

ENGLEWOOD SCHOOLS  
Englewood, Colorado  
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
September 15, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: MS. HEATHER HUNT, Presiding  
MS. VICKI HOWARD  
MS. KAREN MILLER  
MS. MICHELLE GONZALEZ  
MR. SCOTT GORSKY

ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT: MR. SEAN MCDANIEL

OTHERS PRESENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hunt, President, called the special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Roscoe L. Davidson Administration Building.

II. ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEM

1. Mr. McDaniel explained that recent legislation has made it possible for school districts to count passing time as instructional time. To enable the district to count passing time the Board of Education is required to pass a resolution by October 1, 2009 authorizing the counting of passing time as actual pupil/teacher contact time. Ms. Hunt asked why the Board would want to take this action. Mr. McDaniel said this allows for more flexibility in scheduling and enables districts to comply with other mandated classes and lessons. Mr. McDaniel stated there are not enough minutes in a day to do all that is required and counting these minutes in part or whole as instruction time will help satisfy the required time. Ms. Hunt asked why don't we just add more time to the day if it is needed? Mr. McDaniel said that the teachers' union would ask for more compensation if the day was lengthened. Districts cannot afford to increase pay. At times, some students may be passing from class-to-class while other students are in class. This can occur around lunch times. Vicki Howard said this will not actually have any effect, for example it will not shorten the day or take away a day. Mr. McDaniel said that is right and in fact in Englewood we currently exceed the required minutes in a school day. Passing this resolution will add minutes to the day showing, in an audit, that we far exceed the required minutes in a day. Ms. Hunt asked if this could impact negotiations at a later date by the union saying their day is longer. Mr. Gorsky said this would not add preparations to a teacher's day nor additional activities for elementary teachers so it would have no effect. Mr. McDaniel added that this is an audit issue to show that the district passed the required resolution to count passing time. Englewood does not need these additional minutes they would just be above what is required.

Ms. Miller moved and Ms. Gonzales seconded to pass the RESOLUTION on Passing Time in Englewood Schools

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Education hereby authorizes the counting of passing time as actual pupil/ teacher contact for the purpose of establishing the number of minutes for a minimum school day.

Actual passing time, not to exceed ten minutes, is determined as time between classes for pupils to exchange instructors and /or courses and will be considered applicable to establish the attendance of pupils for a minimum school day.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Gorsky, Aye	Ms. Miller, Aye
	Ms. Howard, Aye	Ms. Gonzalez, Aye
	Ms. Hunt, Aye	Motion Carried, 5-0

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Miller moved and Mr. Gorsky seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter specific to particular employees, not general personnel policies in accordance with CRS 24-6-402(4)(f).

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Gorsky, Aye	Ms. Miller, Aye
	Ms. Howard, Aye	Ms. Gonzalez, Aye
	Ms. Hunt, Aye	Motion Carried, 5-0

Invited into the Executive Session was Mr. McDaniel

III. REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Gorsky moved and Ms. Hunt seconded to return to regular session at 9:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	Mr. Gorsky, Aye	Ms. Miller, Aye
	Ms. Howard, Aye	Ms. Gonzalez, Aye
	Ms. Hunt, Aye	Motion Carried, 5-0

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Hunt adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

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Ms. Heather Hunt, President  
Board of Education

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Linda Felling, Secretary to the  
Superintendent and Board of Education

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Date Approved