

**Minutes of the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Held at 1500 E. 128th Avenue, Thornton, CO 80241  
June 21, 2017**

**A. OPENING ITEMS**

1. Call to Order - 5:15 p.m.
2. Roll Call - All Board members were present except Mr. Jennings.
3. Executive Session

Motion by Ms. Lockley, second by Ms. Mitchell, to recess for an executive session to discuss real estate matters regarding the purchase of property for the expansion of Career and Technical Education pursuant to Board Policy 2.5 Asset Protection and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a); to receive legal advice regarding the Cantrell State Court Appeal and arbitrage compliance with regard to General Obligation Bond Series 2006B pursuant to Board Policy 2.0 General Operating Limitations and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b); to discuss real estate matters and receive legal advice regarding the sale of vacant land south of the Educational Support Center and an oil and gas lease pursuant to Board Policies 2.0 General Operating Limitations, 2.5 Asset Protection and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a) and (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 (e).

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

RECESSED 5:17 P.M.

During executive session the Board discussed real estate matters regarding the purchase of property for the expansion of Career and Technical Education for 9 minutes, received legal advice regarding the Cantrell State Court Appeal for 6 minutes, discussed arbitrage compliance with regard to General Obligation Bond Series 2006B for 8 minutes, discussed real estate matters and received legal advice regarding the sale of vacant land south of the Educational Support Center for 8 minutes, discussed real estate matters and received legal advice regarding an oil and gas lease for 17 minutes, and received legal advice and discussed negotiations matters regarding the District's withdrawal from the Adams County Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) / Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group (RMRIG) for 43 minutes.

RECONVENED 6:51 P.M.

**B. WORK STUDY SESSION**

1. Superintendent Update - Superintendent Gdowski updated the Board on the following items.
  - Complaints from Stargate Charter School parents regarding operations of the school and management issues and complaints that involve the Office of Civil Rights concerning Stargate received during the last 12 months.

- Student Leadership Council - The Board expressed support for the Superintendent's plan and he will move forward with getting the Student Leadership Council up and running.
- SAT and PSAT results are embargoed until August 17, 2017 but in general are positive. Science and Social Studies results are in and he will provide an update before he leaves on vacation.
- Construction has started on the Student Health Center at Thornton High School, everything is on schedule and August 11, 2017 is the expected date for substantial completion of construction. An agreement with Kids First, the third party who will provide medical services, is in process
- Northpark discussions have continued with McWhinney, all signs remain positive and the next meeting is July 10, 2017.

RECESSED 7:02 P.M.

RECONVENED 7:10 P.M.

### Approval of Agenda

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

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

## **C. REPORTS, UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

### 1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Dana Miller, Budget Director recognized the Bollman Technical Education Center students who won the budget book cover design contest. Of twenty submissions there were three winners awarded: Holly Pollak, 1st Place, Joelynn Jackson, 2nd Place and Jane Watt, 3rd Place.

Mr. Batz reported spending alot of time at baseball games with Thornton Baseball and indicated it was a great experience for middle school students.

Ms. Lockley expressed her appreciation for the thought instructors put into resources for students and parents so students don't lose ground over the summer.

Ms. Mitchell reported visiting Coronado Hills Elementary School and expressed her amazement at the students and teachers working hard over their summer break. She recognized teachers volunteering their time to work with fifty students in a literacy program from Title schools across the District, teachers providing intervention for students who were thoroughly engaged, the breakfast program, BASE, the Peak Program, the Pre-K program for children of migrant workers and an ELL program for parents in the library. She lauded the energy in the building and commented she couldn't imagine many more kids on a school day.

Ms. Plomer:

- recognized Janette Walters, Executive Director for Secondary Schools, and Mark Hinson, Chief Human Resource Officer upon their retirement and thanked them for their contributions to the District over the years.
- gave kudos to the teams pulling together the Career and Technical Education meetings over the summer that will bring in business folks to provide guidance on expanding the District's program.
- reminded people of the Back to School BASH that will occur on August 12, 2017 at the Five Star Stadium.
- reported attending a CASB Board meeting where they debriefed the 2017 legislative session and strategized to be more proactive for the 2018 session.

Superintendent Gdowski:

- recognized the extensive contributions of Janette Walters and Mark Hinson to Adams 12 over the course of their years. He highlighted Ms. Walters work in developing the Crisis Team and counseling support as a reliable group of individuals that when the District has crisis and challenge in the system nurture fellow staff, grieving and worried parents, and students in distress. He thanked her for developing the cadre of “hearmenders” in the system that wouldn't be the strong and viable group that it is without the heart she brought to it. The Superintendent recalled comments of Mr. Hinson regarding the challenge for adults in having honest and difficult conversations with other adults and commended his courage in having and modelling honest and respectful conversations. He recognized Mr. Hinson’s deep and caring compassion for kids and his ability to deal with challenging circumstances and environments with empathy, respect and support.
- reported attending the promotion of Laura Strickland Richardson, daughter of former Board member Darwin Strickland and Northglenn High School graduate, to 3 Star General. He noted that when she graduated from Metropolitan State College in the ROTC Program she was one of about 6,400 Second Lieutenants commissioned by the U.S. Army at that time and there are now 3 of those 6400 who serve as 3 Star Generals and she is the only woman. She is also one of five women who serve as 3 Star Generals in the Army. The Superintendent lauded the accomplishments of an Adams 12 graduate who has gone on to do amazing things in serving and supporting our country. He indicated her next assignment will be as Deputy Commander of a brigade stationed out of Fort Bragg and will oversee 600,000, roughly 1/2 of the 1.2 million soldiers in the U.S. Army. He acknowledged that great parents and a great education system impacted her success.

