

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
1500 E. 128TH AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241,
OCTOBER 5, 2016.

PRESENT:

Board of Education

B. Batz

N. Jennings

J. Lockley

L. Mitchell

K. Plomer, absent

C. Gdowski, Superintendent

Call to Order (Item A-1)

Ms. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present except Ms. Plomer and Mr. Jennings. Mr. Jennings arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Lockley, to approve the agenda as stated.

Ayes: Batz; Lockley; Mitchell.

Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

Work Study Session (Item A-4)

Mr. Jennings arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Board Outreach - Board members discussed outreach to District parent and community groups indicating which meetings they would attend. They also affirmed commitments to attend city council meetings on a quarterly basis and requested fact sheets/talking points for each city.

Superintendent Update – the Superintendent celebrated the District’s elevated performance reflected in the District and School Performance Frameworks which reported that seven of the eight Adams 12 schools on priority improvement at the beginning of the school year have moved to improvement or performance status. David Bahna, Director of School Assessments reviewed reports and explained how the accountability system works, walked Board members through key points for District and school ratings, and addressed the impact on UIP preparation. Staff reported state law now grants flexibility to districts that perform at the accredited or higher level and schools that perform at the performance level or higher to submit a UIP biennially as opposed to annually. Schools will review plans with executive directors and determine whether to submit this year or wait a year. Given progress and review of the action plan for last year staff have determined there is no need for changes in the UIP and recommended the District conduct the improvement process and create an executive summary instead of a full blown UIP. There was general consensus among Board members to pursue this plan.

RECESSED 7:03 P.M.

RECONVENED 7:11 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:

- CASB Regional Meeting and recognized the participation from Gilpin County Schools. He conveyed their story of overcoming the financial challenge of a \$2.4 million budget shortfall through a partnership with local business and with help from the community.
- A Precious Child luncheon and recognized the program and how much it does for people in need.

Ms. Lockley:

- reported participating in the Board's meeting with principal representatives and expressed her excitement to hear of the great work going on in the District and the positive achievement in the schools.
- acknowledged the positive support from community and Adams 12 CAN in support of the bond initiative.
- reported attending the first District Accountability Committee meeting where officers were elected and the Charter Review Committee was briefed.

Mr. Jennings reported:

- talking with Bollman staff in follow-up to conversation with Janet Renden at the meeting with principals regarding developing contacts between Bollman and construction industry folks he works with to provide opportunities for more internships, apprenticeships and jobs. He noted businesses reluctance to provide these experiences for students under eighteen and the need for continued work in this area.
- the Bronco website listed Coach Wayne Voorhees as the High School Coach of the Week and included his biography. He recognized Coach Voorhees' selflessness and that Adams 12 is lucky to have someone like him work with and mentor young men on the football team and students in the classroom.

Ms. Mitchell:

- informed the Board of an interactive tool developed by CASB that promotes understanding of the state budget, the impact of the negative factor and funding for Public Education. She encouraged folks to look for the software "Mission Possible" on the CASB and Great Education Colorado web sites.
- reported attending the A Precious Child Luncheon and acknowledged their strong support for Adams 12 with backpacks and clothing closets in schools as well as seven other school districts. She encouraged donations and volunteering to the organization.
- reported joining Superintendent Gdowski at a Crisis Intervention Team meeting and having the opportunity to thank them for all they have done and to encourage them to take care of themselves.
- expressed her appreciation for the meeting with principals and acknowledged their recognition of staff and successes in their buildings. She noted they also recognized the support they've received from the ESC, specifically noting the Intervention Team, Human Resources, Legal, and IT.

Chief Academic Officer Tracy Dorland:

- lauded the District's academic achievement results, noting its accreditation rating, school results and particularly priority improvement schools and the staff and principals in those buildings.
- reported facilitating the first District Accountability Committee meeting and recognized a great group of participants and a committee that will engage in good work with the District this year.
- reported working with the graduation committee, that they are gearing up for an update at an upcoming Board work study session, and they are looking forward to moving that work forward.
- indicated the highlight over the last couple weeks for her was their work at the elementary schools bringing together instructional leadership teams to focus on student writing, looking at student work and helping teachers have positive, professional learning experiences.

