

**BOARD Meeting Activity**  
**September 28, 2022**

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**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Three D11 Counselors Awarded Counselor of the Year**

The Colorado School Counselor Association (CSCA) is the state division of the American School Counselor Association and represents more than 1,600 school counselors in Colorado. For the second year in a row, the Colorado School Counseling Association selected three D11 counselors as recipients of the Counselor of the Year Award. Cassidy Bristol from Wilson Elementary, was selected as the Elementary School Counselor of the Year, Sarah Clapham from West Middle School as the Middle School Counselor of the Year, and Timothy Garland from Doherty High School as the High School Counselor of the Year.

**SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT - ODYSSEY EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER OPTIONS**

Odyssey Early College and Career Options Principal Sean Norman shared information on community partners, course offerings, and highlights of the school.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Board Member Reports

The Board members reported on their various activities.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Michael Gaal reported on the following topics:

- Art’s Month and Makerspace Lab Projects at Taylor Elementary
- Shout outs to David Allison, Daniel Riedel, Debbie Batres, Liz Woods, Ashley Byers, Tanya Nash, Donnell Potter, Paige Karn, Kristen Miller, and Dr. Scott Mendelsberg
- Security Update

**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 September 14, 2022, regular board meeting. All minutes are available in BoardDocs through the Board of Education District website, after approval by the Board of Education.

#### Personnel Recommendations – September 28, 2022

The Board of Education approved the Personnel Recommendations for September 28, 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.

#### Board of Education and Superintendent Working Agreement

The Board of Education and Superintendent collaboratively developed the Working Agreement during the Board Retreats on August 18th and September 7th that clearly defines their respective roles and responsibilities.

The Board of Education approved the Working Agreement between the Board and the Superintendent.

#### Unified Improvement Plan (UIP)

Each school in Colorado is assigned an overall school performance rating every year based on student performance and growth on state assessments. Graduation rates and college matriculation are also considered for high schools. Following the assignment of performance ratings, each school is required to develop a Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) that outlines targets for performance outcomes and strategies that the school will implement to improve academic outcomes for students.

UIPs provide a focused improvement plan, including an analysis of student performance data and a detailed action plan. These plans must incorporate ideas and feedback from parents, be approved by the District 11 Board of Education, and be submitted to the Colorado Department of Education on or before October 25, 2022, for review.

The Board of Education approved the West Elementary School, Midland Elementary School, Galileo Middle School, and Mitchell High School Unified Improvement Plans for submission to the Colorado Department of Education.

#### Resolution 2023-03, Arts Month

Arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, design, and visual arts, is essential for a complete and balanced education for all students. Currently, the four Arts disciplines make up 25% of the Colorado Academic Standards.

The Colorado Springs District 11 Board of Education reaffirms the importance of the arts as a critical element of a well-rounded, rigorous academic education and supports the designation of October 2022 as Arts Month in District 11.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2023-03 proclaiming October 2022 as Arts Month in District 11.

#### National Principal Appreciation Month

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2023-04 endorsing October 2022 as National Principal Appreciation Month.

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

#### Unified District Improvement Plan (UDIP)

Unified Improvement Planning was introduced in 2009 to streamline improvement planning components of state and federal accountability requirements. Based on the Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids (SB212-08), the primary purpose of improvement planning is to align efforts to: Ensure all students exit the K-12 education system ready for post-secondary education, and/or to be successful in the workforce, earning a living wage immediately upon graduation.

The intent is that schools and districts create a single plan that has true meaning for stakeholders, ultimately reducing the total number of separate plans required. With that in mind, this non-action agenda item is designed to give the board of education ample opportunity to submit edits, ask clarifying questions, and provide feedback before voting to approve the revised plan for submission to the Colorado Department of Education in late October.

The Board agreed to move this item to action on the Oct. 12 regular meeting.

#### Resolution 2023-05, Defeasement of 2013 Bonds

As part of the 2017 Mill Levy Override (MLO), the District committed to paying off existing debt sooner. The phase-in plan for the 2017 MLO set aside sufficient funds to pay off all outstanding General Obligation (GO) bonds on December 1, 2022. Paying off the bonds at this time would save taxpayers over \$10.8 million in interest over the remaining term of the bonds and result in paying off the bonds eight years early.

The Board agreed to move this item to action at the Oct. 12 regular meeting.

Board Policy KDB and Regulation KDB-R, Public's Right to Know and Freedom of Information Board of Education Policy KDB, Public's Right to Know and Freedom of Information and Regulation KDB-R are being revised to align with Colorado Revised Statute 24-72-201 (Colorado Open Records Act).

The Board agreed to move this item to consent at the Oct. 12 regular meeting with revised language.

#### **FUTURE MEETING/WORK SESSIONS**

President Melpakam reviewed the upcoming dates:

Wed., Work Session, October 5, 2022, 4:00 pm, boardroom

Wed., Board Meeting, October 12, 2022, 5:30 pm, boardroom

Wed., Work Session, October 19, 2022, 4:00 pm, boardroom

Wed., Board Meeting, October 26, 2022, 5:30 pm, boardroom

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.