

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, MARCH 18, 2015.

PRESENT:

Board of Education

M. Clark

N. Jennings

K. Plomer

M. Willsey

C. Gdowski,

Superintendent

**REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order (Item A-1)

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present except Mr. Willsey.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

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

Ayes: Clark; Jennings; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

Work Study Session (Item A-5)

Graduation Requirements - Tracy Dorland, Chief Academic Officer David Bahna, Director of Assessments, Priscilla Straughn, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Jeanette Walters, Executive Director of Schools presented information to update and inform the Board regarding the Colorado Graduation Guidelines.

Executive Session (Item A-4)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Plomer, to recess for an executive session to discuss real estate matters regarding the acquisition of property pursuant to Board Policy 2.5 Asset Protection and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a).

Ayes: Clark; Jennings; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

**RECESSED 6:28 P.M.**

**RECONVENED 7:12 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**INFORMATION**

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

Ms. Plomer:

- attended Coffee and Conversation with Thornton Elementary School parents. She indicated a library full of parents watched Kindergarten presentations and toured the school to see how they are blending art with content pieces and science projects.
- attended The Education Center's 2015 Salute to Excellence in Education Scholarship & Awards Gala where Johnny Terrell, Principal of Thornton High School received the Principal of the Year Award. She indicated it was great to see Johnny honored with other great educators.

- participated in the Northglenn High School Problem Based Learning poster project where student choose a community based problem they are passionate about and depict a feasible solution. Topics addressed included more variety in school meals, alternatives to suspension, and a student club supporting preparation for attending college.
- worked with special education students who were learning to interact with people they don't know. She enjoyed meeting the students and seeing their goals.
- Participated in the CASB day at the Capital to drum up support for reducing the negative factor. She spoke with Representatives Dianne Primavera, Faith Winter, Joe Salazar, and Senator Vicky Marble. Ms. Plomer expressed a sense that issue with the negative factor has been lost in the focus on assessments and needed to be brought back to the forefront.
- Participated in a Colorado Catalyst conference call regarding assessments and what rural area are doing with independent testing.

Mr. Jennings participated in the opening IBS bargaining session indicating it was a good meeting, they made nice progress and set the framework for the rest of negotiations. He indicated he enjoys the deep, honest and blunt conversation that moves things forward.

Mr. Clark:

- acknowledged Horizon High School students the Board met with at its March 4, 2015 community meeting indicating the kids were not shy, asked some tough questions and had good insight on what the District can do better to further their education.
- congratulated Johnny Terrell, Principal of the Year from Thornton High School indicating it was in incredible feat that brings honor to the District.
- attended the Five Star Education Foundation 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and thanked parents, staff, community members, and elected officials who came out and supported the Foundation.
- attended the Westminster City Council meeting and provided an update on Adams 12 Five Star Schools. He invited council members to attend the Horizon vs. Mountain Range Unified Sports basketball game on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. He also extended the invitation to Northglenn Councilwoman Leslie Carrico. He encouraged attendance indicating a unique opportunity to see varsity and Special Olympic athletes learn from each other.
- Participated in a full day IBS negotiations session on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. He recognized the excitement of new participants as they saw they saw the vision and opportunity for change. Mr. Clark thanked Lori Goldstein, DTEA President and Dillon Bohlender, Coordinator for their leadership, and Yvonne Bradford, UniServe Director, for her participation. He looked forward to a great year with a lot being done for kids.

Superintendent Gdowski acknowledged attending many of the same events and recognized the positive work occurring throughout the District to address concrete issues and make things better than they are. He noted a mindset throughout the system of continuous improvement, celebration of the good things going on in Adams 12, and a efforts to work together at different levels to improve the system. He expressed his gratitude for the positive year and looked forward to the home stretch after Spring Break.

#### DSIT Report (Item B-2)

Stephanie James, DSIT President reported the next general meeting would be on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at the ESC, and the topic would be Childhood and Adolescent Immunizations.

#### General Public Comment (Item B-3)

There were no requests to address the Board.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

#### Community Engagement Process (Item C-1)

The Board determined it would continue with the community engagement process used at Horizon High School for its April 1, 2015 meeting with Coronado Hills Elementary and the April 15, 2015 meeting with Hulstrom K-8 Schools. Board members will submit proposed questions for the May 6, 2015 community engagement meeting with trade schools, community colleges and universities and finalize questions at its April 1, 2015 board meeting.

## **MONITORING**

### Monitoring Report: Operating Limitations Policy 2.4 Financial Condition and Activities (July 1 – December 31) (Item D-1)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Plomer, to acknowledge that the Board has received a delayed monitoring report as of March 18, 2015 for the period, July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, 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: Clark; Jennings; Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

### Direct Inspection Monitoring: Operating Limitations Policy 2.7 – Communication and Support to the Board (Item D-2)

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Mr. Jennings, to acknowledge that the Board has conducted a direct inspection monitoring as of March 18, 2015, concerning Board Policy 2.7 – Communication and Support to the Board, and finds that the Superintendent has complied with policy statements.

Ayes: Clark; Jennings; Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### Recommended Action

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Mr. Jennings, to approve agenda items E-1 and E-2 as stated in the Board agenda dated March 18, 2015.

Ayes: Clark; Jennings; Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

### Personnel Action (Item E-1)

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

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

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

Adopted the instructional materials requested by the Learning Services Department presented in Enclosure E-2 as recommended by the Superintendent.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### Minutes (Item F-1)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Plomer, to approve the minutes of the regular board meetings of February 18, 2015 and March 4, 2015, as presented in Enclosures F-1(a) and F-1(b).

Ayes: Clark; Jennings; Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

Preliminary 2015-2016 Budget Discussion (Item F-2)

Shelley Becker, Chief Financial Officer and Gina Lanier, Financial Director presented information to the Board regarding key assumptions and variables for the Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 Budget.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Calendar (Item G-1)

Mr. Clark asked that the April 9, 2015 meeting with the Westminster City Council be added to the calendar.

Board Meeting Evaluation (Item G-2)

Maryann Hoos thanked the Board for its work with the state on assessments and the amount of time being taken by PARCC.

Adjournment (Item G-3)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

**Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of April 1, 2015.**