

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT 9351
WASHINGTON ST., THORNTON, CO 80229, FEBRUARY 1, 2017.

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 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present except Ms. Lockley who arrived at 7:26 p.m.

Approval of Agenda (Item A-3)

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

Ayes: Batz; Jennings; Mitchell; Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Thornton High School Students (Item B-1)

The Board met with Thornton High School students to hear their perspective on their education and school. Topics of discussion included funding of arts and music at Thornton, auditorium upgrades and safety concerns, separate rooms for wrestling, dance, etc. like other schools have, the importance of the Independent Living Class and its potential to support individual students, and encouraging greater participation in extra-curricular activities.

RECESSED 6:45 P.M.

RECONVENED 7:13 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Lockley arrived at 7:26 p.m.

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REGULAR SESSION

School Presentation: Thornton High School (Item C-1)

Senior students Erin Rueter, Jackie LeBaron and Abhijeet Prasad talked about the values at Thornton High School that included diversity, an inclusive environment, pride, support and fun. Principal Jennifer Skrobela presented information regarding academics and the reality vs. perception at Thornton.

Graduation Guidelines (Item C-2)

Priscilla Straughn, Chief Academic Officer, Janette Walters, Executive Director of Secondary Schools and Tammy Lawrence, Director of Counseling Services presented information regarding Colorado Graduation Guidelines and Colorado Menu of College and Career-Ready Demonstrations. The engagement session informed the community about the demonstration of competency in Language, Arts and Mathematics, and credit attainment, shared the three graduation options for the classes of 2021 and beyond and collected individual feedback on a survey whose results will be shared with the Board of Education.

General Public Comment (Item C-3)

Shannon Milliken, President of the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) Colorado addressed the benefits of students participating in physical education and the opportunities for physical education to impact the lives of all students in school. She asked the Board to keep the current high school physical education requirement for graduation of 2 credits.

Melissa Crockett-Hernandez of Henderson and a Physical Education and Health teacher at Horizon High School addressed the impact of physical education on student performance, achievement and their future success. She encouraged the Board to maintain the 2 credit Physical Education requirement for graduation.

Jill Collins of Denver and the Adams 12 Wellness Coordinator shared research data regarding the positive impact of physical activity on the teenage brain, learning and academic success in high school, college and beyond.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of February 15, 2017.