

**MINUTES OF THE
Special Meeting of the
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE
Administrative Services Building
December 10, 2010
9:00 a.m.**

**Minutes Approved
January 11, 2011**

Present:

Trustees:

Teri Jamin	President
Keith Roman	Clerk
Karen Chessell	Member
Sharla Hales	Member

Absent:

Thomas Moore	Vice President
Randy Green	Member
Cynthia Trigg	Member

Personnel:

Lisa Noonan, Superintendent

1. Call to Order

Ms. Jamin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Jamin called for public input regarding the agenda. There was none.

Mrs. Chessell moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Roman.

Motion carried, 3/0.

Public Comment

At 9:03 a.m. Ms. Jamin called for public comment on items other than what was listed in the agenda.

Mrs. Donna Buddington addressed the Committee to offer her view of a recent expulsion hearing wherein she and her husband were also present, participated as character witnesses and advocates for a student. The result of the hearing was not protested, although Mrs. Buddington disagreed with the administrative process. She addressed details such as, timing of notification letters, appropriate use of strict confidentiality maintained by the District, advocacy for behavior plans, counseling, and discipline pertaining to bullying. A written statement was provided.

Mrs. Hales arrived at 9:07 a.m.

2. Discussion and review of District Vision and Mission Statements (Information and Discussion)

Dr. Noonan stated the November District Vision/Mission Statement Committee meeting resulted in a number of potential Vision Statements. Site administrators were asked for their input, along with staff and the public, through both an online and written survey. The Record Courier encouraged participation by printing an invitation to the public to provide input. A spreadsheet summarizing all written responses from students, parents, and staff was reviewed in addition to the report provided by SurveyMonkey.

Written input included statements indicating particular verbiage preferred by students. Discussion ensued regarding the various Vision Statements, the meaning behind each statement, and the variety of information gathered from different student populations. Board members valued student input and desired to gather a larger range of student votes and comments in the final process.

Draft data surrounding Douglas graduates, as compared to national data for both high and low income students continuing with higher education, was discussed. Cultural expectations for students were noted to be of importance.

Board members brainstormed in order to refine the Vision Statements to include words most desirable to students.

Ms. Jamin called for public comment to allow for further input.

Mrs. Buddington commented how she appreciated the process used at this meeting to create the new Vision Statement. She informed the Committee GE might assist the District through grant offerings for future engineers.

Following the narrowing of possible Vision Statements, Dr. Noonan stated she would offer the selections to Leadership in January, and then produce one more survey for feedback from students, staff, and parents. The final suggestion would be presented to the Strategic Planning Committee on January 28, 2011.

Survey data and written comments received regarding the revised Mission Statement were reviewed. The revised Mission Statement was reported to have received 87% support and would carry forward to the Strategic Planning Committee in January.

The consensus was the following four Vision Statements would go forward for additional gathering of input:

- 1) Our Diploma: The key to graduating with choices!
- 2) Our Diploma: The power to attain your dreams!
- 3) Our Diploma: The key to determining your destiny!
- 4) Our Diploma: The key to a bright future!

Mrs. Jamin left at 10:04 a.m. Mr. Roman, Board Clerk, assumed the duty of running the Special Meeting.

Committee members discussed their vision of how to best support students in order that students would succeed in the educational process.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Submitted by,

Carolyn Moore
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:

Clerk of the Board

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