

**BOARD Meeting Activity
December 14, 2022**

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SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT – MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent Michael Gaal facilitated the Mitchell High School Promise Celebration. Community, students, and alumni spoke regarding the Mitchell Promise and their experiences with Mitchell High School.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Board Members' Reports

The Board members reported on their various activities.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Michael Gaal gave shout-outs to the following: Victoria Hernandez-Interiano, a student at the Bijou School in the CLEP Program; Dr. Scott Mendelsberg; Mary Catherine Ruben-Clapper; D11 Secondary Principals; Tanieal, Zane, Caleb, John and Alex, students enrolled in the S.T.R.I.V.E transition program; Mike Willis; Naomi Lopez; and Laurilea McDaniel.

Superintendent Gaal introduced the following:

- Tara Berry, Principal at Martinez Elementary School, led Martinez Elementary students in a presentation honoring their teachers.
- Spark Online Academy Principal, Julie Johnson, and two students, Carter Johnson and Nicolina Greco spoke about the Spark Online Academy student-led conferences.
- Chief Communication Officer Devra Ashby and Marketing Coordinator Paige Karn spoke of communications and marketing stories.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Board 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. The Board of Education approved the minutes of the November 9, 2022, regular board

meeting and the November 30, 2022, special meeting. All minutes are available in BoardDocs through the Board of Education District website, after approval by the Board of Education.

Personnel Recommendations - December 14, 2022

The Board of Education approved the Personnel Recommendations for December 14, 2022.

ACTION ITEMS

Contract Awards

There were no Contract Awards.

Budget Transfer, Appropriations, and FTE Approvals

There were no Budget Transfers, Appropriations, or FTE Approvals.

Urban Renewal Authority: Gold Hill Mesa - School District Property Tax Increment Revenue Agreement

This item was presented as non-action at the November 30 special meeting.

The Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority (CSURA) asked the District to approve a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) zone for the 21st St and Cimarron project in the Gold Hill Mesa Development for housing and commercial/retail uses.

Executive Director Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Jariah Walker commented on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) process and thanked D11 staff that assisted during the process.

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2023-12, Gold Hills Mesa Urban Renewal Authority Tax Increment Financing Agreement.

Instructional Materials and Secondary Courses Approval

This item was presented as non-action at the November 9 regular meeting.

All course proposals submitted for approval or deletion have completed the required process of the Division of Achievement, Learning, & Leadership. Board of Education Policy IGA (Curriculum Development) states, "Curriculum development, review, and evaluation shall be the responsibility of the District staff. After development, review, and/or evaluation by a curriculum committee, all new curriculum, programs, and courses of study as well as changes resulting in the elimination or extensive alteration of the content of the current curriculum, programs, or courses of study, shall be presented by the Superintendent/designee (Deputy Superintendent/Director) to the Board for its consideration and action."

The Board of Education approved the instructional materials, new or amended courses as submitted.

Resolution 2023-13 Mill Levy Rates Component Certification

This item was presented as non-action at the November 30 special meeting.

By statute, the District's mill levy rates must be certified by December 15 of each calendar year. The mill levy rates presented are based on assessed valuations as provided by the El Paso County tax assessor. The Budget Office determined the final mill rates after receiving the certification of assessed valuation from the El Paso County tax assessor.

The Board of Education approved the 2023 Mill Levy Rates for certification to the El Paso County Treasurer.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Recommendation for Teacher Dismissal and Acknowledgment of Receipt of Recommendation
Superintendent Michael Gaal submitted a recommendation for the dismissal of Sarah Jones, a teacher at Mitchell High School.

President Melpakam acknowledged receipt of the recommendation.

6:00 p.m.: PUBLIC HEARING - James Irwin Charter Academy and Colorado Military Academy Charter School Applications

There were two public comments for items about the PUBLIC HEARING - James Irwin Charter Academy and Colorado Military Academy Charter School Applications

Board Policy LC Research Projects

Director of Policy Dr. Gregory B. Ecks presented the next 4 non-action items.

