

**BOARD Meeting Activity
Regular Board Meeting
June 14, 2023**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education convened into executive session to discuss: negotiations [per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)] particular matter: Superintendent contract; and personnel [per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)] particular matter: Superintendent contract and evaluation.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gaal highlighted the following in his presentation:

- One Plan Symposium success and a shout out to staff instrumental in coordinating the event.
- Summer Bridge participation and engagement.

Patrick Davis and Joshua Jackson with Perkins Eastman and Doug Abernethy with RTA Architects updated the Board on the Academic Support Plan.

Legislative Update

District Legislative Liaison Dylan Peper briefed the Board of Education on the 2023 Legislative Session and matters affecting K-12 education and funding.

Board Members' Reports

The Board members reported on their various activities.

President Melpakam facilitated a presentation on the Crystal Apple Awards program with Nora Brown, who recognized LouAnn Dekleva and the Crystal Apple Chairperson, Barbara Harris.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of May 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education approved the May 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. Certified copies of the Board of Education's official minutes may be obtained from the Records Management Center. The requester will bear the cost of copying, per Board Policy BEDG. All minutes are available in BoardDocs through the Board of Education District website after approval by the Board of Education.

Approval of May 17, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

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Approval of May 23, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education approved the May 23, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes. Certified copies of the Board of Education's official minutes may be obtained from the Records Management Center. The requester will bear the cost of copying, per Board Policy BEDG. All minutes are available in BoardDocs through the Board of Education District website after approval by the Board of Education.

Personnel Recommendations - June 14, 2023

The Board of Education approved the Personnel Recommendations for June 14, 2023.

Resolution 2023-38, Use of Portion of Beginning Fund Balance

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2022-38 Use of Portion of Beginning Fund Balance.

Resolution 2023-39, Designations of Fund Balance

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2023-39, Designations of Fund Balance.

Resolution 2023-40, Interfund Borrowing

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2023-40, Interfund Borrowing.

ACTION ITEMS

Contract Awards - Contract C2023-1052 Jenkins Middle School Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning Replacement

The Board of Education approved contract C2023-1052 award to Olson Plumbing and Heating for Jenkins HVAC Replacement in the amount of \$4,397,670 and allow an additional 10% contract cost increase for any approved contract modifications without further Board contract approval. The performance period will begin May 25, 2024, with a completion date of August 1, 2024.

Senior Contract Specialist Jocelyn Kupferman introduced Olson Plumbing and Heating Project Manager Kris Damgaard, Assistant Director of Facilities and previous Capital Project Manager James Warren, Interim Executive Director of Procurement Rosa Garcia, and Interim Capital Program Manager Jennifer Hotaling, overseeing this project.

Ms. Kupferman discussed the contract's provisions, funding, design effort, contract solicitation process, and the final contract award.

Background Summary

Jenkins Middle School has an outdated, unsupported building automation system with obsolete parts that are difficult to maintain. The existing rooftop units will be 25 years old at the time of replacement and are starting to have regular and expensive breakdowns. The current rooftop units have been working extra hard due to the extended ventilation we were supplementing with at high energy costs. The designed units will maintain better ventilation for a healthy environment. The existing boiler plant is of standard efficiency; the new boiler plant with high efficiency provides an overall lower utility operating cost.

District staff used a competitive process to select Farris Engineering to design the HVAC system improvements and additions. Farris' continuing services will include construction administration, document and submittal reviews, and providing "as-built" drawings once the project is complete.

Construction Contract

The District issued an RFP for a Construction Contract to replace all HVAC units at Jenkins Middle School. The evaluation team, including functional experts in the Facilities Department and advisors from the D11 team, selected Olson Plumbing and Heating as the overall "best value" for this HVAC Replacement project at Jenkins.

Upon Board approval, the contractor will begin ordering the required equipment and materials (which has up to a 31-week lead time). The construction performance period will begin May 25, 2024, and end August 1, 2024. Testing and commissioning will occur following the end of the construction period.

FTE Approvals - ESP Kindergarten Aides

The Board of Education approved the request for 2 FTE for (4) ESP Kindergarten Aides.

Area Superintendent Dr. Brandan Comfort explained that Chipeta, Trailblazer, Scott, and Buena Vista Elementary Schools are above projections in kindergarten with enrolled students, and more enrollment is anticipated as the summer progresses. This additional enrollment necessitates an added kindergarten classroom for each of these schools. Kindergarten teachers for these added classrooms have been identified using existing FTE resources. A 4-hour kindergarten aid (ESP) is needed for each new classroom.

Dr. Comfort discussed the district partnership with Allovue and how that will impact school staffing needs in the future.

FTE Approvals - Tesla MS (3) FTE positions

The Board of Education approved the General Fund FTE Request for 3 additional positions at Tesla Middle School at a cost of \$275,709.

Superintendent Gaal discussed this agenda item, and Tesla Principal Mr. Jason Miller described the positions requested.

Tesla Middle School will be moving to the Tesla Professional Development building in the fall and is predicted to grow. These new FTE positions will contribute to the success and well-being of the schools and their students.

Additional information regarding the growth potential for Tesla Middle School and how that will impact staffing was noted.

Resolution 2023-37 Student Fees, Fines, and Charges for SY 2023-2024

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2023-27 Student Fees, Fines, and Charges for SY 2023-2024.

Area Superintendent Sherry Kalbach provided an overview of the resolution and changes to the original non-action agenda item.

Board of Education Policy JQ calls for a fair mechanism by which students pay reasonable fees to help defray the cost of such programs, activities, and amenities to the school district without making them prohibitively expensive.

