

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT  
1500 E. 128<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, JANUARY 20, 2016.

PRESENT:

Board of Education

B. Batz

N. Jennings

J. Lockley

L. Mitchell, absent

K. Plomer

C. Gdowski, Superintendent

**REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order (Item A-1)

Ms. Plomer called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present except Ms. Mitchell.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Batz, to approve the agenda as stated.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**WORK STUDY SESSION**

Work Study Session (Item A-4)

Graduation Requirements Presentation – Superintendent Gdowski provided background on the convening of the graduation guidelines. Janette Walters, Executive Director of Schools and Tammy Lawrence, District Counseling Coordinator presented Revised guidelines will affect students graduating in 2021.

Board member Participation in IBS

Superintendent Update

**RECESSED 7:03 P.M.**

**RECONVENED 7:14 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

Board of Education Comments, Recognition, Awards and Vision (Item B-1)

Posting of Board Meeting Notice: Notice of each meeting and agenda will be posted in the main, north staff, and rear (west) entrances of the Educational Support Center.

Mr. Batz indicating he is looking forward to discussion of graduation requirements and molding our children's future.

Ms. Lockley reported attending the:

- Colorado Fiscal Institute's 2015 Fiscal Forum and engaging in interesting conversations regarding tax policy, the budget, impacts of the changing oil prices, the fiscal impact of the elimination of tax on businesses in Kansas. She found the most beneficial conversation was around how to talk to Coloradans about tax and budget and equity and sustainable property.

- American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pow-Wow and College Fair and acknowledged the excitement of participants in displaying their culture and connecting with the community.

Mr. Jennings:

- reported attending the AIPAC Pow-Wow and acknowledged the attendance of students from preschool through high school and the participation of Adams 12 students dancing and representing their tribes. He appreciated the opportunity to connect with AIPAC members Felicia Alvarez and Greg Phillips and talk with staff working in Title areas.
- reiterated his suggestion to have students lead the Pledge of Allegiance during Board meetings.

Ms. Plomer:

- appreciated seeing photos from the Pow-Wow on Facebook as she was not able to attend this year.
- reported participating in her first Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group (formerly Adams County BOCES) Board meeting and indicated she would provide regular updates to the Adams 12 Board on their discussions.
- attended a town hall meeting sponsored by Representative Dianne Primavera and took advantage of the opportunity to talk about education funding. She indicated Representative Primavera's legislative focus is healthcare but she does have an open ear for the District and education.
- reported Great Education Colorado held a joint meeting with Pinnacle Partners Group that introduced a new grant focused on bringing groups of parents together. There was also discussion of education funding, the hospital provider fee, and assessed valuation and the budget.
- attended the February 11, 2016 press conference at the State Capitol where superintendents from around the state advocated for K-12 education funding. She commented it is counter intuitive that Colorado has one of the hottest economies in the country but is considering budget cuts to core services of transportation, healthcare higher ed and K-12 education. She emphasized the need to make sure kids in K-12 public education don't suffer.
- announced the Adams 12 Education Foundation Gala is March 5, 2016, and the theme is Western.
- participated in a CASB Board retreat January 15 – 17, 2016. She indicated it was a very informative meeting that included a presentation by CDE on the effects of students opting out of assessments on the availability of accurate data for school performance ratings.

Superintendent Gdowski

- indicated he was proud to stand at the Capitol with his colleagues to support additional funding for K-12 education. He acknowledged with the legislature in session varying stakeholder opinions and perceptions would become more prevalent as evidenced by an open records request from Complete Colorado sent to multiple district asking for any correspondence by board members and the superintendent regarding the hospital provider fee, the negative factor and school funding. He indicated staff was collecting information and would be contacting Board members to help facilitate their response.
- reported attending the Lego Robotics State Competition with his son who competed on a team from Leroy Elementary. He recognized the participation of teams from Tarver Elementary and Century Middle Schools as well. He was especially proud to have a team participate from Leroy Elementary, a school with 70% free and reduced lunch. The superintendent indicated 350+ teams that competed from around the state were narrowed to 73 teams that went to the State competition. It was exciting to see kids involved in work around coding, team work and cooperation.
- celebrated the Adams 12 counseling team for their recognition by the State Board of Education at its February 3, 2016 meeting as leaders in the state for their work in Individual Career and Academic Planning (ICAP) that has contributed to improved Adams 12 graduation rates over the last 5-6 years.

