

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
1500 E. 128TH AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, MARCH 4, 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 8:35 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present.

WORK STUDY SESSION

Operating Limitations Policy 2.10 Effective Family, School and Community Partnering (Item B-1)

The Board discussed a suggestion to change Operating Limitations Policy 2.10 to Operating Expectations Policy 2.10 to convey the importance of accomplishing items within the policy. There was general consensus for the policy to remain Operating Limitations.

Board discussion of the proposed draft policy language lead to a suggestion to create a separate memo that would identify Board expectations for monitoring. Board members and the superintendent split into two working groups to identify monitoring language and items addressed in other policies, to be removed. Mr. Batz and Mr. Jennings will combine the groups work and bring a revised draft to the April 5, 2017 Board meeting for discussion and possibly action.

The superintendent engaged Board members in discussion regarding specific expectations for “family engagement.” Individual responses focused on providing information to parents, including community participation in every aspect of the school/District, finding ways to connect with new people and finding alternative methods to surveying to gather feedback.

Operating Limitations Policies 2.1 Treatment of Students, Their Families and Community Members (Item B-2)

Time did not allow for discussion of this item and the Board will begin review of Board Policy 2.1 at the April 5, 2017 meeting. Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Plomer will review the policy and develop a draft to initiate Board discussion.

Revenue Generating Possibilities for the District: Discussion (Item B-3)

Board members began discussion of ways to generate new revenue from a Board perspective and a long term structure to continue the conversation. Superintendent noted projects in process that will be large revenue generating items long term including Anthem and North Park given their potential to draw out of district and charter students. Notes regarding this discussion are attached.

The Superintendent indicated he would provide information from the stakeholder working group at the March 15, 2017 Board meeting and look for direction from the Board regarding the 3% reserve required in Board policy. There was general consensus among board members that there was no interest in changing salary allocation or a TABOR letter of credit. Board members discussed budget reduction options raised and used in previous years that included class size, industry partnership, split classes, school closure, and multi-year solutions. The Superintendent Noted that major options for budget reductions are class size and staff reduction given salaries and benefits is 92% of the District budget.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Calendar (Item C-1)

The Board will conduct work study sessions at their April 5, 2017 and April 19, 2017 meetings to continue work on Operating Limitations Policies 2.1 Treatment of Students, Their Families and Community Members and 2.10 Effective Family, School and Community Partnering.

Adjournment (Item C-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of March 15, 2017.