

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, APRIL 1, 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 5:56 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Mr. Jennings, to approve the revised agenda as stated with the deletion of the executive session item for real estate matters regarding the acquisition of property, the addition of executive session items for real estate matters regarding the disposition of property related to RTD FasTracks expansion near the ESC, and legal advice regarding pending litigation and the FasTracks expansion, and the addition of agenda item D-5.1, Solar Garden Subscription.

Ayes: Clark; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session (Item A-4)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Plomer, to recess for an executive session to discuss real estate matters related to RTD FasTracks expansion near the ESC pursuant to Board Policy 2.5 Asset Protection and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a); and legal advice regarding the RTD FasTracks expansion and regarding pending litigation pursuant to Board Policy 2.0 General Operating Limitations and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).

Ayes: Clark; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

**RECESSED 5:58 P.M.**

**RECONVENED 6:35 P.M.**

Work Study Session (Item A-5)

Superintendent Gdowski provided information to the Board regarding the Five Star Leadership Academy that would provide leadership development with parent and community members that seek to know more about the district and have interest in potentially serving in leadership positions throughout the District.

Superintendent Gdowski and Janette Walters, Executive Director, provided information regarding PE Waivers in follow-up to concerns raised by students at the Board's March 4, 2015 Community Meeting at Horizon High School. The superintendent indicated he would work to develop consistent application and communication in the 2015-2016 school year of policy that treats CHSAA, sports and marching band participation as a substitute for up to one credit hour of PE. He recommended future Board discussion in conjunction with graduation requirements regarding its beliefs and values in the PE environment.

**RECESSED 7:02 P.M.**

**RECONVENED 7:10 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

School Presentation: Coronado Hills Elementary (Item B-1)

Donald Beuke, Principal presented information to the Board regarding Coronado Hills Elementary School. The presentation included a performance led by Music Teacher Jaime Askvig from the Coronado Choir of *Castle on a Cloud* from Les Miserables and a presentation from 5<sup>th</sup> grade Student Council President Valeria Salais regarding what it means to be internationally minded.

Coronado Hills Elementary Community Engagement (Item B-2)

The Board discussed “What is most important that students learn in school to be successful?” with Coronado Hills Elementary parents, staff and community as part of its ongoing effort to incorporate the community’s ideals in the Board’s decision-making. Notes including feedback are attached to these minutes.

**RECESSED 7:50 P.M.**

**RECONVENED 8:02 P.M.**

**INFORMATION**

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

Ms. Plomer recognized:

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that travelled to Washington D.C. from Rocky Top and Shadow Ridge Middle Schools. She thanked teachers for chaperoning on their Spring break, showing students the sights and making history come alive for them.
- the Legacy Jazz Festival being held at Bakers Street Pub that included a packed house performance by the Legacy Jazz Band Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, and featured a Westlake Jazz Band and Legacy Jazz Band collaborative performance and a performance from a Funk Band from Denver on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, to raise money for music in their schools.
- recognized

Mr. Jennings reported that the second IBS Bargaining session went very well. He indicated the group is really starting to come together and they are making good progress.

Mr. Willsey indicated he missed the March 18, 2015 Board meeting as he was driving home from San Diego with his son.

Mr. Clark:

- reported meeting with BOCES over Spring Break and announced they would be rolling out the new look soon.
- reported he would be visiting Leroy Elementary School with Lori Goldstein, DTEA President.
- reported participating in the IBS session indicating great discussion, decisions and they would continue to move forward.
- encouraged attendance at the Unified Sports exhibition game, Horizon Hawks vs. Mtn. Range Mustangs on April 7, 2015, 3:30 p.m., at Horizon High School.
- recognized the passing of Bob Landgraff over the weekend. He remembered Mr. Landgraff indicating he’d known him for many years as a former board member for Adams Co. School District 50 who handed him his diploma at Ranum High School, served with him on BOCES, and worked with him as a mechanical engineer. He extended prayers to his family.

Superintendent Gdowski provided a legislative update indicating:

- 11 bills had been introduced regarding how assessment should be modified and what it should look like and that finding consensus or compromise in the next thirty days will be a challenge.
- School Finance is slower than it has been in his experience and while drafts have been circulated

and debated no bill has been introduced. He reported most recent information does not look promising for K-12 and expressed hope that funding would be at least what it was last year, a \$100 million statewide reduction in the negative factor. He will continue to report on the status of legislation and Tanya Kelly-Bowry and Ernestine Mondragón of Policy Matters would continue to advocate in behalf of the District in accordance to the Board's Legislative Platform.