General Public Comment (Item B-2)

Northglenn City Councilman Antonio Esquibel recounted his visit with 75 third graders at Leroy Drive Elementary School. He commended the third grade teachers for their vision to engage community

members and allow them to share what they do and who they are to students. Councilman Esquibel read a number of the thank you letters from students and acknowledged their penmanship and the content of the letters commenting “what a bright future.” He informed the Board that the Northglenn City Council unanimously passed a resolution in support of the Adams 12 bond. He also reported positive comments regarding the bond at the House District 34 Town Hall Meeting earlier in the evening.

District Accountability Committee: Update (Item B-3)

Ms. Lockley, Board liaison to the DAC, reported on the first meeting held Monday, September 26, 2016. She recognized involvement on the subcommittees from administrators, teachers, parents and community members and reported the election of officers, acknowledging Kevin Martinez as President, Shannon Gettman, as Vice President and Angie Bedolla, as Secretary.

RESULTS FOR KIDS

Ends Policies 1.2 Graduates and 1.2.1 Dropouts (Item C-1)

Board members supported the changes proposed to Board Policies 1.2 and 1.2.1 in Enclosure C-1. There was general consensus to add a note explaining how the 60% for demonstrating college readiness was derived. David Bahna, Director of Assessments will assist in providing language and the policy will be brought back to the October 19, 2016 meeting for Board consideration.

BOARD BUSINESS

Minutes (Item D-1)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Lockley to approve the minutes of the special Board meeting of June 4, 2016 and the regular Board meeting of September 21, 2016 as presented in Enclosures D-1(a) and D-1(b).

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Mitchell.
Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) Resolution (Item D-2)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Lockley, to adopt the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Resolution presented in Enclosure D-1.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT REAUTHORIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) is a nationally acclaimed model for funding public access to diverse arts, culture, nature, and science programming throughout our seven-county metro region; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD provides funding from a one-tenth of one cent sales tax throughout our seven-county metro region to more than 300 small and large metropolitan arts and science organizations and does so with minimal regulation and overhead; and

WHEREAS, approximately 14.2 million people visited our metro region’s cultural institutions in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, SCFD funding allowed more than half of those who attended regional organizations to visit at reduced rates or for free, and allowed the region’s cultural organizations to offer more than 100 free days a year, along with free programs and exhibits, to 5.2 million attendees; and

WHEREAS, SCFD-funded organizations provide entertainment, education and enlightenment for millions of metro residents, including 4.25 million tours and cultural experiences for school children; and

WHEREAS, SCFD funding helps metro cultural organizations preserve and protect priceless collections of animals, art, plants, natural history and historical sites; and

WHEREAS, the most recent economic activity study of the arts shows the region’s cultural organizations and facilities generate more than \$1.85 billion a year in economic activity, providing more than 10,000 jobs and generating \$520 million in cultural tourism; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD has been approved by the legislature and endorsed by voters in three separate region-wide elections in 1988, 1994 and 2004; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD's board conducted a three-year public process to identify recommended changes, and has adopted a series of significant enhancements to improve effectiveness of the District; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2016, Governor Hickenlooper signed SCFD's reauthorizing legislation, which both the Colorado Senate and House of Representatives approved with strong bipartisan majorities; and

WHEREAS, the SCFD's modest one-tenth of a cent sales tax equals one penny per \$10 purchase; and

WHEREAS, voters will decide this year whether to extend the existing tax for an additional 12 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 5th day of October 2016, that the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education supports the renewal of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, and urges all voters to support the renewal of SCFD and the continued benefits that it provides.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Mitchell.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Calendar (Item E-1)

Ms. Mitchell reviewed the calendar indicating proposed Policies 1.2 Graduates and 1.2.1 Dropouts would be added to the October 19, 2016 agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of October 19, 2016.