

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
1500 E. 128TH AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, APRIL 19, 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: 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 Ms. Mitchell, to approve the agenda as stated.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session (Item A-4)

Motion by Ms. Lockley, second by Mr. Jennings to recess for an executive session to receive legal advice and discuss negotiations matters regarding the District's withdrawal from the Adams County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) / Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group (RMRIG) pursuant to Board Policy 2.0 General Operating Limitations and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e).

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESSED 5:35 P.M.

The Board of Education discussed the District's withdrawal from the Adams County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) / Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group (RMRIG) for 63 minutes.

RECONVENED 6:38 P.M.

WORK STUDY SESSION

Work Study Session (Item B-1)

Ms. Plomer informed the Board there would be an executive session at the May 3, 2017 meeting for Board members to ask questions of Phil Spare, General Counsel given the election of Dave Lockley as DTEA president.

Superintendent Gdowski provided the following updates to the Board.

- Personnel - He is working to find strong, effective leaders for the following positions: Chief of Human Resources, Horizon High School Principal, STEM Launch Principal, Leroy Elementary Principal, Mountain View Elementary Principal and District Athletic Director.
- Budget – Improvement at the State level in terms of budget given a less severe impact from the Gallagher Amendment than projected. Still waiting on SB 61, School Finance Act which has yet to be introduced, and a bill by Senator Sonnenberg regarding the Hospital Provider Fee and allocation of resources to rural communities for hospital care and schools. The District is now

looking at a \$5.5 million reduction. He will send communication updating staff and the community once everything is finalized.

- Title Funding/Northglenn Middle School – He is considering advocacy from Northglenn Middle School to be included in the Title funding allocation and will make a decision by Friday morning.

RECESSED 6:59 P.M.

RECONVENED 7:05 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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

Mr. Batz reported:

- attending the celebration of life for Max Willsey and acknowledged Max's accomplishments in life were incredible.
- participating in the IBS negotiations session and expressed his appreciation for the open and honest discussion of issues.
- visiting the High School District Art Show at Front Range Community College and choosing the Board Art Purchase Award. He found it rewarding to see the amazing student art work in so many mediums; pottery, metal work, photography, sketches.
- that his son was one of 64 selected nationally to receive the Falcon Foundation Scholarship from the Air Force Academy to attend one of five AFA prep schools to prepare him to go into the Air Force.
- attending a dinner hosted by the City of Westminster where he met with Jeffco and Westminster School Districts and Westminster City Council members and staff. He conveyed a conversation with Ryan McCoy, Front Range Community College Education Foundation Director and Westminster School Board member regarding further collaboration around concurrent enrollment.
- attending the Anthem K-8 ground breaking indicating he found it entertaining and expressing his appreciation for the student involvement.
- PEBC Luncheon that focused on collaboration and involvement in public education.

Ms. Lockley:

- acknowledged it is a busy time of the year and expressed her appreciation for the above and beyond work at schools and the administration building.
- found selecting the middle school Board Art Purchase Award challenging with the abundance of amazing and talented artwork.
- attended the City of Westminster Dinner and expressed her appreciation to be in the room with other school districts who are also doing amazing things and people dedicated to having a global best practices conversation so we can all move forward.
- attended the Anthem K-8 Groundbreaking and expressed her excitement to see the hard work on the bond come to fruition.
- reported she has been asked to help with the selection of the Certified Employee of the Year and indicated there are amazing folks and choosing on individual will be difficult.

Mr. Jennings reported attending:

- the services for Max Willsey and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to celebrate Max and all he did, listen to the stories about all he did in his life and visit with former board members and old acquaintances.
- the City of Westminster Dinner and was excited about the opportunities for students to work and intern with the cities and for collaboration among school districts, cities and colleges around Career and Technical Education.
- the AIPAC monthly meeting where they finalized their by laws. He announced their graduate celebration dinner on April 21, 2017 at the ESC.

Ms. Mitchell:

- recognized her husband on the occasion of their 14th wedding anniversary and thanked him for his support that allows her to be on the Board.
- attended the Adams County Education Consortium Backpacks to Briefcases event that had over 550 students participate from across the county. She indicated it was heartening to see

how many businesses, cities and individuals are willing to come out and invest in the students. They are looking to get participation from younger folks that can relate to the students.

- indicated PLAN held their final meeting of the year and noted participation has grown and more schools are involved.
- reported also attending the Westminster dinner where she volunteered along with Joe Davidek, Westminster School Board, Brad Rupert, Jeffco School Board to create a committee that will provide opportunity for good dialogue and cross sharing of ideas.
- acknowledged a great event in the Anthem K-8 Groundbreaking and thanked the community for its support and hard work in passing the bond. She reported talking with Kevin Krieger, Broomfield City Council about the committee established with the City of Westminster and he expressed interest. She indicated it was a good opportunity to strengthen relationships with city councils.