- thanked Al Fell, Training Center Staff, for his six years of service to the District noting he would be retiring. He recognized Al's work in getting the Training Center ready for Board meetings, his assistance in problem solving technology issues as they arose and his willingness to pitch in where needed, always with a smile.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### General Public Comment (Item C-1)

There were no requests to address the Board.

## **RESULTS FOR KIDS**

### Ends Policy Review (Item D-1)

The Board discussion of Ends Policies included a brief summary of the previous Board's work and interest in moving beyond meeting state standards to policies that are more visionary and values based. It was also noted that with the changes in state assessments and the move to SATs there is policy language that is out of date. Superintendent Gdowski provided information regarding work by the Poudre Board to revise their policies to include achievement beyond academic and testing measure and the possibility of exploring their efforts as part of the Board's policy work. He also recommended clarification by the Board that distinguishes interest in continuing and improvement existing practices in the system versus new expectations for teachers, students and staff. Board member suggestions acknowledged the need for policies: to be consistent with available resources, to build toward graduation requirements, to be achievable, measureable and timely, and to define "21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning and Life Skills" language. Interest was also expressed in defining a process for reviewing and revising policies. There was general consensus among Board members for the February 27, 2016 Board retreat to focus on policy development and Policy Governance, and to designate the first meeting of the month as a study session to continue work on refining policies and gather public input as needed.

## **MONITORING**

### Internal Monitoring Report: Operating Limitations Policy 2.5 Asset Protection (Item E-1)

Board discussion noted a lack of data supporting new interpretation language for Policy 2.5.3 and incomplete interpretation of Policy 2.5.9 with regard to mineral and water rights.

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Lockley, to acknowledge that the Board has received a monitoring report as of January 20, 2016, for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, of the Superintendent concerning Board Policy 2.5 Asset Protection and finds the superintendent's interpretations are reasonable and that his conclusions are reasonably supported by data that is relevant, justified and complete.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Lockley, to approve agenda item F-1 as stated in the Board agenda dated January 20, 2016.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

### Personnel Actions (Item F-1)

Approved the Personnel Actions as listed in Enclosure F-1:

- (a) Resignations and Terminations
- (b) Transfers and Reassignments
- (c) Employment
- (d) Leaves of Absence.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Minutes (Item G-1)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Mr. Jennings, to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of January 13, 2016, as presented in Enclosure G-1 as revised.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Revised FY 2015-16 Budget and Appropriation Resolution (Item G-2)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Batz, to adopt the revised FY 2015-2016 Budget and Appropriation Resolution presented in Enclosure G-2.

**ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS  
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016  
REVISED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Adams and Broomfield Counties, State of Colorado, that the amounts set forth in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the “Adopted Budget” as revised by this Resolution for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:

General Fund	\$341,707,434
Bond Redemption Fund	69,007,457
Capital Reserve Fund	33,250,068
Governmental Designated Purpose Grant Fund	24,820,257
Nutrition Services Fund	12,578,496
Transportation Fund	12,457,214
Before, After and Summer Enrichment Program Fund	8,695,799
Pupil Activity Fund	7,212,064
Insurance Reserve Fund	3,991,500
Athletic Fund	<u>1,035,004</u>
TOTAL	\$514,755,293

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that except for an increase of \$29,903,244 in the Bond Redemption Fund pursuant to the bond refunding approved by the Board on November 18, 2015 and an increase of \$2,563,515 in the Transportation Fund pursuant to a bus lease approved by the Board on April 1, 2015 and May 27, 2015, no other revisions are being made to the “Adopted Budget” as adopted by the Board of Education on June 17, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Revised Budget and Appropriation Resolution be attached to the “Adopted Budget” placed on file at the principal administrative office of the School District, where they shall remain throughout the 2015-2016 fiscal year and be open for inspection during reasonable business hours.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Planning: February 8, 2016 Special Meeting (Item G-3)

Board members suggested the following topics of discussion for its meeting with DTEA Representatives: influence of the change to SAT testing on classroom practice, professional development, students opting out of assessments, the teacher evaluation system, and implementation of technology in the classroom.

Adjournment (Item H-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

**Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of February 17, 2016.**