

BOARD Meeting Activity
April 26, 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 matters: Interest Based Bargaining (IBB) and Meet and Confer.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Teams from Jenkins and Holmes Middle Schools were recognized for participating in and performing at the Colorado Future Business Leaders of America Middle-Level State Conference. Twenty-nine students qualified to compete in Nationals and will travel to Atlanta this summer to compete against the best of the best, from all states, in 17 categories, ranging from Business Ethics to Website Design. Future Business Leaders of America, or FBLA, is the world's largest Business, Career, and Technical Student Organization.

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT – GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal Ryan Miller presented information on Grant Elementary School, including Grant's school performance and growth, their Capturing Kids' Hearts Program noting that Grant is a National Showcase School, their 5 Essentials survey results, the Focus Plan Time school initiative, STEAM Lab, and discussed their Title I Special Events. Grant Elementary School staff and students led the Board directors in a pollinator presentation and activity. In conclusion, Principal Miller recognized Grant Elementary School staff members and authors Chelsea Lewis and Kathy Nash and provided Superintendent Gaal and Board Members with a copy of their book.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gaal highlighted the following in a presentation:

- Grant Elementary School students Christian and Gabriel gave shout-outs to their teachers: Ms. Anderson for her work with Christian on his reading goals, and Gabriel to Ms. Morris for teaching her new things.
- Coronado High School students Taka Montez de Oca and Ana Lucia are Best and Brightest Award winners.
- District Science and Engineering Fair at Mitchell High School.
- Schools, educators, and coaches that won the Gazette's 2023 Best of the Springs.
- Teacher Tuesday shout-outs to Christine Baldwin, Windy Vlad, Zanita Ricks, and Christopher Cruz.
- Let's Talk, a new D11 online customer service tool.
- The new School Zone at Doherty High School.

Velvet Stepanek, a Family, School, and Community Partnerships (FSCP) Celebrations Committee member highlighted initiatives and events at Steele Elementary School and Sabin Middle School in April. FSCP

highlighted Steele Elementary School's community garden and Junior Achievement Program, and Sabin Middle School's Community partnership events, Sabin Square, Watch D.O.G.S., and Clubs.

Legislative Update

Interim Chief Operations Officer Kris Odom and Legislative Liaison Dylan Peper briefed the Board of Education on current legislative matters affecting K-12 education, including the School Finance Act and other bills impacting education under consideration in the Colorado General Assembly.

Superintendent Gaal thanked Mr. Peper for his work on the School Finance Act on behalf of the District and discussed current district work on budget development.

Board Members' Reports

The Board members reported on their various activities.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of the April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education approved the April 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes. Certified copies of the Board of Education's official minutes may be obtained from the Records Management Center. The cost of copying will be borne by the requester, 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 - April 26, 2023

The Board of Education approved the Personnel Recommendations for April 26, 2023.

Policy KDE - Crisis Management

The Board of Education approved Policy KDE, Crisis Management, for adoption as revised.

ACTION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING - Colorado International Language Academy (CILA) Application

There were no public comments during the 6:00 p.m. public hearing regarding the Colorado International Language Academy (CILA) Charter School Application.

Contract Awards - Contract C2023-0008 CISCO Security Enterprise Agreement (EA) Solutions for District 11

Director Jorgenson moved that the Board of Education approve contract C2023-0008 to ConvergeOne for the CISCO Security EA Solution licenses, maintenance, and support at a total contract value of \$2,160,338. If fully executed, the contract will end on June 30, 2027.

Superintendent Gaal handed the presentation over to Interim Chief Operations Officer Kris Odom and the Director of Network and Telecommunications Ray Caplinger, who discussed the need for increased Cyber Security and how the Cisco Security EA contract will provide a suite of cyber security tools for an updated cyber solution.

Chief Odom provided an overview of the contract solicitation process.

Background: The Technology Services Division searched for a network and cybersecurity solution for several years but did not have the capital to purchase additional network and cybersecurity protection. When the pandemic hit in 2020, and students and staff were issued 1:1 wireless devices provided with technology and ESSER funding, the need for cybersecurity became extremely important.

Solicitation and Contract: This was a full and open competition resulting in a lowest technically acceptable price solution resulting in an award to ConvergeOne for a five-year contract term. The initial funding for this project will come from ESSER III, and Technology Services Division funds will be used to cover the remaining balance. This contract provides a comprehensive, integrated security solution to mitigate cybersecurity risks from wireless devices going back and forth from unsecured home networks to the district network. Allowing staff and students to log on from anywhere at any time is an inherent risk; we must upgrade our security infrastructure to support 21st-century learning.

