



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Retreat
Friday, January 27, 2017

1. 3:30 p.m. - 3:35 p.m. Roll Call

Governance Process 1.2.4

RECOMMENDATION: Presiding Board Member to call roll

President Silverthorn called roll at 3:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lemieux, Peck (arrived at 5:20 p.m.), Ray, Reynolds, Silverthorn, Vogel

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Interim Superintendent Kane, General Legal Counsel Trachman, Board Secretary Eichelberger

2. 3:35 p.m. - 4:35 p.m. Convene in Executive Session (a closed session) Real Estate matters e.g. the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of real, personal or other property pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a); to hold conference with the Board's attorney to receive legal advice concerning pending legal questions, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b); to be advised on specialized details of security arrangements and investigations pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(d); to determine positions relative to matters that are or will be subject to contract Negotiations, developing strategy for those negotiations, and instructing negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e); Personnel Matters, including actions, updates, and Superintendent recommendations involving individual employees, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f); to consider documents protected by non-disclosure provisions of Colorado Open Records Act pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(g); and/or to be advised on Individual Student matters, where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(h).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education convenes in Executive Session (a closed session) to discuss Security Matters to be advised on specialized details of security arrangements and investigations pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(d), specifically: Safety Measures for the District.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Reynolds moved, Member Vogel seconded that the Board of Education convenes in Executive Session (a closed session) to discuss Security Matters to be advised on specialized details of security arrangements and investigations pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(d), specifically: Safety Measures for the District.

Lemieux, aye; Ray, aye; Reynolds, aye; Silverthorn, aye; Vogel, aye. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion carried 5-0.

Topic: Safety Measures for the District

Time: 3:41 p.m. - 4:28 p.m.

Present: Lemieux, Ray, Reynolds, Silverthorn, Vogel, Kane, Trachman, Payne

3. 4:35 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Legislative Platform

Director Vogel introduced the proposed legislative platform. Recommended changes were as follows:

- First paragraph, third line: "It aligns with the vision for our district as approved by the non-partisan Board of Education on May 10, 2016."
- Under SCHOOL FUNDING, number 3 change to "DCSD supports legislation that fully funds all state educational mandates and provides feasibility studies that evaluate the impacts to the system."
- Under SCHOOL FUNDING, number 4 change "adequate" to "full" funding to address the needs of "individual" students, ...
- Under SCHOOL FUNDING, number 5 change to read: "DCSD opposes legislation that results in a decrease to DCSD's per pupil funding."

4. 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Working Dinner

- Under SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, number 1: "DCSD encourages the legislature to address current and projected licensed teacher shortages."
- Under SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, number 2: President Silverthorn asked School Board Directors to provide ideas for rewriting the statement.
- Suggestion to add a section "ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASSESSMENT," number 1: to state that DCSD supports legislation that encourages the state to withdraw accountability and assessment models.
- Discussion on first paragraph, last sentence regarding two-thirds of the board in agreement: School Board Directors to provide verbiage for rewrite.

At a future meeting, seek action from the board by unanimous consent that grants the authority to Directors Silverthorn and Vogel to make a determination on proposed bills where there is not agreement.

President Silverthorn called for a recess at 7:00 p.m.

President Silverthorn reconvened the group at 7:05 p.m.

5. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Policy Revisions

- Attachments #1 & #2: Proposals regarding Board members meeting with students alone
- Attachment #3: BEDH Public Participation at Board Meetings
- Attachment #4: Resolution RE Policy Review Committee
- Attachment #5: Governance Process 1.8.7 revisions
- Attachment #6: BE/BEA/BEB Board Operations

Suggested edits:

1. Governance Policy 1.8.3 *Members shall not meet alone with students in their capacity as Board members without obtaining **written permission of the parent or guardian** ~~parental permission~~ in advance. This restriction is not intended to prohibit a Board member from attending public meetings, performances, athletic events, graduations, visiting classrooms, or similar open events during which Board member interactions with students are expected and encouraged.*

2. Addition to Board File: KI VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS, number 3, after "Education" *provided, however, that Members of the Board of Education shall not meet alone with students in their capacity as Board members without obtaining **written permission of the parent or guardian** ~~parental permission~~ in advance. This restriction is not intended to prohibit a Board member from attending public meetings, performances, athletic events, graduations, visiting classrooms, or similar open events during which Board member interactions with students are expected and encouraged.*

3. Board File: BEDH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS, Board members agreed that the policy as written is acceptable and the policy will be reviewed as needed. Board members asked to have a copy of the Public Comment roster added to the board packet.

4. Resolution Regarding Establishment of a Policy Review Committee -

- Phase 1 have staff begin reviewing current policies; staff has expertise and responsibility to review policy. Phase 2 look at the development of a board committee of representative stakeholders and charge the committee with reviewing new proposed policy(ies).
- Board discussion: the first reading of a policy vetted by General Legal Counsel; between first and second readings, committee stakeholders review proposed policy (vetted, feasible); the second reading with recommendations from the committee for board consideration.
- General Legal Counsel Trachman stated that he was in the process of reviewing all current policies.

- Suggested edits to the resolution:
 - remove the list of committee membership with the idea of flexibility in the composition;
 - remove ninth paragraph "Reviewing existing policy for..."

Director Lemieux stated that she would tweak the resolution and asked that board members provide any language they would like included.

Board discussion on policies GP1.8 Board Members' Code of Conduct and Board File: BE/BEA/BEB BOARD OPERATIONS were tabled.

6. Meeting Closure

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Meghann Silverthorn
President

ATTEST

Nona Eichelberger, Secretary