

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT  
1500 E. 128<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, JUNE 29, 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 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Batz, to approve the agenda as stated, with the deletion of legal advice and discussion of a student matter in executive session, the deletion of agenda item C-2 Request for Review, and the addition of an executive session item to discuss negotiations regarding underwriting services.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session (Item A-5)

Recommended motion: "...to recess for an executive session to consider determining positions for the negotiation of underwriting services pursuant to operating limitations policy 2.4 Financial Condition and Activities and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e).

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**RECESSED 6:56 P.M.**

**RECONVENED 7:06 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

General Public Comment (Item B-1)

Kathy Blackmon of Westminster, a Hulstrom K-8 and Legacy High School parent and a teacher at Bollman Technical Education Center, addressed the Board regarding the benefit programs at Bollman provide to students, the programs that could be offered and the challenges they face due to limited space.

Laura Harris of Thornton and a Silver Creek Elementary parent encouraged the Board to place the Bond on the ballot for the next general election. She acknowledged an active and generous PTO but cited a need for updated technology, learning materials and maintenance that is beyond the PTO's fundraising and volunteer capabilities. She also encouraged the Board to place a mill levy override on a future ballot.

Kelly Purdy of Westminster and an Arapahoe Ridge Elementary parent urged the Board to support the proposed bond to address renovations needed at the school. She also addressed the comprehensive communications and alert system proposed and the need to prioritize school safety for students and staff.

Josh Bastian of Thornton thanked the Board for collaboration with the community over the last two years in developing the 2014 and the current bond proposals and he thanked staff and community for their previous and continued work on the bond. Mr. Bastian also recommended the Board resolve conflict of interest issues with DTEA and a Board member before moving forward with a 2016 Bond election.

Ethan Simmons of Northglenn and a Bollman/Legacy student informed the Board that for the coming school year Bollman had to turn away 203 of the 1053 students that were accepted because of a lack of space. He shared his positive experience at Bollman and highlighted the importance of the life skills and direction education Bollman provided.

Jeff Jasica of Broomfield, parent of Adams 12 graduates, member of the Strong Schools Strong Communities Task Force and the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee addressed the need for investment in the District's capital assets and the opportunity for the proposed bond to accomplish this without raising taxes in the Adams 12 Community. Mr. Jasica encouraged the Board to seriously consider the proposal, modify it as necessary but in the end let the community make the choice by placing the bond on the ballot.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### Minutes (Item C-1)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Batz, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of June 15, 2016 as presented in Enclosure C-1.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

### 2016 Bond Recommendation (Item C-3)

Superintendent Gdowski reviewed information provided to the Board that included background information and explanation for recommended components of a \$350 million bond proposal for the November 2016 general election. He noted significant revisions made to the recommended components of the package since the June 1, 2016 board meeting in order to account for probable cost increases in construction expense and to provide a contingency for unexpected items discovered during the design and construction processes. David Hart and Maddie Perdominic, PFM consultants provided further information regarding District debt, the structuring of a \$350 bond debt, assumptions regarding property values and bond premium.

The Superintendent gave a brief overview of a plan in the event \$350 isn't certified or a bond election does not pass. He indicated crowding issues would be addressed with cascading boundary changes throughout the district. The \$21 million in category one deferred maintenance, life safety and health implication issues for students and staff in schools, would be addressed with funds from the operating budget which would affect programming, class size and funds available for compensation.

The Superintendent reviewed changes in general administration and overhead that would include hiring a bond accountant, a communications specialist, quality assurance and quality control staff, that would be paid for with bond proceeds and would not affect general fund. He also acknowledged the possibility of using bond proceeds to pay for school start up.

There was majority consensus of the Board in support of: including the tear down and rebuild of STEM Lab, Anthem K-8 being a better option to address capacity needs over a charter school, and no changes to major items recommended in the bond.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### Calendar (Item D-1)

Ends Policy Development was added to the agenda for the August 17, 2016 Board meeting and the special meeting on August 24, 2016 for Board action on a Bond acknowledged.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

**Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of August 17, 2016.**