

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
1500 E. 128TH AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, JUNE 1, 2016.

PRESENT:

Board of Education

B. Batz

N. Jennings

J. Lockley

L. Mitchell

K. Plomer

C. Gdowski, Superintendent

Call to Order (Item A-1)

Ms. Plomer called the meeting to order at 5:30 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. Batz, to approve the agenda as stated.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session (Item A-4)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Mitchell, to recess for an executive session to receive legal advice regarding state statute and conflict of interest pursuant to Board Policy 2.0 General Operating Limitations and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESSED 5:33 P.M.

RECONVENED 6:17 P.M.

WORK STUDY SESSION

Work Study Session (Item A-4)

Dinner

Administrative Leave Information – The Board discussed the level of information provided to members regarding staff placed on administrative leave. The Board will continue discussion at the August 17, 2016 meeting.

RECESSED 7:06 P.M.

RECONVENED 7:13 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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

Mr. Batz reported attending the inaugural Westgate Charter School graduation commenting it was a smaller but meaningful ceremony and he appreciated seeing the ten graduates' accomplishments.

Ms. Lockley reported discussions regarding expectations for the State Legislature, what the District is up against for funding going forward and the options to bring more funding to Adams 12 students.

Ms. Mitchell reported attending the Adams County Youth Initiative training session on Continuous Improvement facilitated by Lauren Croucher, ACYI's Continuous Improvement Coach/Facilitator. She indicated there would be two more sessions and recommended attending. She indicated the next session would address the PDSA (Plan Do Study Act) Improvement Model and suggested it would be beneficial for the Board and District to learn about.

Ms. Plomer reported attending the Glacier Peak 5th Grade continuation ceremony which held special significance this year. She indicated it was the last year for longtime DSIT member Amy Huffman on the Glacier PTO who awarded a scholarship to a Horizon High School student and recognized Jack Detmer, Thornton High School graduate and son of Katie Detmer, DSIT member who passed away last year.

Superintendent Gdowski:

- reported the Denver Area of Superintendents Council would meet with CDE staff on June 21, 2016 about reframing accountability and accreditation for the State of Colorado into the future. He indicated CDE has raised concern about proposed regulations at the federal level for implementation of ESSA due to believe that they reduce much of the flexibility for which ESSA has been marketed. He will have more in a few weeks and indicated school boards may want to weigh in on this topic.
- highlighted concerns with State Board of Education's provisions related to the State Accountability System including:
 - the new accountability district performance framework system and school performance framework system under consideration raises the standard for meets expectations for post-secondary workforce readiness from 80% to 93%, and for District of Distinction to 99%. He acknowledged concern raised around the state regarding the lofty and unattainable numbers and hopes the State Board will reconsider. He will keep the Board updated.
 - concern regarding students being counted multiple times in a school or district's performance assessment (Hispanic, 2nd language learner, high poverty) and moving to a system that looks at a more aggregate grouping of students. He reported while there was broad support across the state, a coalition of 22 civil rights organizations have weighed in against that system because they believe students will not receive the services and support they need in that system. The superintendent will obtain further information and connect with the Board regarding feedback to CDE.

BOARD BUSINESS

Proposed 2016-2017 Budget and Financial Plan and Public Comment (Item C-1)

There were no requests to address the Board regarding the FY 2017 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

General Public Comment (Item D-1)

Allison Cleary Fresh, Colby Bird and Benjamin Cleary Fresh, STEM Launch students reported on their participation in the State TSA Competition and their travel to the National TSA Competition in Texas in late June.

Mark Rule and Matt Dudley of Westminster addressed the Board regarding perceptions of a conflict of interest with Jamey Lockley, Board member and her husband David Lockley holding the position of DTEA Coordinator.

BOARD BUSINESS

Community Schools Model Presentation (Item E-1)

Amie Baca-Oehlert, Vice President, Colorado Education Association (CEA) presented information regarding the Community Schools Model developed in partnership with the Center for Democracy and the National Education Association.

Director District Boundaries (Item E-2)

The Adams 12 Planning Department presented information to the Board regarding the current population of director districts in accordance with C.R.S. 22-31-109 which requires director districts “contain substantially the same number of persons as each of the other director districts.” There was general consensus among Board members not to change the current Board of Education Director Districts and review population shifts within each boundary in the spring of 2018.

Operating Limitation Policy 2.4, Financial Conditions and Activities: General Fund Balance (Item E-3)

The Board continued discussion regarding modifying Board Policy 2.4 with language regarding discretionary reserves and expectations for rebuilding reserves that have declined from the 3% level. Board members reviewed two proposed versions of policy language. Superintendent Gdowski and Phil Spare, General Counsel will develop a proposal the combines language for Board consideration at its June 4, 2016 Special Board Meeting/Retreat.

Governance Process Policy 4.3 Agenda Planning: Proposed 2016-2017 Board Meeting Schedule and Agenda (Item E-4)

The Board reviewed a proposed meeting schedule for the 2016-2017 school year. Items to be added to agenda schedules include quarterly presentations by Amie Baca, CEA Vice President, student presentations, District Accountability Committee presentations, community engagement sessions with 4 year colleges and social services/mental health. Dinner with the Adams 12 Legislative Delegation will be moved to December 7, 2016 and a presentation from Policy Matters will also be added. Board meeting agendas will be revised throughout the year as necessary.

Student Engagement (Item E-5)

Board members provided feedback on the Student Board of Education/Leadership Engagement Options presented by Tracy Dorland, Chief Academic Officer. Superintendent Gdowski and Ms. Dorland will develop guidelines based on Board input and bring back to the Board in the fall of 2016.

Adjournment (Item F-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of June 15, 2016.