This resolution sets the student and parent fees/fines and charges for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 22-23-117 Miscellaneous Fees, a list of fees/fines collected shall be approved by the Board of Education in a resolution authorizing the collection of such fees/fines. Each year the schools are asked to update the list of fees/fines collected at their sites. The resolution allows the fee/fine schedule to be updated during the year, and any revisions will be presented with the following year's fee/fine schedule for Board of Education approval.

The Board of Education should be satisfied that the fees, fines, and charges are adequate and equitable for district customers and that the fees, fines, and charges are fairly authorized and enforced.

Key staff updating the fees, fines, and charges included all District 11 principals; Area Superintendents Dr. Brandan Comfort, Darren Joiner, Sherry Kalbach, Dr. Scott Mendelsberg, and Bryan Relich; Facilitator - Gifted and Talented Emily Andrews; Director of Policy & Archives Dr. Greg Ecks; Facilitator for Arts/Music Laurilea McDaniel; Director of Athletics Chris Noll; Director of Food and Nutrition Services Janine Russell; and Director for Instructional Technology and Library Resources Melissa Smead.

Resolution 2023-41, Appropriation of the FY23/24 Budget

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2023-41, Appropriation of the FY23/24 Budget, and therefore adopted the FY 2023-2024 budget as presented.

Senior Executive Director of Financial Services Laura Hronik addressed the Board and discussed the comprehensive FY2023-2024 Budget Book that will be released once the budget is adopted and thanked the team, comprised of staff and citizens, for their work in creating the budget and how it supports the District's goals.

Mr. Gaal discussed the transparent, equitable, and accountable approach to budget development and publicly acknowledged Laura Hronik and her team.

Colorado Revised Statute 22-44-110(4) requires that the Board of Education adopts a budget with an appropriation resolution, by fund, for the next fiscal year. The appropriation resolution sets the maximum level of expenditures, subject to re-appropriation, for each fund for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

By approving this appropriation resolution, the Board of Education adopts the budget. The District uses a budget consideration process that utilizes staff and community participation and involvement. In addition to the countless hours of discussion and debate at multiple levels of the organization, including employee group input, the District enjoys a strong relationship with the District Accountability Committee's (DAC) Budget Subcommittee. The DAC Budget Subcommittee plays a key role in bringing community input into resourcing the District mission.

The objectives of the budget adoption process are to best resource the District's business/strategic plan, reflect the priorities of the District 11 Board of Education, comply with all regulatory requirements, and provide a sound financial plan with adequate contingencies for the stewardship of taxpayer resources.

Policy JFBA/JFBB - School Choice-Open Enrollment and Transfers

The Board of Education adopted the revised version of Policy JFBA/JFBB, School Choice-Open Enrollment, and Transfers.

Prepared by: Director of Policy and Archives, Dr. Gregory B. Ecks

Policy JFBA/JFBB, School Choice - Open Enrollment and Transfers, provides information addressing students choosing to attend other District 11 schools not within their residential attendance boundaries.

The policy and regulation have been revised to outline centralized enrollment processes and procedures.

The Board's Policy Committee recommends that the Board adopt the revised version of Policy JFBA/JFBB, School Choice-Open Enrollment, and Transfers.

DAC Membership & Charge

The Board of Education approved the DAC Chair and Vice Chair for the 2023-2024 school year.

District Accountability Committee (DAC) Chair Velvet Stepanek addressed the Board and thanked committee members, the sub-committee chairs, and district staff that worked with and assisted the DAC and sub-committees. Board members thanked Ms. Stepank for her work.

Resolution 2023-42, Juneteenth Holiday Observance

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2023-42, Observance of Juneteenth Holiday.

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education values and honors the National, State of Colorado, and City of Colorado Springs Juneteenth ideals and commemoration of America's second Independence Day Observance, the "June 19," as one which completes the cycle of America's 18th century Independence Movement, initiated with the "4th of July," 1776 "Declaration of Independence" and to advance this country's sincere dialogue of the realization of what Juneteenth historically means to all Americans, promoting racial healing, reconciliation, restoration, and justice.

Resolution 2023-43, Support for Economic Freedom and Impartial Classrooms

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2023-43, Support for Economic Freedom and Impartial Classrooms.

In response to the concerns shared by parents, staff, and community members to the anti-capitalism resolution adopted by the Colorado Education Association (CEA) in April 2023, the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education recognizes the importance of addressing this subject matter and the need to take local action in support of economic freedom and impartial classrooms.

Questions and comments by Board Directors in favor of and in opposition to this resolution followed.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/TASKS

Request for New Agenda Items from Board. Discussion/Tasks

Thumbs-up acknowledgment determined that a request for a comparison document of our district to other districts, in terms of positions, is the will of the Board. It was noted that this information was provided to the Board in the past and stated that it included details regarding the percentage of staff broken down by administrative, teacher, and ESP.

A sample of a previous report was requested, and Mr. Gaal indicated that he would follow up with this request upon receipt of a source document.

CALENDAR REVIEW

Calendar Review

This is the last meeting of the 2022-2023 academic year. The Board agreed via thumbs-up acknowledgment to cancel the June 21 Work Session and June 28 Regular Board Meeting reflected on the Board Calendar/Approved Meeting Dates for 2022/2023.

Next scheduled meetings/events:

Wed., Work Session, August 2, 2023, 4:00 p.m., boardroom

Wed., Board Meeting, August 9, 2023, 5:30 p.m., boardroom

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.