Using the tools in the CISCO Enterprise Agreement (EA) provides the first step in our cyber risk posture and compliance with our cybersecurity policy.

ESSER III will fund the current period (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) and the following two annual renewable terms before ending September 30, 2024. Technology Services Division funds will fund the remaining two option years. If fully executed, this contract will end on June 30, 2027.

Budget Transfer, Appropriations, and FTE Approvals

Director Nelson moved that the Board of Education approves the \$345,000.00 Capital Reserve contingency fund transfer to contract for consulting design services to develop a facility plan that aligns with the Academic Master Plan (AMP) in accordance with Policy DBJ.

Capital Program Manager Hannah White and Interim Capital Program Manager Jennifer Hotaling briefed the Board of Education on this budget transfer request to contract for consulting design services to develop a facility plan that designs an academic learning environment vision that aligns with the Academic Master Plan (AMP). This plan will include CTE program needs, green initiatives, and Pathway needs.

Mr. Gaal reviewed information regarding the District's need for facility plan design consulting services, steps previously committed to the Board of Education related to providing information about a possible future bond measure, and how this contingency fund transfer aligns with this.

The Academic Support Plan project overview will be discussed at the May 3, 2023, Board Work Session.

Call the Previous Question

Director Loma moved that the Board of Education call the previous question.

Board members briefly discussed the impact of this motion on the continued discussion of Action Item F3.

Resolution 2023-29 New Charter School Application – Colorado International Language Academy (CILA)

Director Jorgenson moved that the Board of Education approve Resolution 2023-29, the Colorado International Language Academy charter school application.

This item was presented to the Board of Education as non-action during the April 12 meeting and reviewed in depth during the April 19, 2023, Board Work Session.

Area Superintendent for Charter Schools, Dr. Scott Mendelsberg, noted that additional information had been provided to the Board in response to the discussion at the April 19, 2023, Board Work Session. Principal Barbara Rutter and CILA Board Vice President Cami Bremer thanked the Board for the time and effort taken to review the CILA application.

The Colorado International Language Academy (CILA) transfer charter application was submitted as an initial five-year application to begin with the 2023-24 academic school year.

Key components of the charter application include the following:

- CILA plans to deliver challenging and rigorous academics focusing on strategic language immersion and culture in Mandarin, German, and Spanish.
- The CILA curriculum intends to develop the whole person intellectually, physically, and as a person of character, committed to life-long learning and service to the community and country.
- The location of the school will be 303 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Colorado Springs, CO 80918.
- CILA intends to open its doors as a Colorado Springs School District 11 authorized charter school in Fall 2023.
- The mission of CILA is to provide a rigorous academic program designed to make the student fluent in English and another major language and culture; provide an academically challenging, content-rich curriculum; develop citizens of good character and discipline.

BACKGROUND: The Charter School Act is intended to encourage innovation in education. C.R.S. 22-30.5-104 identifies the requirements and authority of a charter school. C.R.S. 22-30.5-106 lists the contents that the application must minimally address.

Resolution 2023-28 GLOBE Charter School Modification to Expand the Grade Configuration

Director Daniels moved that the Board of Education approve Resolution 2023-28, GLOBE Charter School's application to modify its grade configuration.

Prepared by/Presenter: Area Superintendent for Charter Schools Dr. Scott Mendelsberg.

Global Learning Objectives for Better Education (GLOBE) Charter school's curriculum, under its current authorization from Colorado Springs School District 11 (D11), serves kindergarten through 6th-grade students. GLOBE Charter School would like to modify its contract and expand its curriculum to include 7th and 8th grade. This contract modification would allow GLOBE Charter School to provide the same small school environment to 7th-grade students in 2023-2024 and offer 8th-grade beginning the 2024-2025 school year. According to D11 Policy DJ, Section III.a, any modification to a charter school's grade configuration requires a comprehensive review.

Resolution 2023-30, National Teacher Appreciation Week

Director Ott moved that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2023-30, recognizing May 8-12, 2023, as National Teacher Appreciation Week.

Chief of Personnel Support Services Ms. Phoebe Bailey and CSEA President Dr. Joe Schott thanked and spoke to the Board on behalf of District teachers. Dr. Schott noted the skills that district teachers possess and the responsibilities that they hold. In addition, he thanked Mr. Gaal for the recently implemented practice of having students provide teacher shout-outs during board meetings.