Policy LC was revised to align with current department and leadership titles.

The Board agreed to move Board Policy LC Research Projects to action on January 11 regular meeting with proposed language revisions.

Board Policy JH-R-2/DIA

Board policy JH-R-2 was introduced for repeal and adoption/realignment as policy DIA. This realignment aligns policy with national and state coding standards, which identify the fiscal management of online schools and programs.

The Board agreed to move this policy to consent at the January 11 regular meeting.

Board Policy GBGB Staff Safety

Policy GBGB - Staff Safety was introduced for adoption and alignment to CRS and coding standards. This policy was repealed in 2018 and placed into policy AD and related management directives.

The Board agreed to send Board Policy GBGB Staff Safety back to the policy committee for language revisions.

Board Policy GBEB/GBEBA Staff Dress Code

Policy GBEB and GBEB-R were presented for repeal and reintroduction as policy GBEB. GBEB contains revised language and a new provision covering uniformed employees. Regulation GBEB-R will not be reintroduced for adoption as GBEB-R. Realigning GBEB to state and national coding standards allows a new GBEB Staff Conduct policy currently in committee.

The Board agreed to send Board Policy GBEB/GBEB Staff Dress Code back to the policy committee for language revisions.

District Review New Charter School Application – James Irwin Charter Academy

Superintendent Michael Gaal introduced the topic and turned over the presentation to Dr. Scott Mendelsberg, Area Superintendent, Mr. Tom Weston, Charter School Liaison, and Velvet Stepanek, District Accountability Committee (DAC) Chair.

Dr. Mendelsberg introduced Rob Daugherty, CEO of the James Irwin Charter Schools who continued and concluded the presentation.

The James Irwin Charter Academy (JICA) 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:

JICA's general educational philosophy is that we believe that all children can learn when taught correctly, regardless of history. All teachers can be successful, given effective teaching materials and presentation techniques. This is the starting point of our philosophy of instruction. It has been and remains the desire of the JICS Board and administration to share ideas and teaching philosophies with other like-minded schools and districts.

JICA intends to open its doors in the Fall of 2023.

The location of the school is projected for 1801 Howard Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, and consists of an elementary school serving 308 students in grades K-5. It is situated on 10.53 acres and has 34,000 sq. ft. of building space.

The mission of JICA is to help guide students in the development of their character and academic potential through academically rigorous, content-rich educational programs. JICA believes that "Character is Destiny," meaning that good character is essential to be a fully functioning contributor to society.

The Board agreed to address this item at the January 4 work session and requested additional information from JICA for review before that work session.

District Review New Charter School Application – Colorado Military Academy Charter School

Presentation by: Velvet Stepanek, District Accountability Committee (DAC) Chair (DAC Report); Dr. Scott Mendelsberg, Area Superintendent; Brad Miller, legal counsel for Colorado Military Academy; General Douglas Murray, CMA board chair; Cynthia Lucero, CMA High School Principal

The Colorado Military Academy Charter School (CMACS) 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:

CMACS plans to implement an educational program that is intended to prepare cadets for today's colleges and tomorrow's careers by engaging cadets in a rigorous and high-tech curriculum in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) while building strong moral character through an environment of military leadership development. CMACS intends to open its doors in the Fall of 2023.

The location of the school is projected for 360 Command View, Colorado Springs, CO 80915.

CMA's innovative educational advantages include advanced technology, meaningful parental involvement, student uniforms, consistent and enforced discipline policies, motivated staff, community focus, integrated character education, and high academic growth and performance.

The Board agreed to address this item at the January 4 work session and requested additional information from CMA for review before that work session.

CALENDAR REVIEW

President Melpakam reviewed the following dates:

Thursday, Board of Education Breakfast with Legislators, December 15, 2022, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.,
Urbanites Leading the Pikes Peak Region

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 p.m.