

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
1500 E. 128TH AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, NOVEMBER 18, 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 5:59 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. Willsey, to approve the agenda as stated.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

WORK STUDY SESSION

Work Study Session – (Item A-4)

Superintendent Gdowski updated the Board on the following matters.

- District application to start an early college program at the Northglenn High School campus through the P-TECH legislation adopted in 2015.
- Collaboration with the City of Broomfield, McWhinney and the Morgridge Family Foundation to partner in building another school/program in the STEM continuum in the North Park development near Highway 7 and I-25.
- The potential for the Cabela's' Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to provide a revenue stream for the District in a few years.
- Receipt of PARCC results which will be share with the Board but are embargoed until 12/11/15.
- Preliminary graduation data for 2015.
- Community engagement in the District: Centennial and Westview, Leadership Academy, Long Range Planning Committee and PTO Leaders Meeting.
- District contract with Amie Baca-Oehlert.

RECESSED 6:48 P.M.

RECONVENED 7:02P.M.

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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

Ms. Plomer:

- reported attending the Legacy High School pep assembly and presented a trophy to the 8 time State Champion Legacy Marching Band.
- reported attending the community engagement meeting regarding re-envisioning Centennial and Westview Elementary Schools. She noted they asked the same question the Board had in its community engagement exercise and the responses were consistent with the feedback the Board received.

- reported attending the Public Education Business Coalition (PEBC) Superintendent Breakfast and indicated it was depressing hearing about the upcoming financial situation for the state despite a good economy and the possibility that given conflicting legislative proposals school district could be looking at cuts.
- expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work with Mark Clark and Max Willsey and thanked them for the welcome she received and their collaboration on tough issues. She wished them well.

Mr. Batz reported attending:

- the high school night for eighth graders and recognized Thornton High School students' presentation and courage to go outside of their comfort zones to encourage students and parents to attend Thornton High School.
- the Thornton High School football game in Castle Rock that was extremely cold.
- the Northglenn American Legion Post #22 Proud to be an American ceremony at Thornton High School with his 96 year old uncle who was a World War II Veteran. He congratulated Mr. Clark who was also honored with an award.
- the assembly in honor of the Legacy Marching Band. He acknowledged the support from parents and student and indicated it was a true testament of where the District is going with our schools and its support of music.

Mr. Jennings:

- reported also attending the Proud to be an American presentation and acknowledged the veterans that attended and the award to Mark Clark's for his recognition and support of veterans and active military. He also commended the Thornton High School student body for their participation in the event noting their enthusiasm and respect.
- acknowledged a Thornton High School student who wrote a poem for veterans and expressed interest in having her read the poem at a Board meeting.
- acknowledged meeting an Army recruiter at the ceremony who works with Adams 12 and expressed his appreciation for the District's cooperation.
- noted that Thornton was in lock out following the ceremony indicating it was interesting to experience a lock out in process.
- reported also attending the Legacy High School Assembly recognizing the marching band. He noted Legacy has been the 5A State Champion eight out of the last ten years and had the highest overall score in the state for the last two years. Mr. Jennings indicated marching band participation throughout the District has increased with all high schools participating in the Legacy Marching Band Festival and number of Adams 12 schools qualifying for State.
- recognized the departure of Mr. Willsey from the Board indicating he would miss the experience he brought to the Board, the stories he told and his unmistakable laugh. He recognized Mr. Willsey as an ambassador for Adams 12 and thanked him for his service on the Board and to the District over the past fifty plus years.
- acknowledged the leadership of Mr. Clark indicating he has lead the District in a positive direction, the District is better off for his service and he will be missed.
- welcomed and congratulated Antonio Esquibel, newly elected Northglenn City Councilman who has been appointed as the Council's liaison to the Adams 12 School District.