America's greatest strength has always been an educated citizenry, and that citizenry is directly attributable to our system of free and universal public education. Annually teachers are recognized for their efforts in educating our nation's youth during National Teacher Appreciation Week, which this year is May 8 - 12, 2023.

Resolution 2023-31, Financial Literacy Month

Director Jorgenson moved that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2023-31, recognizing April 2023 as Financial Literacy Month in District 11.

Director Jorgenson discussed the importance of financial literacy education and the work of staff related to financial literacy and the graduation profile.

Resolution 2023-32, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Director Daniels moved that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2023-32, recognizing May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

The Board of Education presented this resolution.

May is set aside to honor the numerous contributions Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) have made to the United States. In 1977, Congress introduced a House resolution to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Week, a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution to designate this as an annual celebration. In 1990, May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States, which was May 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, in which the majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. In 1990, Congress voted to expand Asian Pacific Heritage from a week to a month-long celebration, and in May 1992, May was permanently designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

President Melpakam stated that all students are valued, seen, and heard in District 11.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Instructional Materials and Secondary Courses Approval

Superintendent Gaal introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to the Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Karol Gates.

Pursuant to Policy IJJ, The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education is legally responsible for the adoption of instructional resources which are to be used in the implementation of Colorado Springs School District 11's (the District's) most current core instructional framework (see Policy IHA, Basic Instructional Program).

The Board expects staff to regularly review and evaluate the educational program, to recommend modifications of practice, changes in curriculum content, and the addition of new curriculum/courses to the educational program.

Curriculum development, review, and evaluation shall be guided by such factors as:

- 1.) Studies and information concerning the academic needs of students in the District.
- 2.) Current research, theory, and proven practices.
- 3.) Consideration of achievement results, educational equity, curriculum content, and instructional practices.
- 4.) Assessment of District-adopted academic standards.

Once approved by the curriculum facilitator (or curriculum committee as applicable), the request is submitted to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for approval.

In addition to instructional material review, course updates and new proposals are submitted to the Board twice a year. Teachers, teacher-leaders, principals, and content facilitators participate collaboratively in a selection process to bring materials and courses forward for Board of Education approval.

Community review of materials requested for adoption by the Board of Education will be held during each approval period. Community review notifications are posted for each period on the District 11 website and through the District 11 Loop messaging system.

Once materials are approved, building, central, and Mill Levy Override budgets may be used to purchase materials.

It is requested that the Board of Education approve the instructional materials and new or amended courses as submitted.

A link to the current Colorado Academic Standards was provided.

The Instructional Materials and Secondary Courses Approval will come before the Board as an action item during the next regular board meeting.

Proposed Board Meeting Dates for FY 2023-2024

Prepared by: Secretary to the Board of Education Melisa Olsen

Per Board Policy BE, School Board Meetings/Regular Meetings/Special Meetings/Work Sessions, the Board meets in regular session on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Proposed Board Meeting Dates for FY 2023-2024 will come before the Board again as an action item during the next regular board meeting.

Policy JLCD, Administering Medicines to Students

Director of Policy and Archival Resources Dr. Gregory B. Ecks presented this agenda item to the Board, indicating that the recommended revisions align with the Code of Colorado regulations.

The Board agreed via thumbs to move this agenda item to consent at the next regular board meeting.

Policy JLCDC - Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting

Director of Policy and Archival Resources Dr. Gregory B. Ecks and Executive Director of Special Education Judy Gudvangen presented information to the Board, including a discussion regarding the law passed by the Colorado State Legislature requiring that students have reasonable access to medically necessary services. In addition, Dr. Ecks and Ms. Gudvangen discussed the requirements of the District related to this law.

The Board agreed via thumbs to move this agenda item to consent at the next regular board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/TASKS

Request for New Agenda Items from Board Discussion/Tasks

President Melpakam discussed the current School Board Meeting Calendar and the May 24, 2022, meeting. He identified that date as a typographical error and confirmed that the correct date should have been May 24, 2023.

As May 24, 2023, occurs during graduation week, the Board agreed via thumbs up to remove the May 24, 2023, meeting. Therefore, the Board will not convene for a regular meeting on May 24, 2023.

CALENDAR REVIEW

Calendar Review

President Melpakam reviewed the following dates:

Wed., May 3, 2023, Work Session, 4:00 p.m., boardroom

Wed., May 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., boardroom

Wed., May 17, 2023, Special Meeting, 4:00 p.m., boardroom

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.