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

There was no DSIT Report.

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

Ethan Haworth of Thornton and a STEM Launch student conveyed his experience with the Technology Student Association (TSA) Club and requested Board and community fundraising support to assist the club in travelling to Dallas, TX for the national competition.

Benjamin Cleary of Thornton and a STEM Launch Student, shared his experiences competing in the Technology Student Association State Competition by designing a solar powered car, creating an educational animation regarding volcanoes and tectonic plates, and Go Green Manufacturing. He indicated he is learning a lot through TSA that will help him in the future and asked for support of a Village Inn Pies fundraiser to raise funds to attend the TSA National Competition in Dallas, TX.

Charlene Moser of Northglenn addressed the vacancy appointment for Director District 4 asking the Board to be mindful of the values expressed in the 2013 election and detailing the qualities the Board should look for in the applicant it appoints.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

#### Minutes (Item D-1)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Plomer, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 18, 2015 as presented in Enclosure D-1.

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

#### Certificates of Participation: Scenarios and Financing Structure (Item D-2)

Superintendent Gdowski, Jill Jaworski, Financial Advisor, The PFM Group and David Bell, Investment Banker, Stifel Nicolaus reviewed scenarios for Certificates of Participation proposed by The PFM Group and responded to questions from board members. Board discussion resulted in support by individual members of scenarios 2 and 3. Board members were supportive of advice to draft a resolution that would accommodate either scenario 2 or 3 with final determination to be made at the April 15, 2015 Board meeting.

#### Uniform Improvement Plan Presentation (Item D-3)

Tracy Dorland, Chief Academic Officer and David Bahna, Director of School Assessments reviewed the 2014 TCAP results and the Adams 12 UIP Executive Summary Action Plan provided to the Board and responded to board member questions.

#### Capital Lease Financing for the Purchase of New School Buses (Item D-4)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Plomer, to authorize the Capital Lease financing for the purchase of fifteen (15) medium duty type C school buses, seventy one (71) passenger conventional school buses and five (5) twenty nine passenger type A school buses, for an estimated tax-exempt lease purchase financing for a five year term not to exceed 2.5% interest rate that yields total interest expense of \$122,036 and total principal and interest payment not to exceed \$2,563,515.

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

Oil and Gas Lease Proposal (Item D-5)

Rob Webber, Chief Operating Officer, provided information to the Board regarding proposals for extraction of oil/gas from beneath District property and responded to board member questions. Final terms for the proposal will be brought to the April 15, 2015 Board meeting for action.

Solar Garden Subscription (Item D-5.1)

Scott Webber, Assistant Director of Sustainability and Art Dawson, Executive Director of Facilities gave an overview of the Solar Gardens project and responded to board member questions. Final terms for the plan will be presented to the Board at the April 15, 2015 meeting for action.

Community Engagement Planning (Item D-6)

Board members were supportive of questions proposed for the community engagement meeting with trade schools, community colleges, colleges and universities on May 6, 2015.

Revised Monitoring Report Schedule (Item D-7)

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Mr. Willsey, to adopt the revised Monitoring Report Schedule for Governance Process Policy 3.4: Monitoring Superintendent Performance as presented in Enclosure D-7, with the additional change of monitoring Operation Limitations Policy 2.7 Communication and Support to the Board biannually in June and December.

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

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Calendar (Item E-1)

Mr. Clark asked that the Coronado Hills Elementary School International Night Event on May 13, 2015, at 4:30 p.m., be added to the Board's events update list.

Adjournment (Item E-3)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

**Adopted by the Board of Education at a special meeting on May 27, 2015.**

**Coronado Hills Elementary Community Engagement  
Board of Education Meeting  
April 1, 2015**

**What is the most important thing to learn for kids to be successful?**

- sense of community
  - family pride and loyalty
- unique opportunities
- staff that motivates students
- welcoming place
- IB authorization
- choir
- caring staff
- personal accountability
  - problem solving
  - imitative
- writing cursive
- learning second language
- becoming a risk taker