

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
1500 E. 128TH AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241,
SEPTEMBER 7, 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 5:46 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, with the removal of the minutes from the August 24th meeting.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Work Study Session (Item A-4)

Dinner

SCFD Resolution – Board discussion determined a willingness to consider the resolution in support of the reauthorization of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) and the existing one-cent-on-\$10 sales tax that funds the SCFD and expressed interest in receiving a presentation at its September 21, 2016 Board meeting.

Ms. Plomer announced she would be absent from the October 5, 2016 Board meeting and Ms. Mitchell, Board Vice President would chair the meeting.

Superintendent Gdowski reported the following items to the Board:

- Design firm Hord, Coplan and Macht has been awarded the RFP to begin work on the Anthem K-8 site to assure a school can be delivered in two years once the bond passes.
- Community engagement around design and traffic mitigation for the STEM Lab renovation.
- Planning for community engagement around Career and Technical Education and connecting with Bollman faculty and the Adams County business community which will occur after the first of the year. The Board expressed interest in coordinating a community meeting in January/February 2017 around CTE.
- Examination of start and end times for schools following a shortage in instructional minutes after four snow days last year.
- The Board will act on a recommendation to proceed with dismissal of a teacher it has already authorized and an amended resolution to include items admitted to under oath by the teacher in the criminal trial.

Executive Session

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Mr. Jennings to recess into executive session to discuss the new charter school application pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) to obtain legal advice.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESSED 6:47 P.M.
RECONVENED 7:20 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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

Mr. Batz expressed his appreciation for the energy from students and staff around sports at the schools and advocated for the bond so the District can do more. He promoted sports as a vehicle to engage students and their parents. He recognized a great game between the Thornton Trojans and Northglenn Norse.

Ms. Lockley commended the work being done at schools especially with students just having completed beginning of the year assessments.

Mr. Jennings acknowledged donations from 2nd and Charles the book store at Flatirons.

Ms. Mitchell:

- expressed her excited about a flyer her daughter received announcing Girls in Aviation Day at Centennial Airport, for girls ages 8-16, on Saturday, September 24th, 2016, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. She indicated there were still openings to participate and asked the District to post the information.
- reported attending the Leadership Academy Meet and Greet and appreciated the opportunity to visit with the new members. She was excited to see a charter parent and looks forward to including that perspective and building stronger relationships.
- acknowledged the story about the Unified Football Team at Horizon indicated it looked like a spectacular event that it is a great way to encourage students to be good citizens, reach out to each other and be supportive.
- attended a CASB meeting where they committed their support of ESSA and getting involved earlier in the process.

Ms. Plomer

- expressed appreciation for the participants at the 8/24/2016 meeting where the Board authorized the bond election and commended the Communications Department for their work to get the story on the news.
- acknowledged the Denver Post article regarding the other skills employers are looking for which mirrored what the Board heard in its community engagement process the past couple of years.
- congratulated the Legacy football team on its win against rival Broomfield High School.
- reported working on the bond with a speakers bureau training with 35 volunteers and a meeting to organize outreach to the Spanish speaking community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

General Public Comment (Item B-2)

Becky Hoffman of Westminster and Executive Director of Adams County Youth Initiative (ACYI) thanked the Board for its ongoing partnership and presented members with the 2015 Cradle to Career Partnership Report. She reported the kickoff of the Adams County Student Survey in October and the ACYI Luncheon Learn around chronic absentee rates hosted by Thornton High School. She drew members attending to the Common Vision Scorecard on pp. 14-15 in the report noting it is ACYI's pledge to keep score around kindergarten readiness and post-secondary enrollment.

BOARD BUSINESS

Introduction of Administrators (Item C-1)

Superintendent Gdowski introduced new administrators in the Adams 12 system and administrators new to their position including: Stephanie Taylor, Hillcrest Principal, Francesca Craver, Malley Drive Principal, Justina Carney, McElwain Principal, Kelly Teitelbaum, Coyote Ridge Assistant Principal,

Anabel Rafoul, Federal Heights Assistant Principal, Colleen Urlik, Hulstrom Assistant Principal, Suzanne O’Doriso, McElwain Assistant Principal, Deborah Voelker, Riverdale Assistant Principal, Quixie Jenkins-Smith, Independence Academy Principal, Rachel Heide, Westlake Principal, Sara Marx, Principal Legacy, Augusto DiLaura, Thornton Assistant Principal, Pat Hamilton, Interim Chief Operating Officer, Kathleen Blasi, Cooperative Learning Specialist, Cynthia Bjork, ELL Coordinator, Christopher Brecht, Communications Administrator for Learning Services, Katrina Fernandez, Out of District Coordinator, Albert Hernandez, Research & Data Analysis Coordinator, Nelson Molina, Director of ELL Programing, Ryanne Van Sciver, Elementary Social Studies Coordinator.

District Accountability Committee (DAC) Appointments (Item C-2)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Mitchell, to appoint individuals identified in Enclosure C-2 to serve on the District Accountability Committee for the 2016-2018 term.

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

ENDS AND OPERATING LIMITATIONS POLICIES

Revised Ends Policies: 1.1 Schooling (Item D-1)

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Mr. Jennings, to approve Ends Policy 1.1 Schooling, with the sections on District Standards and Curriculum and Life Skills, putting on hold the Student Opportunities and Engagement section.

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

Operating Limitations Policies 2.05 Schooling, 2.1 Treatment of Students, Their Families and Community Members, 2.2 Treatment of Staff and 2.10 Family School Partnerships and Community Engagement (Item D-2)

The Board determined it would discuss these Operating Limitations Policies at a retreat on Saturday, January 21, 2017.

BOARD BUSINESS (Continued)

Minutes (Item C-3)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Lockely, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of August 17, 2016, and the special meeting of August 23, 2016 as presented in Enclosures C-3(a) and C-3(b).

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

Special Board Meeting: Principal Representatives (Item C-4)

The Board expressed interest in hearing from principals and determined they would not have question to guide conversations. General topics of interest to members included parent engagement, successes and challenges, and efforts to connect with isolated and disconnected students.

Amended Recommendation for Dismissal: Christian Armstrong (Item C-5)

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Jennings, to accept the amended recommendation of the Superintendent for dismissal of Christian Armstrong and authorize the Superintendent to provide Mr. Armstrong with notice of the amended recommendation in the pending dismissal process

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Calendar (Item E-1)

The Board reviewed the change in upcoming meetings confirming it would cancel the regular meeting on November 2, 2016 given the addition of two special meetings to address the NorthPoint Academy charter school application on November 9, 2016 (tentatively) and November 30, 2016. The Board also cancelled the regular meeting of December 21, 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of September 21, 2016.