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

## **D. MONITORING REPORTS**

1. Internal Monitoring Report: 2.1 Treatment of Students, Their Families and Community Members

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Mitchell, to delay the monitoring of Board Policy 2.1 Treatment of Students, Their Families and Community Members to the August 16, 2017 Board meeting.

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

## 2. Internal Monitoring Report: 2.2 Treatment of Staff

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Batz, to acknowledge that the Board has received a monitoring report as of June 21, 2017, for the period April 16, 2016 through April 15, 2017, of the Superintendent concerning Board Policy 2.2 Treatment of Staff, and finds the superintendent's interpretations are reasonable and supported by data that is relevant, justified and complete.

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

## 3. Internal Monitoring Report: 2.3 Financial Planning and Budgeting

Motion by Ms. Lockley, second by Ms. Mitchell, to acknowledge that the Board has received a monitoring report as of June 21, 2017, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, of the Superintendent concerning Board Policy 2.3 Financial Planning and Budgeting, and finds the superintendent's interpretations are reasonable and supported by data that is relevant, justified and complete.

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

## 4. Direct Inspection Monitoring Report: 2.7 Communication and Support to the Board

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Batz, to acknowledge that the Board has conducted a direct inspection monitoring as of June 21, 2017 of the Superintendent concerning Board Policy 2.7 Communication and Support to the Board and finds that the superintendent has complied with policy statements.

The board requested additional time for board packet review and the superintendent committed that the board meeting agenda and attachments would be available by days end on Thursday.

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

## **E. CONSENT AGENDA**

### 1. Joint Motion

Motion by Ms. Lockley, second by Mr. Batz, to approve agenda items E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5 and E-6, as stated in the Board agenda dated June 21, 2017.

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

## 2. Personnel Actions

Approved the Personnel Actions as listed:

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

## 3. Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Resolution

Adopted the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget Resolution as presented.

## 4. Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Appropriation Resolution

Adopted the Fiscal 2017-2018 Appropriation Resolution as presented.

## 5. Resolution Authorizing for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 the Use of a Portion of Beginning Fund Balance

Adopted the Resolution Authorizing for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 the Use of a Portion of Beginning Fund Balance as Authorized by Colorado Statutes as presented.

## 6. Resolution Authorizing the Collection of Fees for 2017-2018 School Year

Adopted the Resolution Authorizing the Collection of Fees for the 2017-2018 School Year as presented.

## **F. BOARD BUSINESS**

### 1. Minutes

There was general consensus of the Board to delay approval of the June 7, 2017 minutes until the next Board meeting due to issues with the posting of the minutes in BoardDocs.

### 2. Graduation Guidelines

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Lockley, to adopt the Graduation Guidelines, including the full Menu of College and Career-Ready Demonstrations and the Credits/Required Coursework outlined in Option B, as presented, in compliance with C.R.S. 22-2-106.

The Board requested an update when the Collaboratively-Developed Assessment competency requirement is developed. Superintendent Gdowski confirmed the Board's intent that with the adoption of Option B the PE waiver would be eliminated starting with the Class of 2021.

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.

Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

### 3. Proposed Contract for Purchase and Sale of 13.5 Acres South of the ESC

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Batz, to approve the sale of district property consisting of approximately 13.5 acres of vacant land to the south of the ESC, which land is not needed for school purposes within the foreseeable future, and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the proposed Agreement for the Purchase and Sale Agreement with Century Land Holdings, LLC at a sales price of \$5,325,000.

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

### 4. Finance and Audit Committee Bylaws

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Batz, to adopt the Finance and Audit Committee Bylaws presented as revised by Board discussion.

Board discussion determined Article II-3-F should be moved to Article II-4-C.

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

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

Motion by Ms. Lockley, second by Mr. Batz, to adopt revised Board Policy 2.1 Treatment of Students, Their Families and Community Members presented as revised by Board discussion.

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

### 6. Revised Governance Process Policy 4.6 Board Liaison and Committee Principles

Motion by Mr. Batz, second by Ms. Lockley, to adopt revised Board Policy 4.6 Board Liaison and Committee Principles as presented.

Ayes: Batz, Lockley, Mitchell, Plomer.  
Nays: None. Motion carried: 4-0.

### 7. Proposed 2017-2018 Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas

Board members discussed the 2017-2018 Board meeting schedule and agenda items and will continue to modify when needed.

## **G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1. Calendar**

In regard to the CASB Resolutions item for the August 16, 2017 meeting Ms. Plomer acknowledged a letter from Littleton Public Schools regarding the impact of Medicaid cuts on their school district if the new health care proposal passes. She called attention to these kinds of issues that don't seem to be education related but have an impact.

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.