Ms. Plomer:

- regretted not being able to attend the Anthem groundbreaking and expressed appreciation for the video on the District web site of the kids in their oversized safety vest with shovels.
- reported participating in the IBS negotiations, noted that they would meet again on Thursday, April 20 and invited the public to attend and observe.
- reported the Five Star Foundation Board meeting recapped the annual gala and she indicated it was the highest grossing gala. She recognized the popularity of the Stukey Choir and the Bollman fire pit auction and indicated they brainstormed what other art and talent to include next year. Ms. Plomer announced the Foundation has started a gift card program that supports the school and the Foundation.
- acknowledged the beautiful celebration of Max Willsey, former board member and 50 year icon of Adams 12. She lauded the event that provided for the combination of Max's irreverent nature and his heart of gold to shine through.
- recognized that the Westminster Dinner focused on how the city can help the school districts and board members were asked to contribute ideas. She indicated it is a great model of partnership that she is excited to carry it to other cities within Adams 12.
- reminded all that the Elementary Art Show on display at Front Range Community College and indicated she and Mr. Jennings would be selecting the Board Art Purchase Awards for the primary and intermediate levels.
- acknowledged losses in the District and the families, students, faculty and staff working through grief and extended the Board's thoughts and prayers.

Superintendent Gdowski:

- reported on the status of personnel indicating there have been four principal appointments so far this year and there are four principal and the chief human resources officer positions to fill. He indicate
- reported that budget continues to be a challenge as we await action by the state legislature.
- thanked the Board for its support and patience around the death of his father-in-law and thanked colleagues for covering in his absence.

General Public Comment (Item C-2)

Tony Coraggio of Thornton praised the principal and staff at Rocky Top Middle School for the care and support they have provided to his son and their family after a his son experienced a traumatic injury.

Tara Trujillo of Thornton and a Hunters Glen Elementary School parent asked about the effect of budget constraints on specials teachers' positions. She advocated for the specials teachers indicating they were part of the school family and it would be a detriment to the students for them not to be at schools full time and offered to bring in supplies or whatever is needed to backfill budgets to allow more school funds to go toward the teachers' salaries.

BOARD BUSINESS

District Accountability Committee (DAC) Budget Presentation FY 2017-2018 (Item D-1)

DAC Spending Priorities Sub-committee members Jack Lackey of Thornton and a Legacy High School parent, Jennifer Webster, 4th Grade Teacher at Meridian Elementary, Lynn Care, Cotton Creek Elementary parent, Marty Gutierrez, Math Teacher at Silver Hills and a Westview Elementary and Legacy High School parent, presented DAC successes for the year and improvements they recommend. They engaged the members around what success looks like for the DAC from the Board perspective. The Board committed to discuss rolls and expectations for DAC in a work study session before the end of the year and get back to them.

Board Policy Development: Operating Limitations Policy 2.1 Treatment of Students, Their Families and Community Members (Item D-2)

Board members discussed proposed revisions to Board Policy 2.1 and made further changes. Ms. Plomer will propose language for policy statement 2.1.3, Ms. Mitchell will propose language for policy statement 2.1.6, Ms. Lockley will propose language for policy statement 2.1.9 and Mr. Jennings will propose indicators of non-compliance for the standing memo on this policy. A proposed policy will be brought to the next meeting for review.

Resolution Approving Acquisition of Land for School in Anthem (Item D-3)

Motion by Ms. Lockley, second by Ms. Mitchell, to adopt the resolution regarding acquisition of land for school in Anthem as presented in Enclosure D-3.

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

Internal Monitoring Report: Operating Limitation Policy 2.2, Treatment of Staff (Item D-4)

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Mitchell, to defer the monitoring of Operating Limitations Policy 2.2 Treatment of Staff to May 24, 2017.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Personnel Actions (Item E-1)

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Jennings, to approve the Personnel Actions as presented in Enclosure E-1:

- (a) Resignations and Terminations
- (b) Transfers and Reassignments
- (c) Employment
- (d) Leaves of Absence.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Calendar (Item D-1)

A work study session to discuss the DAC Charge will be added before the end of the year. Mr. Jennings reminded Board members that Cheryl Miller with Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities will be holding an informational meeting at Hacienda Colorado on May 1, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment (Item D-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Education at its special meeting of May 24, 2017.