion will ask that the Board of Education approve the naming of their school as Legend High School. Presentation team: Nick Castro, Jessie Dobbs, Daniel Farrar, Evan Haskell, Parker Haskell, Philip McNiff, Cara Nelson, Brooke Pritts and Eric Willems.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY THE SUPERINTENDENT

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Education is asked to approve the naming of high school #9 as recommended by the selection team.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Williams moved, Member White seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'The Board of Education is asked to approve the naming of high school #9 as recommended by the selection team.'. Williams, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED 6 – 0.

Policy Revisions

18. Executive Limitation 1.6 Fiscal Management & Control

After Monitoring Reports are submitted and accepted, it is the Boards practice to review the related policies and make any revisions at the Boards discretion. The Board agreed that as part of the policy revision process members may want to e-mail suggested proposed language or bring proposed changes to the meeting.

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Board/Superintendent Updates

19. Board of Education Committee Reports

DCYI November 29, 2007 Minutes DCYI Directors' Report January 2008 DCYI January 10, 2008 Agenda Higher Education Report Executive Committee Report

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 Higher Education Committee Team Highlands Ranch Other

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Board discussion followed.

Motion by Williams, seconded by White, to reschedule the Board of Education meeting from Tuesday, February 5, 2008 to Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Wilcox Administration Board Room. Williams, aye; Carson, aye; Hansen, aye; Stuart, aye; Turner, aye; White, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED 6 – 0.

The Board heard Superintendent updates as well as Board Committee and Liaison Reports. Board discussion followed.

20. Colorado Department of Education Accreditation Report 2006-2007.

Report from Ron Mitchell, manager of the metro region for the Colorado Department of Education.

Douglas County School District Accreditation Report 2006-2007 written by Ron Mitchell, manager of the metro region for the Colorado Department of Education, validates our continued accredited status with many commendations. We are both pleased and proud of the continuing excellence highlighted in this report. We welcome questions and comments from the Board of Education.

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Community Engagement

21. Community Engagement

- January 8, 2008 DAC Forum Debrief: Stakeholder's Feedback - Proposed Invitation Letter; questions (Open Enrollment Families) NOTE: 1.14.08 Master List of Proposed Questions
Board discussion followed.
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Recognitions

Superintendent Christensen recognized Susan Day who currently teaches orchestra at Eagle Ridge Elementary after a distinguished tenure at Cresthill Middle School. Susan has been elected into the Colorado Music Educators' Hall of Fame! Colorado Music Educators Hall of Fame only recognizes the invaluable service and sacrifices given by teachers, such as Susan, in bringing the best in music education to young people. Susan has shown this service over the years, earning this award.

Superintendent Christensen congratulated Curtis Pavey, a freshman at Mountain Vista High School, who has been chosen to perform at the Music Teachers National Association Conference for 2008. Curtis was chosen out a very large number of competitors. He will perform a piano Sonata while being accompanied by an orchestra. Superintendent Christensen shared that Curtis plays piano, violin and saxophone and is currently studying composition under a DU Lamont School of Music instructor.

Superintendent Christensen recognized Alec Greven a third grader at Soaring Hawk Elementary. Alex is the proud author of a book that was recently published! It is entitled *How to Talk to Girls*. An excerpt from Chapter 3, titled "Crushes", reads, "It is very hard to get a girl to like you. Sometimes it takes years to get a girl to like you. Girls can get crushes on boys. (Tip: How to get a girl to like you, talk to them and get to know them.) Sometimes show off your skills, like playing soccer. Anything that you are good at." The book continues through many scenarios, including what to do if you are a class clown or shy and finally experiencing victory. Anyone in need of a little help with talking to girls will want his book. *How to Talk to Girls* was the best selling book at their recent book fair - including 20 orders for the book before the fair began. Priced at \$3.00 per book, it brought in over \$200.00! Alec donated all the profits to the Soaring Hawk Running Track Fund in hopes to someday get a track built at Soaring Hawk Elementary.

Superintendent Christensen commended Nigel Wang, a senior at Chaparral High School, for his perfect 36 score on the Math portion of his ACT test.

Superintendent Christensen congratulated Mary Fitts from Sierra Middle School who has received the national level Award for Excellence in Teaching of Natural Resources in the Earth Sciences. This recognition makes her the 2008 Teacher of the Year named by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. Mary and Sierra Middle School will receive cash awards.

Superintendent Christensen congratulated two State Champion Teams from Rock Canyon High School who were awarded Colorado Academic Team State Champions this past fall. To earn Colorado Academic Team State Champions, all teammates must earn an accumulated 3.2 or higher team GPA. This outstanding achievement is evidenced of the students'

commitment to excellence and their willingness to work hard to achieve goals. The Denver Post and News4 sponsored this program. The Girls Cross Country Team under Head Coach Dan Davies and Assistant Coach Megan Brown surpassed the minimum requirements with an average Team GPA of 3.9. The Girls Softball Team under Head Coach Deborah Kortbawi and Assistant Coaches DeCristino and Bloom did a wonderful job scoring a 3.76 Team GPA.

Policy Governance

22. Governance Process 1.8.2.1 Board Members' Code of Conduct

Board discussion followed.

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For Your Information

23. Current Events

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Meeting Evaluation

24. Meeting Evaluation

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Board members provide individual feedback for Board self-assessment.

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Adjournment

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The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Nona V. Eichelberger,
Secretary