

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL, 2701 W. 136 AVENUE, BROOMFIELD, CO
80023, MARCH 2, 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 5:34 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. Mitchell, to approve the agenda as stated, with the addition of Agenda Item D-1.5 Special Board Meeting/Retreat Debrief and an Executive Session item to Agenda Item F-2 to discuss real estate matters regarding potential acquisition of the Stargate building.

Ayes: Batz; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Legacy High School Students (Agenda Item B-1)

The Board met with eleven Legacy High School students and received feedback regarding their education and their school. Notes of student feedback are attached.

RECESSED 6:54 P.M.

RECONVENED 7:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

REGULAR MEETING

School Presentation: Legacy High School (Item C-1)

Andrew Hoffman, Teacher and Director of L2k Program, Sophia Winker, 9th grade, Stephanie Molitor, 11th grade and Chris Romero, 12th grade presented information regarding Legacy High School's L2k Program.

Public Comment (Item C-2)

Kelly Princiotta of Thornton and a Thornton High School parent raised concerns regarding the supervision of freshmen students leaving school property when it is a closed campus.

Peggy Cabral of Thornton, and a former Legacy High School and current Mountain Range High School parent raised concerns about the quality of education her daughter is receiving at Mountain Range, bullying her daughter has experienced, leadership at Mountain Range and response from District administration.

Dusty Welsh of Thornton and guardian of a Horizon High School student raised concern regarding the prevalence of drugs at Horizon High School and the effect it has had on her student.

Leila Reynolds of Thornton and a Shadow Ridge Middle School parent raised concerns regarding the disrespectful atmosphere at the school, the lack of response to her concerns and frustration that the school district doesn't take the matter seriously.

Kerry Kelley of Brighton and a Shadow Ridge Middle School parent raised concern with communication from the school and not being made aware of issues in her school.

Suzanne Stuart of Brighton and a Shadow Ridge Middle School parent expressed concern with the teacher and school administration's handling of an incident at the school and the resulting psychological effects her daughter is experiencing.

BOARD BUSINESS

Graduation Guidelines Update (Item D-1)

Tammy Lawrence, Director of Counseling Services, updated the Board on the status of the Graduation Steering Committee authorized by the Board at its February 3, 2016 meeting. She reported Janette Walters, Executive Director of Schools, has recruited 18 participants for the committee so far; including 14 staff members, 8 community members, 5 parents and working on a military person. Their goal is a large group that represents all stakeholders/groups. Ms. Lawrence indicated a schedule of four meetings is planned beginning on March 22, 2016, April 19, 2016, April 26, 2016 and concluding on May 31, 2016, from 5 – 7:00 p.m. at the ESC in the Mt. Evans Conference Room. At the initial meeting staff will present information that is being compiled and identify the goals of the committee. Committee members will then have some time before the gather again to digest and consider the information provided. Board members suggested information should be available electronically and catalogued for easy access, and Broomfield City and County should be included as well.

Special Board Meeting/Retreat Debrief (Item D-1.5)

Board members discussed the governance training received at the February 27, 2016 special meeting/retreat and determined next steps. Board members indicated a clearer vision of the Board role and how the Board should influence the direction of the District. There was general consensus on the Board's work focusing on reviewing, revising and organizing policies to provide clear direction to the Superintendent and staff. Board members indicated they were satisfied with General Ends Policy 1.0 and would look at the four policy sections, 1.0 Ends, 2.0 Operating Limitations, 3.0 Board Superintendent Relationships and 4.0 Governance Process in order, keeping in mind upcoming monitoring reports. Ms. Plomer will identify concentrated periods of time in agendas through the end of the school year and into the fall to work on policies and consider another retreat in June or August as needed. Board members also expressed interest in policies reflecting community engagement and long term and strategic planning.

The Board also discussed briefly its role in advocacy outside the District identifying interest in legislative influence at the State Capitol and contacting state and federal legislators regarding implementation of ESSA to assure appropriate assessments.

Resolution: Hospital Provider Fee (Item D-2)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Mitchell, to adopt the resolution presented in Enclosure D-2 in support of changing the Hospital Provider Fee to an enterprise fund.

Resolution of Support for Changing the Hospital Provider Fee to an Enterprise Fund

WHEREAS, 2009 the Colorado General Assembly passed House Bill 1293, the "Health Care Affordability Act of 2009" to authorize the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to charge and collect a hospital provider fee; and

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of the hospital provider fee was to leverage matching funds provided by the federal government to expand Medicaid coverage; and

WHEREAS, the hospital provider fee was established to directly offset and supplement general fund appropriations to support hospital reimbursements; and

WHEREAS the increasing revenues generated by the fee are a significant factor in both the Legislative Council Staff's and the Office of State Planning and Budgeting's forecasted TABOR rebates for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 which are paid from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS TABOR rebates, triggered as a result of the hospital provider fee revenue, have significant impacts on General Fund availability for K-12 education, higher education, transportation and other state services; and

WHEREAS education funding in Adams 12 Five Star Schools for 2015-2016 has been reduced by \$39.9 million, or \$959 per pupil, through the state's negative factor. Since the negative factor was first created in Fiscal Year 2009-2010, Adams 12 Five Star Schools has lost a total of \$251.2 million in education funding from the state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education supports changing the Hospital Provider Fee to an Enterprise Fund as a means of increasing General Fund availability in future years for state programs including K-12 education, higher education and other priorities of regional importance such as transportation.

Ayes: Batz; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

MONITORING

Internal Monitoring Report: Operating Limitations Policy 2.4 Financial Condition and Activities (Item E-1)

Motion by Ms. Lockley, second by Mr. Batz, to acknowledge that the Board has received a monitoring report as of March 2, 2016, for the period, July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, of the Superintendent, concerning Operating Limitations Policy 2.4 Financial Condition and Activities, and finds the superintendent's interpretations are reasonable and supported by data that is relevant, justified and complete.

Ayes: Batz; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Calendar (Item F-1)

The Board will hold a special meeting on April 13, 2016 that will focus on a presentation and recommendation from the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee. Additional agenda items may be addressed as needed.

Executive Session (Item F-2)

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Batz, to recess for an executive session to obtain legal advice regarding the Charter School Law and Exclusive Chartering Authority pursuant to General Operating Limitations Policy 2.0 and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), and to discuss real estate matters regarding potential acquisition of the Stargate building pursuant to Board Policy 2.5 Asset Protection and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a).

Ayes: Batz; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

RECESSED 9:26 P.M.

RECONVENED 10:41 P.M.

Adjournment (Item F-3)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of March 16, 2016.