

**Minutes of the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting
Held at 1500 E. 128th Avenue, Thornton, CO 80241
June 7, 2017**

A. OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order - 5:18 p.m.
2. Roll Call - All Board members were present.
3. Approval of Agenda

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

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Executive Session

Motion by Ms. Lockley, second by Mr. Jennings, to recess for an executive session to to discuss real estate matters regarding the sale of vacant land south of the Educational Support Center and the purchase of property pursuant to Board Policy 2.5 Asset Protection and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a); 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 5:19 P.M.

In executive session the Board discussed real estate matters regarding the sale of vacant land south of the Educational Support Center for 18 minutes, real estate matters regarding the purchase of property for 55 minutes, and discussed negotiations matters and received legal advice regarding the District's withdrawal from the Adams County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) / Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group (RMRIG) for 27 minutes.

RECONVENED 7:10 p.m.

B. WORK STUDY SESSION

1. DAC Charge Discussion - This item was moved to the regular meeting agenda.
2. Superintendent Update - Time did not allow for this agenda item.

C. REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Board of Education Comments, Recognition, Awards and Vision

Mr. Batz reported attending the Westgate Community School graduation and reported a busy summer already with baseball games, graduation parties and a class he is taking.

Ms. Lockley expressed her appreciation for the work being done over the summer and recognized the summer meal programs at schools that ensure families will have the support of the district through the summer.

Mr. Jennings:

- reported attending the annual American Indian Advisory Council BBQ and enjoying great food and fun with families.
- reported attending the Westgate Community School graduation and acknowledged the number of students with associates degrees and concurrent enrollment credits. He expressed a need for Adams 12 to ramp up efforts in this area to avoid losing students to other districts that offer these programs and because its important in helping families reduce the cost of college.
- acknowledged the wedding of his son who is marrying his high school sweetheart that he met at Legacy High School in marching band. He informed the Board he would not be attending the June 21, 2017 Board meeting because of the rehearsal dinner.

Ms. Mitchell:

- reported attending the Adams 12 Retirement Breakfast and extending congratulations and farewell to many talented people.
- thanked Trena Spears, Director of Literacy and Heather Grecius, Director of Student Support Services for the informative discussion regarding literacy.
- thanked Suzi DeYoung, Chief Academic Officer for the extensive time she spent reviewing and helping her to understand the budget.

Ms. Plomer reported attending the:

- Retiree Breakfast and recognized Lori Goldstein, DTEA President who had the most years of service with 34 and 1,692 combined years of service from 2017 retirees.
- groundbreaking of the school based health center at Thornton High School and expressed her excitement to see the layout and the services that will be provided on site to students. She reported the center is funded by grants through partnerships with the City of Thornton, Colorado Health Foundation, Kids First and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment.
- Westgate Community School graduation and acknowledged the number of graduates grew from 7 last year to 22 and they may need to find a larger venue.

Superintendent Gdowski:

- reported that the combination of people taking full time assignments and attrition has resulted in significant savings, and coupled with savings from staffing of Anthem K-8 for the 2018-2019 school year, he believes there will be no further need to shuffle specials teachers.
- reported that Laura Strickland Richards, daughter of former Board member Dr. Darwin Strickland and Suzanne Strickland, currently serving as a Brigadier General in the U.S. Army,

will be promoted to Major General on Monday June 12, 2017 and he has the honor of attending the promotion ceremony at the Pentagon.

3. Proposed 2017-2018 Budget and Financial Plan and Public Comment - There were no requests to address the Board.

4. General Public Comment - There were no requests to address the Board.

D. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Minutes

Motion by Batz, second by Ms. Lockley, to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of May 24, 2017 as revised.

It was noted that the Call to Order time of 7:05 p.m. was incorrect and it will be corrected.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

District Accountability Committee (DAC) Charge Discussion - Board discussion of (DAC) roles and responsibilities for 2017-2018 included ideas provided by Tracy Dorland, Deputy Superintendent and determined all suggestions were viable subjects for DAC work. It was agreed that the priority should be on the identification and guidance for spending priorities along with the DAC's legislative requirements around the UIP, charter applications and budget review. Staff will work with DAC over the summer to think about priorities, outcomes and timelines for the year, and the interaction of District committees and bring a plan to the Board in August for review. It was acknowledged that the spending priorities subcommittee would need to begin its work on budget much earlier in school year in order to develop the foundational understanding needed to contribute to the process.

2. Certified Employee Contract

Motion by Ms. Plomer, second by Ms Mitchell, to excuse Board Member Jamey Lockley from voting on the Certified Employee Master Agreement as authorized by Colorado Law CRS 22-32-108(6). This action is taken to avoid a potential violation of Board Bylaw 2.3.3 and to avoid the appearance of impropriety based on her spouse's role as a DTEA representative.

Ayes: Batz, Jennings, Mitchell, Plomer.

Abstention: Lockley. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Mitchell, to ratify the Certified Master Agreement changes tentatively agreed upon through the Interest Based Strategies (IBS) negotiations process with the correction to the Compensation Study Committee MOU.

The need to correct the reference to "negative factor" in the last add in bullet of the Compensation Study Committee Memorandum of Understanding to the new terminology "budget stabilization factor" was noted by the Board and will be implemented with the agreement of DTEA President Lori Goldstein.

Ayes: Batz, Mitchell, Plomer.
Nays: Jennings. Motion carried 3-1.

3. Revised Operating Limitations Policy 2.1 Treatment of Students, Their Families and Community Members

Board members and the superintendent discussed the pros and cons of the word "retaliate" in section 2.1.7 and it was determined that the language would be reworded and brought back to the June 21, 2017 meeting for Board consideration and possible action.

4. Revised Operating Limitations Policy 2.10 Effective Family, School and Community Partnering

Motion by Mr. Batz , second by Ms. Mitchell, to adopt revised Board Policy 2.10 Effective Family, School ad Community Partnering as presented.

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

5. Graduation Requirements Update and Discussion

Board discussion of the Competency Requirements expressed general support of adopting the full menu. Discussion of the Credits/Required Coursework Options determined the addition of an Option D for consideration that provides 1.0 PE, 1.0 Fine/Practical Arts and 8.0 Electives.

6. Finance and Audit Committee Charter

Suzi DeYoung, Chief Financial Officers reviewed the core duties and responsibilities of the proposed Finance and Audit Committee (FAC). Board discussion identified a need to review and correct Article II 3 E. and acknowledged that the FAC should be added to the Governance Process Policy 4.6 Board Liaison and Committee Principles once the committee is established. The Board will take action on the FAC at the June 21, 2017 meeting.

7. Proposed 2017-2018 Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas

Board review of the 2017-2018 Board meeting schedule resulted in a number of recommendations and additions that will be incorporated into the schedule and brought to the June 21, 2017 meeting for further review and discussion.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of August 16, 2017.