

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
1500 E. 128TH AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, JANUARY 21, 2015.

PRESENT:

Board of Education

M. Clark

E. Figueroa

N. Jennings

K. Plomer

M. Willsey

C. Gdowski,
Superintendent

WORK STUDY SESSION

Call to Order (Item A-1)

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner (Item A-2)

Superintendent Update (Item A-3)

Superintendent Gdowski updated the Board on new developments, the status of ongoing operational issues, and political and legislative matters consistent with Board Policy 2.7 Communication and Support to the Board.

Adjournment

The work study session adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order (Item A-1)

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present. Mr. Willsey departed the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Mr. Figueroa, to approve the agenda as stated, with the deletion of agenda item C-1 Minutes.

Ayes: Clark; Figueroa; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session (Item A-4)

Motion by Mr. Figueroa, second by Mr. Jennings, to recess for an executive Session to receive legal advice regarding Colorado Department of Education waivers to PARCC testing, pursuant to Board Policy 2.0 General Operating Limitations and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

Ayes: Clark; Figueroa; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESSED 7:04 P.M.

RECONVENED 7:25 P.M.

INFORMATION

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

Ms. Plomer reported attending:

- STEM Launch when they hosted a New Zealand delegation interested in STEM Launch classrooms and what they are doing with Problem Based Learning. The delegation of tribal representatives, charter school representatives, government officials and business people was visiting programs around the country they are interested in replicating. Ms. Plomer noted the great things STEM Launch is doing from their music to their general class structures.
- Stargate's 20 Year Anniversary Celebration and heard about the vision in founding a gifted and talented school to serve the needs of the community.
- the Adams 12 Pow-wow and college fair. She congratulated the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) on a great event.

Mr. Figueroa:

- reported he would be attending the Prospect Ridge Academy Community Partnership Breakfast on Friday, January 23, 2015.
- indicated the performance of the Mountain View Signing Choir at the December 21, 2014 board meeting had stuck with him and he was so impressed with the students, . He commented that seeing the student's passion for what they are learning through their performances at board meetings is his favorite part of meetings.
- acknowledged the video *Anatomy in Clay* produced by Northglenn High School where 2014 freshman physics students were challenged to design and build functioning prosthetic hands. He indicated it was an incredible example of what is happening at Northglenn High School and we need to get it out there.

Mr. Jennings

- reported attending the STEM Launch event with visitors from New Zealand and spending the day talking with interesting students. He acknowledged Northglenn High School has received fossils from a dig in Snowmass and students are working on a project to germinate tens of thousands of years old seeds. He also acknowledged a student that is collecting recyclable metal to raise funds to help feed his pen pal from World Vision.
- reported attending the Pow-wow and talking with students, teachers, principals and community members.
- thanked the Transitions Services students for coming to the board meetings.

Mr. Willsey remembered Lee Carlson who passed away on January 11, 2015. He recounted the story of purchasing his first piece of property from Lee.

Superintendent Gdowski

- acknowledged the decades long support and involvement of the Carlson family in the Adams 12 community. He recognized a donation of over \$500,000 to the Education Foundation from Lee and Shirley Carlson ten years ago, noting it is the single largest contribution to the Foundation, and an investment that's proceeds have benefitted students and teachers throughout the system. The superintendent indicated the Carlsons are a highly respected family that has been a significant and positive family in the community.
- provided an update on traffic safety at Northglenn Middle School indicating the City of Northglenn has been proactive in addressing safety issues in neighborhoods throughout Northglenn and will be installing a traffic safety device at 112th and Larson in a few months. In the interim the District will hire crossing guards that will staff that intersection before and after school until the traffic device is completed. He commented that the city and district have worked together to provide long and short term solutions to keep kids safer than they've been.

Mr. Clark

- extended his condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Carlson Family upon the passing of their patriarch Lee Carlson.
- congratulated Legacy High School on its marching band participation in the Rose Bowl Parade and its Poms' participation in the Orange Bowl Parade and half time performance.

- reported attending the Adams 12 Pow-wow and expressed his appreciation for the culture and spirit AIPAC continues to foster in the district. He noted participating in the Grand Entry, witnessing the first crowning of an Adams 12 Princess and enjoying the delicious Navajo Tacos. Mr. Clark also acknowledged the College Fair with schools from across Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico.
- noted running into Ron Salazar, Federal Heights Principal and asked Lori Goldstein, DTEA President, to schedule their next school tour at Federal Heights Elementary.
- reported visiting Vantage Point High School with Lori Goldstein and recounted the story of a student from El Salvador that shared his experiences in El Salvador with gangs and drug cartels and how upon his return to the United States teachers at Vantage Point and the Discovery Program changed his life. He lauded Alan Hollenbeck, Principal, and the incredible team at Vantage Point.

