

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
1500 E. 128TH AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, DECEMBER 2, 2015.

PRESENT:

Board of Education

B. Batz

N. Jennings

J. Lockley

L. Mitchell

K. Plomer

C. Gdowski, Superintendent

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order (Item A-1)

Mr. Jennings called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Mr. Jennings, to approve the agenda as stated, with the modification to include a second executive session.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session (Item A-4)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Plomer, to recess for an executive session to receive legal advice regarding the Sunshine Act pursuant to Board Policies 2.0 General Operating Limitations, 4.1 Governing Style and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b).

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESSED 5:42 P.M.

RECONVENED 6:17 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Plomer to recess for an executive session to receive legal advice on potential litigation regarding an incident related to the Northglenn High School Girls' Basketball team's travel on December 1, 2014 pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b).

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESSED 6:19 P.M.

RECONVENED 6:43 P.M.

WORK STUDY SESSION

Work Study Session (Item A-5)

Superintendent Update

- Superintendent Gdowski provided additional background on the implementation and practices of Adams County BOCES/Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group.
- The Superintendent provided information regarding the October Pupil Count Report and updated the Board on District enrollment.
- The Superintendent informed the Board of his participation in the Denver Area Superintendents' Council position paper advocating for adequate school funding.

RECESSED 6:58 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)

Ms. Mitchell indicated the swearing in ceremony was exciting and she looks forward to serving the students, teachers, employees and community in Adams 12.

Ms. Lockley indicated she was honored to be on the Board and excited to get to work on improving the District.

Mr. Batz:

- recognized the swearing in ceremony and indicated it was nice to have all the activity with a group being sworn in.
- expressed his disappointment in not being able to attend Century Middle School's Top Brick Award Ceremony for Student of the Month but understood it was very good.
- welcomed new Board members and looked forward to a fun couple of years.

Ms. Plomer:

- welcomed the new Board and expressed her excitement for the energy and discussion that is already occurring.
- reported attending the Parent Academy at Westminster High School and recognized the work of Rochelle Garcia-Gomez, Title Coordinator and Valarie Almanzar, Parent Engagement Coordinator for their role in organizing the event and their work in reaching out to ELL families and engaging Adams 12 parents from all communities. She indicated the event included three information sessions that were delivered in English and Spanish concurrently, a panel to respond to participant questions that included superintendents, and a culminating evaluation session where parents expressed their appreciation for the opportunity and the content provided.
- reported meeting with a parent to listen to her concerns with the Board's decision to lease mineral rights beneath Century Middle and Horizon High schools.

Mr. Jennings:

- thanked all participants in the election for being part of the process.
- acknowledged the swearing in ceremony and recognized the swearing in of four board members. He welcomed new board members to their first official meeting and committed to providing assistance in getting them up to speed. He acknowledged the improvement of students' academic performance over the past few years and looked forward to continuing that work with the new Board.
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Superintendent Gdowski:

- announced that the refunding of the existing 2005 bond debt approved by the Board in November achieved a savings of \$3.25 million in present value savings on the roughly \$29 million in outstanding bonds, which is about \$250,000 more in savings than was projected when the Board approved the refunding. He noted there were three times as many people wanting to purchase the bonds as there were bonds to be sold.
- reported staff would provide information to the Board regarding the certification of mill levies in Adams and Broomfield Counties in advance of the December 15, 2015 statutory deadline. He indicated information would include mill levy rate trends over time, savings achieved through bond refunding, and decreases in the District's debt. He noted the information would also provide helpful data as the Board begins considering the possibility of a bond measure for the 2016 election.

General Public Comment (Item B-2)

There were no requests to address the Board.

BOARD BUSINESS

Election of Board Officers: President (Item C-1)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Lockley, to elect Kathy Plomer to the office of President for the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education, for the 2015 - 2017 term.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Election of Board Officers: Vice President (Item C-2)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Mr. Batz, to elect Laura Mitchell to the office of Vice President for the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education, for the 2015 - 2017 term.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Appointment of Board Officers: Secretary and Assistant Secretary (Item C-3)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Laura Mitchell to appoint Norman Jennings to the office of Secretary and to appoint Frances Mullins as Assistant Secretary, for the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Appointment of Board Officers: Treasurer (Item C-4)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Mr. Jennings, to appoint Superintendent Chris Gdowski to the office of Treasurer for the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group: BOE Delegate (Item C-5)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Laura Mitchell, to appoint Kathy Plomer as the Board delegate to the Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group Board.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Calendar (Item F-1)

Board members determined a Board retreat would be held on January 30, 2015 at the ESC.

Adjournment (Item F-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of December 16, 2015.