

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
1500 E. 128TH AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, MAY 6, 2015.

PRESENT:

Board of Education

B. Batz

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 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

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

Ayes: Clark; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Swearing In of Director District No. 4 Director (Item A-4)

The Board appointed Brian Batz to the vacancy in Director District No. 4 at its April 29, 2015 special board meeting. Mark Clark, Board President administered the oath of office to Brian Batz who assumed the position of Director immediately.

Executive Session (Item A-5)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Willsey, to recess for an executive session to receive legal advice regarding the District Accountability Committee pursuant to Board Policies 2.0 General Operating Limitations and 4.6 Board Liaison and Committee Principles and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESSED 5:10 P.M.

RECONVENED 5:45 P.M.

WORK STUDY SESSION

Work Study Session (Item A-6)

The Superintendent distributed updated precinct maps that reflected the correct abstract of votes cast for the 2014 General Election; updated the Board on administrative personnel changes including his naming of Dr. David Shadwell as principal of Horizon High School; and reported the culmination of the IBS process with tentative agreement on compensation, language changes and updates to the master agreement.

Governance Process Policy 4.6 District Board Liaison and Committee Principles: DSIT/DAC – Board members discussed the status of the District School Improvement Team and the District Accountability Team and sought input from members regarding the role of these groups moving forward.

RECESSED 6:57 P.M.
RECONVENED 7:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

INFORMATION

Board and Superintendent Recognition (Item B-1)

Board members, Superintendent Gdowski, Tracy Dorland, Chief Academic Officer and Kari Cocozella, Executive Director recognized teachers from across the district for opening their classrooms to principal and assistant principal learning cohorts, providing the opportunity for principals to learn and grow as instructional leaders.

RESULTS FOR STUDENTS

Community Engagement: Post-Secondary Education/Training (Item C-1)

The Board met with colleges providing post-secondary education and training in the metro area to gather feedback to inform its policy development regarding priorities and the preparedness of our graduates for the next stage of their life. Schools participating included Community College of Aurora, Community College of Denver, DeVry University, Emily Griffith Technical College, Front Range Community College, Metropolitan State University Denver, Redstone College, University of Colorado Denver, and University of Northern Colorado.

INFORMATION (continued)

Board of Education Comments, Recognition, Awards and Vision (Item B-2)

Mrs. Plomer reported attending:

- “Go Engineering Day” sponsored by Northglenn High School for young women interested in engineering and science. Students attended on their day off and after ACT testing, workshops were led by women scientists, and a college fair with information of programs available to young women.
- Stukey Elementary School’s first carnival/fair with participation from local groups such as the Boy Scouts and local business. She expressed her appreciation for the attendance of Northglenn Mayor Joyce Downing and City Councilwoman Leslie Carico.
- the District Art Show Awards Ceremony at Mtn. Range High School and acknowledged the talented students in Adams 12 and the teachers that inspire them. She expressed her support for interest in elevating the awards ceremony to something students look forward to participating in.

Mr. Batz reported attending the MYP/IB Transition Ceremony at Thornton High School. He acknowledged Thornton’s efforts to maintain a tight knit group for support structure and encouraged this practice for all schools recognizing the importance it plays in developing student confidence to advocate for themselves.

Mr. Jennings expressed his appreciation for the IBS process. He acknowledged great conversation and discussion, a number of differing perspectives, but in the end having similar interests and the ability to come together and develop good solutions. He noted being asked “Who won?” by someone he ran into and his response that kids won. He acknowledged time spent talking about culture and making the District an inspirational place for students, staff, parents and community. He indicated another good, productive year and the District is on its way.

Mr. Clark:

- indicated the IBS process entails difficult discussion and hard decisions and thanked Lori Goldstein, DTEA President and Dillon Bohlender, DTEA Coordinator for their leadership, passion and work toward the goal of making our kids the best they can be.
- acknowledged upcoming graduations noting it is they are the best part of being a board member.
- Recognized the death of Dorian DeLong who was the former President of the District 12 Education Association. He extended condolences to Dorian’s family, DTEA, CEA, Lori Goldstein, Dillon Bohlender and teachers. Mr. Clark acknowledged not always seeing eye to eye with Mr. DeLong but recognized his passion and belief in teachers, his colleagues, students and Adams 12.

- Thanked Dawn Barnard, Sr. Executive Assistant to the Superintendent for filling in for Frances Mullins, Sr. Executive Assistant to the Board of Education whose father passed away.

Superintendent Gdowski reiterated that graduations and student based activities are often the highlight of his job but the culmination of the IBS process was a pinnacle experience because of what it means for the present and the future and what it leaves in the past.

DSIT Report (Item B-3)

There was no DSIT report.

General Public Comment (Item B-4)

Beth Baumgardt of Northglenn, and a Woodglenn Elementary parent, requested the District allow her son be allowed to remain in preschool for another year instead of moving him into Kindergarten before he is ready because of policy.

CONSENT AGENDA

Recommended Action

Motion by Mr. Willsey, second by Mr. Jennings, to approve agenda items D-1 and D-2 as stated in the board agenda dated May 6, 2015.

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

Personnel Action (Item D-1)

Approved the Personnel Actions as listed in Enclosure D-1, and Addendum to Enclosure D-1 provided on May 6, 2015:

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

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

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Calendar (Item E-1)

Mr. Jennings informed the Board he would be out of town for the May 27, 2015 Board meeting and that he could call in to participate if necessary.

Adjournment (Item E-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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