

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 7, 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 5:33 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Work Study Session (Item A-4)

Board Department Budget and Conference Travel – Board members discussed attending the National School Boards Association 2017 Annual Convention that will be held in Denver March 25-27 and Ms. Plomer attending the Federal Relations Network advocacy conference in Washington, D.C. January 29 – 31, 2017 as a member of CASB’s FRN Committee. It was noted the Board has budgeted \$15,300 for professional development and Board member participation in these events and the 2016 CASB Annual Convention will be well within the budget.

Superintendent Update – Superintendent Gdowski reported on the following topics.

- Tracy Dorland, Chief Academic Officer reported on the Kindergarten Roundup event which took place on December 6, 2016 indicating it was a successful event with the largest participation so far. She reported high interest in full day Kindergarten and after school programming through BASE.
- Superintendent Gdowski clarified information provided to the Board following the bond sale. He corrected an inaccuracy indicating underwriters purchased \$10 million in bonds out of the \$285 million, not the \$14 million reported earlier. He also clarified that the pricing of the bonds was determined with the expectation that the market would demand higher yields for investors and less bond premium during the course of the day. This proved to be true as that afternoon the market met the rate that the bonds were priced at and has gone higher since then.

Graduation Requirements Update – The Learning Services Team of Tracy Dorland, Priscilla Straughn, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Janette Walters, Executive Director of Schools, Tammy Lawrence, Director of Counseling Services and Chris Brecht, Communications Administrator updated the Board on the work of the Graduation Guidelines Committee. They presented a draft outline of the High School Graduation Framework which includes components of graduation requirements the Board will discuss in April and May. They reviewed the Naviance tool that provides support and guidance to students, families and counselors to promote student achievement and postsecondary success. The team will present a comprehensive communication plan to the Board in January to engage stakeholders.

RECESSED 7:02 P.M.

RECONVENED 7:12 P.M.

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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

Mr. Batz reported:

- meeting with IT staff and discussing accomplishments of technology needs in the District, aspirations of what they'd like to do and hardships ahead.
- attending the STEM App Challenge at Northglenn High School between Northglenn and Arvada High School regarding writing, displaying and communicating code to solve a problem.

Ms. Lockley:

- expressed her appreciation for staff's participation at the November 29, 2016 special Board meeting and the information they provided regarding student and family engagement and thanked them for their work to build community interaction across the District.
- reported attending the DTEA celebration of its members that worked to help pass the bond and expressed her excitement for what it will bring to the District.

Mr. Jennings expressed his appreciation for the engagement with staff and community at its November 29, 2016 special Board meeting around Board policy development. He also thanked staff for the information presented in the work study session regarding graduation guidelines and Naviance.

Ms. Mitchell:

- expressed her appreciation to the staff that took time to come to the meeting and share information with the Board at the November 29, 2016 special Board meeting.
- reported attending a Pinnacle Partners Meeting, an organization of groups and community members from around the state focused on promoting school funding legislation, where she had the opportunity to talk about the Adams 12's bond campaign experiences.

Ms. Plomer:

- reported speaking on a panel at the Leadership Academy with Representative Jim Wilson (R-HD60), Westminster Mayor Herb Atchison and Superintendent Gdowski regarding the role of elected officials. She lauded the Leadership Academy as a great tool to educate parents and community members about the District.
- reported meeting with Don Tripp, Westminster City Manager who was interested in discussing the IBS Negotiations process the District engages in with the DTEA. She indicated it was a good conversation and nice opportunity to talk about the District's collaborative negotiations.
- reported attending the DTEA celebration of the election and the bond indicating it was a good opportunity to talk with Jane Goff, State Board of Education member from the 7th Congressional District, State Board of Education elect Rebecca McClellan from the 6th Congressional District and Representative elect Matt Gray.
- indicated Board members would be attending the 76th Annual CASB Convention and looked forward to learning at the conference and hearing about what is happening around the state.
- acknowledged the loss Legacy High School junior Jory Coates in a traffic accident. She informed Board members that on their behalf she delivered cookies and a card for the crisis team. Ms. Plomer recognized a difficult year with the loss of students and staff and asked they be remembered in prayers.

