

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
1500 E. 128TH AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, FEBRUARY 3, 2016.

PRESENT:

Board of Education

B. Batz

N. Jennings, absent

J. Lockley

L. Mitchell

K. Plomer

C. Gdowski, Superintendent

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order (Item A-1)

Ms. Plomer called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present except Mr. Jennings.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

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

Ayes: Batz; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

WORK STUDY SESSION

Interest Based Strategies Representatives (Item A-4a)

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Ms. Lockley to designate Brian Batz and Kathy Plomer as Board representatives for the 2016 Interest Based Strategies Team.

Ayes: Batz; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Education Foundation Gala (Item A-4b)

Motion by Ms. Lockley, second by Ms. Mitchell, that the Board will cover the cost for attending the Education Foundation Gala for all interested Board members from the Board budget and individual Board members will make their own decision about donating back to the District fund.

Ayes: Batz; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Update (Item A-4c)

Superintendent Gdowski, Chief Financial Officer Suzi DeYoung and Dana Miller, Budget Director presented information to the Board regarding budget projections for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

RECESSED 6:59 P.M.

RECONVENED 7:11 P.M.

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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

Mr. Batz reported:

- participating in the Emergenetics Training with Board members and senior staff indicating he found value in learning to associate himself and others with the various categories and understanding the underlying aspects of communication.
- attending the North Metro Chamber of Commerce Gala and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to communicate with others in the community and connect with businesses that participated.

Ms. Lockley reported:

- attending the Adams 12 Community Action Network (CAN) meeting at Northglenn High School that focused on capital in the District, potential Bond needs, and the capacity and the use of mobiles to Band-Aid the issue. She indicated interesting conversation and ideas and looked forward to further conversation with the community regarding Bond needs.
- participating in the Emergenetics Training and appreciated the opportunity to engage and have conversation with senior staff.

Ms. Mitchell reported:

- attending the Chinese Cultural Night at Global Village Academy. She indicated each of the villages, Spanish, Chinese and Russian, host cultural nights each quarter that are elaborate productions with food, performances and crafts that immerse students and the community in the culture.
- she would not be able to attend the German Exchange Program Dinner but was happy to know of another exchange program in the District.

Ms. Plomer:

- indicated she looked forward to attending the German Exchange Program Dinner on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.
- reported attending the Adams 12 CAN meeting and expressed her appreciation to Mr. Batz and Ms. Lockley for their participation and her gratitude to staff for their presentations. She indicated disappointment at the low attendance but acknowledged a great experience for participants that raised good questions and produced great ideas. She noted student involvement in the meeting and the suggestion of a student board or student representative on the Board.
- reported that as an ex-officio member of the Adams 12 Education Foundation Board she has spent time over the last few weeks attending meetings and meeting with Mary Litweiler, Executive Director to learn about the Foundation. Ms. Plomer also reported participating in the Foundation retreat and indicated the Foundation has recognized that it is not well connected to staff or the community and will unveil a new direction at its annual gala.
- reported attending the North Metro Chamber of Commerce Gala and indicated it was good for Adams 12 to have a presence. There were a number of legislators, city council folks, business people and Adams 12 had the only Board members attending.

Superintendent Gdowski acknowledged it is a busy time in the District and they will work to channel the positive energy from the February 16, 2016 snow day and the upcoming super bowl game into good things for kids.

PUBLIC COMMENT

General Public Comment (Item C-1)

There were no requests to address the Board.

BOARD BUSINESS

Adams 12 Safety/Security Presentation (Item D-1)

Pat Hamilton, Executive Director of Operations, Dana Wieland, Security Services Manager and Jeff Genger, Emergency Preparedness Manager presented information to the Board regarding safe and secure schools in Adams 12. The presentation reviewed the District’s plan, prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, lockouts, lockdowns, reunification and what’s next.

Graduation Requirements Study (Item D-2)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Mitchell, to authorize the Superintendent to appoint a committee of parents, community members, educators, and/or business leaders to study the establishment of high school graduation requirements that meet or exceed the Colorado Graduation Guidelines for the graduating class of 2021 and make recommendations to the Board of Education.

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

Resolution: Early Childhood Education Fees (Item D-3)

The Board adopted the resolution presented in Enclosure D-3 authorizing the collection of fees for a tuition-based Early Childhood Education program.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF FEES
FOR A TUITION-BASED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously adopted a fee schedule for the 2015-2016 school year; and

WHEREAS, expanded access to Early Childhood Education provides a lasting benefit to students and is in the best interests of the District, its students, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education now desires to pilot expanding the District’s Early Childhood Education program to be available to additional families in the Five Star community on a tuition basis; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statute § 22-32-117 authorizes the Board of Education to collect miscellaneous fees on a voluntary basis as a condition of participation in a program not within the academic portion of the educational program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Adams 12 Five Star Schools:

THAT, the Superintendent is authorized to pilot a tuition-based expansion of the Early Childhood Education program at Centennial, Hunters Glen, and Westview Elementary Schools; and

THAT, the collection of an Early Childhood Education program tuition fee not to exceed \$300 per student per month is hereby authorized and approved; and

THAT, all revenue collected from the Early Childhood Education program tuition fee shall be used for the operation and administration of the Early Childhood Education program.

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

Authorization to Dispose of Property: North Stadium (Item D-4)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Marshall, to authorize the Superintendent to dispose of a portion of real property at the North Stadium to the Colorado Department of Transportation for a sum of not less than \$270,400, and to execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Calendar (Item E-1)

Ms. Plomer indicated the format for the 2/8/16 meeting would entail Board members receiving feedback from DTEA Representatives regarding predetermined questions. Each Board member will have one question and they will report feedback received with all members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session (Item F-1)

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Batz, to recess for an executive session to discuss security matters pursuant to Board Policy 2.1 Treatment of Students Their Families and Community Members and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(d).

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

RECESSED 8:25 P.M.
RECONVENED 9:12 P.M.

Adjournment (Item F-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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