DSIT Report (Item B-2)

Stephanie James, DSIT President reported the next DSIT meeting would be January 22, 2015, at Century Middle School and the topic is Nutrition Services. She indicated Naomi Steenson, Director of Nutrition Services would present information on services provided by the district and Jake Williams from Healthier Colorado would also present. She noted donations from Three Brothers Pizza, King Soopers and Sweets by Katie for door prizes. Dr. James indicated the topic of the DSIT meeting in February would be safety.

General Public Comment (Item B-3)

Rayna Roybal and Austin Molson thanked Board members and meeting attendees for purchasing items from the snack shack and helping the Transitions Program.

Joe Holt of Northglenn presented the resolution adopted by the Jefferson County School Board that directed their superintendent to apply to the State Board of Education for a waiver of PARCC assessments scheduled for 2015. He encouraged the board's review and adoption of the resolution.

Lori Goldstein of Westminster, and DTEA President thanked the Board for setting aside time for Adams 12 employees to offer their input regarding "What is most important that students learn in school to be successful?" and thanked employees who attended and shared their thoughts. Ms. Goldstein also shared DTEA's mission statement and presented letters from Skyview Elementary students.

Stephanie James of Broomfield, addressed the Board's community engagement process and offered suggestions regarding the 2014 election, representation of Adams 12 priorities to the legislature and over testing.

BOARD BUSINESS

Charter Renewal: Westgate Community School (Item C-2)

Motion by Mr. Figueroa, second by Mr. Clark, to adopt the resolution in Enclosure C-2 conditionally renewing the Westgate Community School charter for a period of 3 years, from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, and authorizing the Superintendent to negotiate and execute a contract with Westgate.

Ayes: Clark; Figueroa; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Revised FY 2014-2015 Budget Resolution (Item C-3)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Willsey, to adopt the revised FY 2014-2015 Budget Resolution presented in Enclosure C-3.

Ayes: Clark; Figueroa; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Revised FY 2014-2015 Appropriation Resolution (Item C-4)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Willsey, to adopt the revised FY 2014-2015 Appropriation Resolution presented in Enclosure C-4.

Ayes: Clark; Figueroa; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Revised Resolution Authorizing for FY 2014-15 the Use of a Portion of Beginning Fund Balance as Authorized by Colorado Statutes (Item C-5)

Motion by Mr. Willsey, second by Ms. Plomer, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing for FY 2014-15 the Use of a Portion of Beginning Fund Balance as Authorized by Colorado Statutes, presented in Enclosure C-5.

Ayes: Clark; Figueroa; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Governance Process Policy 4.9 Legislative Platform (Item C-6)

Board members determined the policy statements, "Adams 12 Five Star Schools supports a student-based allocation of funds where the money follows the student." would remain in the policy.

Motion by Mr. Figueroa, second by Mr. Willsey, to adopt revised Governance Process Policy 4.9 Legislative Platform presented in Enclosure C-6.

Ayes: Clark; Figueroa; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

PARCC Waivers (Item C-7)

Board members discussed a resolution requesting a waiver to PARCC assessments adopted by the Jefferson County School District to encourage the state legislature to tackle the issue of over testing more directly and more quickly. There was general consensus that a resolution considered by the board should be specific to Adams 12. Phil Spare, General Counsel will draft a resolution incorporating the board's discussion for the board's consideration at a future board meeting.

RECESSED 9:30 P.M.
RECONVENED 9:40 P.M.

MONITORING

Internal Monitoring Report: Ends Policy 1.3 Value (Item D-1)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Willsey, to delay the monitoring of Board Policy 1.3 Value until the April 1, 2015 board meeting.

Ayes: Clark; Jennings; Willsey.
Nays: Figueroa, Plomer. Motion carried 3-2.

Internal Monitoring Report: Operating Limitations Policy 2.5 Asset Protection (Item D-2)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Willsey, to acknowledge that the Board has received a monitoring report as of January 21, 2015, for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, 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: Figueroa; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.
Nays: Clark. Motion carried 4-1.

Direct Inspection Monitoring: Governance Process Policy 4.2 Board Job Description (Item D-3)

Motion by Figueroa, second by Ms. Plomer, to acknowledge that the Board has conducted a direct inspection monitoring as of January 21, 2015, for the period January 16, 2014 through January 21, 2015, concerning Board Policy 4.2 Board Job Description and finds it has complied with policy statements.

Ayes: Clark; Figueroa; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Willsey departed the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Personnel Actions (Item E-1)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Plomer to approve the Personnel Actions as listed in Enclosure E-1:

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

Ayes: Clark; Figueroa; Jennings; Plomer.
Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

School and District Selected Instructional Materials (Item E-2)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Figueroa to postpone action on agenda item E-2 until further information requested is provided.

Ayes: Figueroa; Jennings.
Nays: Clark; Plomer. Motion failed 2-2.

These instructional materials will be resubmitted for board consideration at the February 4, 2015 meeting.

Adjournment (Item F-3)

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:57 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of February 4, 2015.