Superintendent Gdowski updated the Board regarding the bond issuance. He reviewed the effect of market volatility on the District plan, driving an issuance of \$285 million instead of the planned \$250 million of the \$350 million bond in order to maximize bond premium and comply with IRS regulations regarding expenditure of bond money received. He reported that even factoring in interest rate return increases the District would be about \$5.7 million short of what the bond plan had anticipated. He expressed confidence that the shortfall could be addressed in a variety of ways including the sale of land south of the ESC. The Superintendent reported while this complicates the District's work current analysis indicates it will not affect delivery on promises made in the election.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Gdowski recognized Renee Dreher, Special Programs Para Educator at Silver Hills Middle School as the Classified Employee of the Year. Paul Williams, President of the Classified School Employees Association acknowledged the importance and difficulty of the position indicating it takes a special person like Ms. Dreher to do the job. Julie Evans, Silver Hills Middle School Principal celebrated Ms. Dreher indicating she is the glue that holds together the special programs at SHMS and that she accomplishes a challenging job with grace and heart.

General Public Comment (Item B-2)

Jeff Jasica of Broomfield and co-chair of the Adams 12 Community Action Network acknowledged the teamwork of District administrative, certified and classified staff, parents, community members and donors coming together to get the bond passed. He thanked the Board of Education for its public endorsement and personal investment and leadership in promoting the bond. Mr. Jasica challenged the District to continue finding ways and work together and leverage the current momentum in communication, especially with cities and the non-parent community. Mr. Jessica also thanked the District for its support of the Coates family and the Legacy Marching Band community.

BOARD BUSINESS

Minutes (Item C-1)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Lockley, to adopt the minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 7, 2016 as presented in Enclosure C-1.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Establish Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Tax Revenue and Mill Levies (Item C-2)

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Batz, to adopt the Mill Levy Certification Resolution presented in Enclosure C-2.

MILL LEVY CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 22-40-102, Colorado Revised Statutes, on or before December 15, 2016, the Board of Education of the Adams 12 Five Star Schools shall certify to the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County and to the City and County of Broomfield the separate amounts necessary to be raised from levies against the valuation for assessment of all taxable property located within the School District for the General Fund and the Bond Redemption Fund for the current fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Adams County Assessor and the Assessor for the City and County of Broomfield have provided to the Adams 12 Five Star Schools the 2016 Certifications of Valuation, and written notice to the School District of refunds and abatements as of December 1, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, under applicable Colorado law, including the provisions of section 39-10-114, Colorado Revised Statutes, the Board of Education of Adams 12 Five Star Schools shall adjust its mill levy, as determined under the Public School Finance Act of 1994, section 22-54-101 et seq., Colorado Revised Statutes, to collect revenues lost through previous years' abatements and refunds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Adams County, Colorado, herewith authorizes and certifies to the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County and to the City and County of Broomfield, State of Colorado, the total amount of \$93,541,161 to be raised from a levy of 44.257 mills consisting of a standard levy of 27.000 mills pursuant to the Public School Finance Act of 1994, 16.749 mills approved by voters as mill levy overrides, and 0.508 mills for abatements and refunds against the net valuation of assessment in the amount of \$2,113,590,203 for all taxable property located within the boundaries of the School District for the General Fund of the School District for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Adams County, Colorado, herewith authorizes and certifies to the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County, and to the City and County of Broomfield, State of Colorado, the total amount of \$45,790,932 to be raised from a levy of 21.665 mills against the net valuation of assessment in the amount of \$2,113,590,203 for all taxable property located within the boundaries of the School District for the Bond Redemption Fund of the School District for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Education be, and is hereby directed to forward the certification for each fund by a copy of this Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners for Adams County and the City and County of Broomfield, State of Colorado.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Governance Process Policy 4.9, Legislative Platform (Item C-3)

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Ms. Lockley, to adopt revised Governance Process Policy 4.9 Legislative Platform as presented in Enclosure C-3.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Recommended Action

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Lockley, to approve agenda item D-1 as stated in the Board agenda dated December 7, 2016.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

School and District Selected Instructional Materials (Item D-1)

Adopted the instructional materials requested by the Learning Services Department presented in Enclosure D-1 as recommended by the Superintendent.

MONITORING

Direct Inspection Monitoring: Operating Limitation Policy 2.7 Communication and Support to the Board – (Item E-1)

Motion by Mr. Jennings, second by Ms. Lockley, to acknowledge the Board has conducted and direct inspection monitoring of Board Policy 2.7 Communication and Support to the Board as of December 7, 2016, for the period June 16, 2016 through December 7, 2016 and finds the Superintendent has complied with policy statements.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Internal Monitoring: Operating Limitation Policy 2.05 Schooling (Item E-2)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Mr. Jennings, to postpone the monitoring of Board Policy 2.05 Schooling pending Board review and revision of the policy.

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Lockley; Mitchell; Plomer.
Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its special meeting of January 11, 2017.