

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION, ADAMS 12 FIVE STAR SCHOOLS, HELD AT  
1500 E. 128<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, THORNTON, CO 80241, JUNE 4, 2016.

PRESENT:

Board of Education

B. Batz

N. Jennings

J. Lockley

L. Mitchell

K. Plomer

C. Gdowski, Superintendent

**RETREAT AGENDA**

Call to Order (Item A-1)

Ms. Plomer called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

Roll Call (Item A-2)

All Board Members were present.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Ends Policy Review and Discussion (Item B-1)

Priscilla Straughn, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented information regarding the Colorado State Standards to inform the Board's discussion around defining literacy.

The Board reviewed input received from its 3 year community engagement process. Members worked in breakout groups and as a whole to detail the feedback received from parents, staff and community, grouped similar topics and drafted policy language to address the group topics.

Lunch and Superintendent Update (Item B-2)

The Superintendent updated the Board on the District's bond planning to narrow the needs list from \$500 million to \$350 million and to hone specificity at the building level regarding projects that allow effective communication and accountability.

Operating Limitations Policy 2.4.1 Financial Condition and Activities: General Fund Balance – Plomer/Gdowski (Item B-3)

The Board discussed language in Policy 2.4.1 regarding ending fund balance, use of the 3% discretionary reserve, and replenishing the reserve in light of administration's request for waiver

to this policy. The Board determined the discretionary reserve could only be used for the achievement of Board Ends and in compliance with Operating Limitations Policies with prior Board approval and with a plan to replenish the discretionary reserve. A revised Board Policy 2.4 will be brought to the Board for consideration at its June 15, 2016 meeting. The Superintendent will also present a plan for restoring the 3% discretionary reserve in the General Fund at that meeting.

Adjournment (Item C-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.