

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT  
1500 E. 128<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, OCTOBER 19, 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 5:37 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Work Study Session (Item A-4)

Graduation Requirements Update - Janette Walters, Executive Director of Schools and Tammy Lawrence, Director of Counseling Services updated the Board on the work of the Graduation Guidelines Committee. They indicated discussion is currently focused on credits, options and implications, and the process to finalize the mission statement. They reported consensus regarding 1 PE Credit and not requiring a fourth year of math.

Superintendent Update - Superintendent Gdowski updated the Board on the following topics:

- media coverage of the Legacy bus crash and the announcement by the Denver Police Department that they had completed their investigation.
- negotiations with the Classified School Employees Association and noted that the first meeting had been postponed to October 20, 2016.

Executive Session (Item A-5)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Mitchell, to recess for an executive session to receive legal advice regarding the North Point Academy charter application 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 6:57 P.M.**

During executive session the Board received legal advice regarding the North Point Academy charter school application for 31 minutes.

**RECONVENED 7:21 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

## REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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

Mr. Batz reported:

- attending lunch at Century Middle School for National School Lunch Week and recognized their systematic approach to getting students fed and the thought that goes into the food served.
- presenting about the bond at his church and indicated it was a good discussion.
- good discussions with teachers at Thornton High School and Bollman for parent teacher conferences.

Ms. Lockley expressed her appreciation for the effort that went into parent teacher conferences. She acknowledged the preparedness of her son's teacher, the ability to compare his progress to the standards and a plan to move forward.

Mr. Jennings.

- reported going to lunch at Silver Creek Elementary and Shaow Ridge Middle for National School Lunch Week and commented on the good food and interesting offerings. He appreciated talking with Nutrition Services staff and learning about the food provided and the process to comply with nutritional value requirements.
- conveyed an opportunity that arose at work to connect a trucking company struggling to find mechanics with Marvin Lewis at Bollman regarding possibilities for interns from the diesel mechanic program.
- reported the possibility of attending the Opportunity Coalition Meeting and connecting with Colorado Mining organizations regarding intern and career opportunities for students as heavy equipment operators, technicians, and weigh station services in the numerous quarries in the north east metro area.
- informed the Board of an opportunity school that teaches apprentice electricians at night but sits empty during the day indicating an opportunity for Bollman expansion.

Ms. Mitchell reported:

- opportunities to engage about the bond at the Legacy High Boosters and at Prospect Ridge Academy.
- participating in school lunch at Westlake Middle and North Star Elementary and acknowledged how different lunch is at the two levels.
- the opportunity to experience the social emotional "turtle" program while she was at North Star and then learn more about it at the Safe Schools Seminar at the ESC.
- work to learn about the Navy Jr. ROTC program and what possibilities it could offer to students and the District.
- the opportunity for schools, the District, the Board to get involved in providing relief to military abroad and local disasters in conjunction with Michelle Pearson at Century Middle School.

Ms. Plomer reported:

- the Five Star Foundation meeting was held at Northglenn High School where they toured the STEM facility and presented a \$40 thousand check to the new computer program there. She indicated the next meeting would be at Bollman.
- the CASB Fall Conference and Delegate Assembly was one of the most interesting and difficult assemblies given issues with state budget, the effect of the negative factor, and rural and urban districts serving high free and reduced lunch population wanting redistribution of the state funding formulae based on at risk. She noted health discussion of adequacy vs. equity that she expects we be a theme throughout the year. She also indicated a lot of dislike of PARCC, standardized testing and over testing of students.
- touring Prairie Hills with Lori Goldstein, DTEA President, talking with Principal Kathy Hastings and acknowledged great things going on at the school.
- on the Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group meeting that was this week noting the \$1.6 million shortfall for Adams 12 this year and indicating a larger contribution will be necessary next year to address workman's comp cases and the ramifications of the bus accident.
- eating school lunch at North Mor Elementary and having smiley faced potatoes.
- a number of CAN speaking opportunities including Anthem.
- the bond presentation to Thornton City Council meeting went well and the Broomfield City Council letter of support was run as an op ed in the Broomfield Enterprise.

Superintendent Gdowski reported:

- a survey requesting parent feedback regarding the Nutrition Services program to get a better sense of customers' needs.
- hearing good feedback from parents regarding the new guide about grading criteria.
- on Classified Employee Week acknowledging the Board's postcard to staff and recognizing the Communications Team's highlights of Classified employees throughout the week.
- he will be hosting a statewide superintendents meeting at Adams 12 next week regarding school finance with hopes to influence a solution.
- passing the baton as co-chair of the Denver Area Superintendent's Council to Brenda Krage from the Platte Canyon School District indicating he will continue to work with the group to influence legislation and policy.
- Safe to Tell is an alive and well known resource in our system. He acknowledged a report Sunday evening threatening a school shooting in Adams 12 and indicated it was taken seriously and there was responsive action that night and it is ongoing because of the Safe to Tell resource. He indicated much of what is received by the District from the system is misinformation or concerns that aren't credible but the system is of great benefit in providing a heads up.

General Public Comment (Item B-2)

Jennifer Lien of Englewood and an engineer with Seamens, an employer of 350,000 people in STEM careers, informed the Board of her visit to STEM Lab as a guest speaker for three classes and a panelist for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade PBL on light pollution. She praised students for their professional presentations and commended the school and staff for providing opportunities she never had. She looked forward to the workforce powered by these students.

**RESULTS FOR KIDS**

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

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Lockley, to adopt revised Ends Policies 1.2 Graduates and 1.2.1 Dropouts as presented in Enclosure C-1.

Board members discussed a suggestion to request cross district comparisons for Board Policy 1.2 Graduates and ultimately decided not to include the language in the policy or request the information at this time.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Operating Limitations Policies 2.1 Treatment of Students, Their Families and Community Members and 2.10 Effective Family, School and Community Partnering (Item C-2)

Board members began review of Board Policies 2.1 and 2.10. Ms. Plomer asked members to review policies to identify obsolete language and indicated they would hold a brainstorming session around parent and community engagement at a future meeting to prepare for its special/retreat meeting in February or March 2017. Superintendent Gdowski and Mark Hinson, Chief Human Resources Officer, reported on the monitoring of these policies and the instruments staff are considering to replace the National Center for School Leadership survey used in previous years.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Recommended Action

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Mr. Jennings, to approve agenda item D-1 as stated in the Board agenda dated October 19, 2016.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel Actions (Item D-1)

Approved the Personnel Actions as listed in Enclosure D-1:

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

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Minutes (Item E-1)

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Jennings, to adopt the minutes of the regular Board meeting of October 5, 2016, with the change in Item A-1 from Ms. Plomer to Ms. Mitchell.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Questions for Special Board Meeting with CSEA (Item E-2)

The Board reviewed questions used to guide their 2015 meeting with Classified School Employee Association building representatives and determined they would have questions to spark conversation but let CSEA members guide the discussion at its meeting with CSEA Board members on October 26, 2016. A question inquiring about opportunities for staff to be involved in extracurricular activities with students was added to the list.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Calendar (Item F-1)

The Board determined it would have a work study session in advance of the November 9, 2016 special meeting that would begin at 5:30 p.m. The District Accountability Committee recommendation on the charter school application was added to agenda items for the November 16, 2016.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

**Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of November 16, 2016.**