Mr. Clark:

- acknowledged presenting 6 championship trophy's in eight years to the Legacy High School Marching Band. He indicated it was an honor to be a band parent and incredible to see 250 students practice and take direction from their Director Clay Stansberry.
- congratulated the Mountain Range High School 5A Girls Softball Champions.
- acknowledged meeting with the Mountain Range High School students in conjunction with the November 2, 2015 Board meeting and indicated he will miss interacting with students.
- informed the Board that he called Rick Lavety, a Vietnam Veteran who left a voice mail at the ESC expressing his appreciation for the District's recognition of the Veterans Day Holiday. He thanked him for his service and let him know of efforts throughout the District to support and honor veterans.
- recognized the plaque placed on the Veterans Memorial Aquatics Center Wall honoring Private First Class Jacob H. Wykstra, a 2010 Horizon High School graduate who died May 28, 2015 in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained in an aircraft accident.
- thanked Superintendent Gdowski for nominating him to receive the Proud to be an American Award from Northglenn American Legion Post #22.
- acknowledged his colleagues on the Board thanking them for their service and collaboration, Frances Mullins for her support and Superintendent Gdowski for his leadership, support and

dedication to students. Mr. Clark also acknowledged Paul Williams, CSEA President, Lori Goldstein, DTEA President, senior staff and audience members.

Superintendent Gdowski thanked Mr. Clark and Mr. Willsey for being part of a system that is much better because of their service. He noted the Board's support during tough financial times to invest in Pathways and counselors that provided more students the opportunity to get a job and go to college, bond refunding that has saved tax payers tens of millions of dollars in debt repayment, STEM Lab, STEM Launch and Northglenn High School, the Transportation Facility and relationship with the City of Thornton, a potential stream of revenue from Cabela's through the Urban Renewal Authority, the IBS Process, improved financial reporting, technology in schools, and its support of staff through Standards Based Grading. He acknowledged the Board's courage in allowing staff to problem solve during challenging times and come up with a just right plan.

General Public Comment (Item B-2)

There were no requests to address the Board.

BOARD BUSINESS

Minutes (Item C-1)

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Mr. Batz, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of November 4, 2015, as presented in Enclosure C-1.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Willsey, to adopt the resolution authorizing the general obligation refunding of Bond Series 2005B in Enclosure C-2.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (Item C-3)

Paul Niedermuller and Marjorie Wickham with CliftonLarsenAllen LLP presented the Fiscal Year 2015 CAFR. Auditors reported one significant change regarding financial statements from the previous year, no disagreements and no adjustments and they are prepared to issue an unmodified opinion.

MONITORING

External Monitoring Report: Operating Limitations Policies 2.4 Financial Condition and Activities, 2.5 Asset Protection, 2.6.1 Employment, Compensation and Benefits, and Superintendent Policy 4130 Staff Ethics/Conflicts of Interest/Nepotism (Item D-1)

Paul Niedermuller with CliftonLarsenAllen LLP reported no findings or exception when performing the agreed upon procedures.

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Willsey, to acknowledge the Board received an external monitoring report from Clifton Larsen Allen LLP as of November 18, 2015, for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, of the Superintendent concerning Board Policies 2.4 Financial Condition and Activities, 2.5 Asset Protection, 2.6.1 Employment, Compensation and Benefits, and Superintendent Policy 4130 Staff Ethics/Conflicts of Interest/Nepotism, and finds the superintendent's interpretations are reasonable and supported by data that is relevant, justified and complete.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Mr. Jennings, to approve agenda item E-1 as stated in the Board agenda dated November 18, 2015.

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

BOARD BUSINESS (Continued)

Baca-Oehlert Contract (Item C-4)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Plomer to approve the modified agreement regarding sabbatical leave for Amie Baca-Oehlert and the memorandum of agreement to modify the Certified Master Agreement to permit a sabbatical under these circumstances.

Ayes: Batz; Plomer; Willsey.
Nays: Clark; Jennings. Motion carried 3-2.

Governance Process Policy 4.3 Agenda Planning (Item C-5)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Plomer, to schedule a special Board meeting in conjunction with the CASB Annual Convention on Saturday, December 5, 2015, 11:00 – 1:00 p.m., at the Broadmoor Hotel for the purpose of prioritizing Board training needs and areas of policy development.

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

BOCES (Item C-6)

Mr. Clark reminded the Board it would need to appoint a new representative to the Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group (formerly Adams County BOCES). The Board will address this matter once newly elected members have been sworn in.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Calendar (Item F-1)

Superintendent Gdowski noted the addition of a special Board meeting on December 9, 2015 for the purpose of certifying the mill levy.

Adjournment (Item G-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its special meeting of January 13, 2016.