

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, NOVEMBER 4, 2015.

PRESENT:

Board of Education

B. Batz

M. Clark

N. Jennings

K. Plomer

M. Willsey

C. Gdowski, Superintendent

**REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order (Item A-1)

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

Motion by Mr. Baz, second by Ms. Plomer, to approve the agenda as stated.

Ayes: Batz; Clark; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Mountain Range High School Students – (Item B-1)

The Board met with 18 Mountain Range High School students and discussed their education and their school. Notes of student feedback are attached.

**RECESSED 6:54 P.M.**

**RECONVENED 7:10 P.M.**

Derek and Jalen Touil, Boy Scouts from Troop 212, led meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REGULAR MEETING**

School Presentation: Mountain Range High School (Item C-1)

Mountain Range High School Seniors Damon Aragon, Jordan O'Hagan, Erik Dohr, Josh Bui and Mallory Stefan presented information to the Board regarding their school's Career and Technical Education and DECA programs.

Adams 12 Community (Item C-2)

The Board invited students, parents and community members to share the successes and challenges experienced in the Adams 12 system. Parents from Global Village Academy Charter School supported the opportunity for students to learn a foreign language in Adams 12 and urged the Board to deny the waiver of exclusive chartering authority allowing GVA to apply to the Charter School Institute for authorization.

## BOARD BUSINESS

### Minutes (Item D-1)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Willsey, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meetings of October 7, 2015 and October 21, 2015 and the special Board meeting of October 28, 2015, as presented in Enclosures D-1(a), D-1(b) and D-1(c).

Ayes: Batz; Clark; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.  
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

### Refunding of General Obligation Series 2005B Bonds (Item D-2)

Superintendent Gdowski reviewed information provided by the District's Financial Advisor Jill Jaworski, The PFM Group, regarding the opportunity to lower general obligation debt service through a sale of refunding bonds. He indicated the \$29,775,000 of General Obligation, Series 2005B Bonds could be currently refunded for present value savings on December 15, 2015 that would result in a savings on a present value basis of \$3 million or 10% of refunded debt service. Actual savings will be based on market conditions at the time of the bond sale. The District's Investment Banker David Bell, Stifel Nicolaus, also responded to questions from the Board. This item will be brought to the November 18, 2015 Board meeting for action.

### Resolution: Waiver of Exclusive Chartering Authority – Global Village Academy (Item D-3)

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Mr. Jennings, to adopt the resolution presented in Enclosure D-3 waiving exclusive charter authority for Global Village Academy to seek authorization with the Colorado Charter School Institute.

#### **RESOLUTION WAIVING EXCLUSIVE CHARTERING AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. § 22-30.5-504(5)(a), for the 2007-2008 school year, the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education ("the Board") received its annual grant of exclusive chartering authority from the Colorado State Board of Education related to the creation and operation of charter schools within the geographic boundaries of the District; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. §22-30.5-504(7), which provisions amended prior law, and the state board's 2008 Administrative Procedures for Exclusive Chartering Authority, the Board remains the exclusive chartering authority related to the creation and operation of charter schools within the geographic boundaries of the District; and,

**WHEREAS**, on November 29, 2010 the Board approved a charter application submitted by Global Village Academy ("GVA") to operate a charter school within the District's boundaries, and

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2014 the Board renewed GVA's charter for a term of five years, from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated October 20, 2015 GVA informed the District of its intent to apply to and be authorized by the Colorado Charter School Institute ("CSI") and requested the Board approve such transfer; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. §22-30.5-504(8), and without changing its status as the exclusive chartering authority related to the creation and operation of charter schools within the geographic boundaries of the District, the Board may permit the establishment of an institute charter school within the geographic boundaries of the District by adopting a resolution permitting such action and submitting the resolution to the state board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board that it has no objection to GVA converting to a charter school authorized by CSI and remaining within the geographic boundaries of the District, provided that the Board retain exclusive chartering authority for all other charter schools presently or hereafter located within the District, with the exception of The Pinnacle Charter School, a charter school operating under the supervision and authorization of CSI and located within the District pursuant to a Resolution by the Board on November 16, 2004, and New America Charter School, a charter school operating under the supervision and authorization of CSI and located within the District pursuant to a Resolution by the Board on August 8, 2012, and The Academy of Charter Schools, a charter school operating under the supervision and authorization of CSI and located within the District pursuant to a Resolution by the Board on March 5, 2104.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be submitted to the state board, CSI, and to GVA.

Ayes: Batz; Clark; Jennings; Plomer; Willsey.  
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

STEM Lab (Item D-4)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Willsey, to authorize the improvements at the STEM Magnet Lab School building in Northglenn presented in Enclosure D-4.

Ayes: Batz; Clark; Jennings; Willsey.

Nays: Plomer. Motion carried 4-1.

Baca-Oehlert Contract (Item D-5)

Mr. Batz reported negotiations regarding the District's contract with Amie Baca-Oehlert were on-going and indicated they were close to a mutually agreeable resolution. There was general consensus among Board members to postpone action to the November 18, 2015 Board meeting.

Adjournment (Item G-2)

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

**Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of November 18, 2015.**