

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT
1500 E. 128TH AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, MAY 3, 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 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present. Mr. Batz departed the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

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. Batz, to recess for an executive session to receive legal advice regarding conflict of interest matters pursuant to Governance Process Policy 4.5 Board Members' Code of Conduct, Board of Education Bylaws and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b); and 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 5:02 P.M.

The Board discussed conflict of interest matters for 46 minutes and the District's withdrawal from the Adams County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) / Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group (RMRIG) for 19 minutes.

RECONVENED 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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

Jamey Lockley reported attending:

- the American Indian Parent Advisory Council (AIPAC) dinner honoring Native American graduates with great food and wonderful cultural celebration.
- the Hispanic Advisory Council 10th Annual Awards Ceremony recognizing students, staff and community volunteers in the District.

Norm Jennings reported:

- helping serve food at the AIPAC graduate recognition dinner and talking with graduates and their families. He acknowledged the tremendous support from the community for their graduates and a wonderful event.
- visiting the Elementary District Art Show and seeing great work from students.
- the Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities group from Illinois met with local folks to continue work on developing the program which provides business opportunities for students that is funded by the business community.

Laura Mitchell reported attending the:

- Great Education Colorado Conference where she learned more about the platforms of non-profit groups that work on education and the creation of the Colorado Education Network.
- CASB Region 5 meeting where they heard from and had good dialogue with Superintendent's regarding developing a K-12 platform.
- Colorado School Finance Project meeting where PERA was discussed.
- Senior Volunteer Appreciation Reception where she thanked volunteers.
- IBS meeting to better understand the process. She indicated she was impressed with the professionalism, honest and respect exhibited.
- Westlake Middle School talent show and acknowledged her daughters participation and the great work of all students.

Kathy Plomer reported:

- attending the Senior Volunteer Appreciation Lunch where she talked with volunteers. She acknowledged the excitement of seniors to interact with the schools.
- attending the Great Education Summit and acknowledged a hopeful sign that groups are coming together to address the public school funding issue as a whole.
- participating in the Legacy High School Capstone Night where she judged music presentations. She recognized the vast talent of students and their exceptional work.
- the IBS Team wrapped up their work for this year and recognized Mark Hinson, Chief Human Resource Officer and Lori Goldstein, DTEA President who won't be returning. She indicated it was a great group and a healthy and rewarding negotiations process.
- attending the Art Awards Reception and noted the excitement of the elementary students to receive their certificates and the quality of the high school artwork.
- attending the Hispanic Advisory Council Awards Ceremony and noted the support of the community with standing room only in the Mountain Range High School auditorium.
- indicated it had been a tough year and acknowledged recent student deaths at Centennial Elementary and Thornton High Schools and the death of a Mountain Range High School teacher. She extend thoughts and prayers to the families.

Deputy Superintendent Dorland reported:

- a highlight of her week was the Senior Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and seeing the seniors who support Adams 12 in one place. She acknowledged the tremendous impact of the senior volunteers is not always realized when they are scattered at various schools but all the seniors who support Adams 12 and seeing many of them in one place.
- visiting Cotton Creek Elementary, Malley Drive Elementary, Rocky Top Middle and Legacy High Schools over the course of the last week. She indicated she enjoyed hearing principals and teachers talk about their work and visiting classrooms.
- she and Pat Hamilton, Chief Operating Officer provided information regarding bond work to the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee. She recognized the committee as a great group of folks invested in the District and indicated they would present an update to the Board in May.

General Public Comment (Item C-2)

Northglenn City Councilman Antonio Esquibel praised the Northglenn High School STEM Program indicating they are doing a great job and the District has a lot to be proud of. Councilman Esquibel also informed the Board of the City of Northglenn's city-wide bicycle and pedestrian master plan, encouraged dissemination of the Connect Northglenn interactive website to all schools, especially elementary, and invited Board members and staff to attend a meeting regarding the plan on May 10, 2017 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

Graduation Requirements Update (Item D-1)

Priscilla Straughn, Chief Academic Officer, Janette Walters, Executive Director of Schools, and Graduation Requirements Committee members Lori Bailey, Principal Stukey Elementary, Bobbie Bastien, Bollman Computer Science Teacher, Josh Bastien, community member, Chris Brecht, Communications Administrator, Rochelle Garcia-Gomez, Title Coordinator, Lori Goldstein, DTEA President, Katie Romero, Assistant Principal, Horizon H.S., Matt Schmidt, Principal, Pathways, and Anjela Schwab, Counselor, Horizon H.S., updated the Board on Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021 and Beyond, Demonstration of Learning-Competency, Capstone, and Diploma Distinction Options. Board members requested cost information regarding the opportunity for students to take seven classes, including facility cost/constraint implications; a list of Diploma Distinctions with information regarding what the District is doing now; the raw data from parent, student and staff engagement process, and information regarding the requirements for programs in District high schools by school.

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

Discussion of Board Policy 2.1 included proposed language from Ms. Lockley for statement 2.1.9 that will be reflected in the next iteration of the proposed policy. There was general consensus regarding proposed changes for statements 2.1.3 and 2.1.6. Board discussion of the proposed change for

statement 2.1.7 expressed support for the proposed language as well as support for retaining the statement as written. The Board determined it would have further discussion at the June 7, 2017 meeting when Superintendent Gdowski could weigh in.

Operating Limitations Policy 2.10 Effective Family, School and Community Partnering – Plomer

Discussion of Board Policy 2.10 recommended addition of language “build capacity to” in the opening paragraph, changes to language in statement 2.10.3 and changes to language in statement 2.10.4 that will be reflected in the next iteration of the proposed policy. The Board will have further discussion of the policy at the June 7, 2017 meeting when the Superintendent can join the discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Calendar (Item E-1)

Board discussion of the calendar determined the Work Study Session: DAC Charge Discussion item for May 24, 2017 would be moved to June 7, 2017. A Work Study Session: Graduation Requirements Update item would be added to the May 24, 2017 agenda and Board action on graduation guidelines was scheduled for June 21, 2017.

Adjournment (Item F-1)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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