

I. PRELIMINARY

Cook called the January 6, 2009, Board of Education workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Matt Cook, president
Jeanette Carmany, vice president
Peter Cukale, treasurer
Judith Edberg, director
Mary W. Lewis, director
Amy Prince, director

The following member was absent

Jane Barber, secretary

Also meeting with the Board of Education were:

John L. Barry, superintendent of schools
Tony Van Gytenbeek, deputy superintendent
Tonia Norman, assistant to Board of Education

Board of Education Conference Update

Board members reviewed information from the Colorado Association of School Boards conference held in Colorado Springs, December 4 through December 7. Keynote speakers who presented information in the general sessions were very good and informative. Board members suggested having more sessions specific to challenges facing larger school districts, limiting breakout sessions to maximize information and increase overall participation, and having the state board of education conduct a workshop related to similar issues facing school districts throughout the state during the general session. Board members will send comments and suggestions to the Colorado Association of School Boards.

Board members reviewed the 2008 National School Boards Association conference held in Orlando, Florida. Lewis suggested joining the National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members as well as providing more wellness education curriculum for the Hispanic student population group. Van Gytenbeek will provide an update to the Board on existing wellness education curriculum programs in the district.

The 2009 National School Boards Association conference will be held in San Diego, April 4 through April 7.

2009 Planning Review

Board members will hold a workshop on Saturday, January 24, to explore creating benchmarks and developing policy governance as a Board. Jane Urschel, deputy executive director, Colorado Association of School Boards, and Jim Weigel, policy governance, Colorado Association of School Boards, will be present to facilitate.

Next meeting date

January 6, 2009

The next business meeting of the Board of Education will be held January 20, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dr. Edward and Mrs. Patricia Lord Boardroom.

Adjournment

The Board of Education workshop adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

President

ATTEST

Secretary