

**BOARD Meeting Activity  
November 10, 2021**

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**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Superintendent's Report

There was no report presented.

Superintendent's Report: FY20-21 ACFR Presentation

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Executive Director of Financial Services Laura Hronik and Chris Telli and Steve Sauer CPAs of BKD, LLP.

State statutes require an annual audit by a certified public accounting firm of the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This audit is required to be received by the Board of Education by November 30 of each year. The ACFR was delivered to the Board of Education on October 29. The District's auditor, BKD LLP, has given the District an unmodified opinion (the highest assurance) on the District's FY21 ACFR. The District's ACFR will be available to the public at the following link: <https://www.d11.org/Page/325> on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

The District's financial statements are prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for school districts. The ACFR contains district-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements, as well as auditor's opinions, management discussion and analysis, and supplemental information about the District.

The presentation was for information only. No formal action was required.

Superintendent's Report – Policies

Dr. Thomas and Director of Policy and Archives Katherine Ritchie Rapp presented a report on the following policies and regulations:

**GCOC, Evaluation of Executive/Professional Employees**, recognizes the statutory requirement that the District adopt a written system to evaluate the performance for licensed and non-licensed Executive/Professional Employees.

**JLD and Regulation JLD-R, Guidance and Counseling**, establishes the purpose and function of school counseling systems in the District.

**JLDAC, Screening/Testing of Students (And Treatment of Mental Disorders)** prohibits school personnel from requiring a student to submit to any psychiatric or psychological methods or procedures or testing without prior written permission from the parents or guardians (or adult student) and prior written disclosure as to the disposition of the results of the testing.

## 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 October 27, 2021, 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 – November 10, 2021

The Board of Education approved the Personnel Recommendations for November 10, 2021.

### Policy BEAA, Electronic Participation in School Board Meetings

The Board of Education adopted the new policy, BEAA, Electronic Participation in School Board Meetings.

### Policy BE, School Board Meetings/Regular Meetings/Special Meetings/Work Sessions

The Board of Education adopted the revised version of BE, School Board Meetings/Regular Meetings/Special Meetings/Work Sessions.

### Policy JLCA, Physical Examination of Students

The Board of Education adopted the revised Policy JLCA, Physical Examination of Students.

### Policy JLCDA, Response to Students with Food Allergies

The Board of Education adopted the revised policy JLCDA, Response to Students with Food Allergies.

## ACTION ITEMS

### Contract Awards: Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority New Property Tax Increment Revenue Agreement for the Lowell-Draper Urban Renewal Plan

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Kris Odom, Executive Director Procurement and Contracting, Jariah Walker, Director for Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority (CSURA) and Toby Gannett, BCR Management.

The Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority (CSURA) sought the District 11 Board of Education's support with this project to improve the Lowell Neighborhood by redeveloping the site into an affordable and attainable housing residential development. The Lowell Neighborhood is located East of Nevada Avenue and South of E. Fountain Blvd. The Urban Renewal Area is composed of seven parcels on approximately 7.28 acres. The proposed project includes development of Draper Commons, an attainable housing development containing approximately 280 units, and Lowell Commons, an affordable housing development containing approximately 180 units.

In order for the CSURA to accomplish the proposed redevelopment and to provide certain required public improvements, they need the School Board's approval to utilize Tax Increment Financing (TIF), since the development resides in the District's boundaries.

The District's participation in this renewal plan is critical in terms of providing funding, utilizing TIF funding since District 11 has, by far, the largest mill levy compared to the City, County, and Library District. The way the TIF works is that the Urban Renewal District "captures" the increase in property valuation for a period of 25 years (under the premise that there would be no increase in valuation without the redevelopment). CSURA uses this property tax revenue stream to pay for public infrastructure of the project, like utilities, roads, sidewalks, curb and gutter, etc. CSURA finances the infrastructure with bonds, and the property tax stream transfers to

CSURA, in order for CSURA to pay off Bond debt for this development. This is the essence of TIF, as described in C.R.S. 31-25-107(9.5)(a).

The District will not be financially harmed, as the state backfills the lost general fund property taxes under the Colorado School Finance Act.

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2022-20, Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Property Tax Increment Revenue Agreement for the Lowell-Draper Affordable and Attainable Housing Development Urban Renewal Plan, and authorizes the Executive Director of Procurement and Contracting to execute the Property Tax Increment Revenue Agreement effective November 11, 2021.

#### Budget Transfer, Appropriations, and FTE Approvals

There were no Budget Transfers, Appropriations or FTE Approvals.

#### Resolution 2022-19, American Education Week November 15-19, 2021

American Education Week, November 15-19, 2021, presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

This year marks the 100th annual National Observance of American Education Week.

The Board of Education endorsed Resolution 2022-19, American Education Week November 15-19, 2021.

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

#### 6:00 p.m.: PUBLIC HEARING - Life Success International Academy Charter School Application

There were 2 citizen comments for items pertaining to the PUBLIC HEARING - Life Success International Academy Charter School Application.

#### Policy JLDBA, Suicide Awareness, Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Crisis Response

**Policy JLDBA, Suicide Awareness, Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Crisis Response**, recognizes suicide as a major cause of death among young people, and directs the District to develop and maintain supports and strategies.

JLDBA was recommended for revisions that include style guide updates, a title change, as well as updates to industry language. For example, "programs" is now referred to as "supports and strategies," and "caregivers" is added to "parents/guardians" as individuals that are there for intervention and support.

The Board's Policy Committee recommended that the Board adopt the revised version of JLDBA, Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Crisis Response.

The Board agreed to move the item to consent at the Dec. 8 regular meeting.

#### District Review New Charter School Application - Life Success International Academy

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Mr. Tom Weston, Charter School Liaison, Dr. Brandan Comfort, Executive Director of School Leadership (for the District Evaluation Team Report) and Velvet Stepanek, District Accountability Committee Chair (for the DAC Report).

The Life Success International Academy (LSIA) new charter application was submitted as an initial five-year application to begin with the 2022-23 academic school year. Key components of the charter application included the following:

- Life Success International Academy plans to implement an educational program that is focused on developing students who are curious, empathetic, flexible, intrepid, problem solvers, and globally minded.
- Life Success International Academy intends to open its doors in the Fall of 2022 with 105 Kindergarten – Sixth grade students. Each year thereafter, a grade level will be added until they reach the school’s grade level capacity of 12th grade in 2028. In the first five years of operation, LSIA plans to grow from 105 students to 725 students.
- Location of the school is projected for Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, located at 3615 Vickers Drive.
- The mission of LSIA is to become a learning community that inspires and educates students to maximize their success. The school promotes student agency and provides a rigorous academic foundation through a professional global learning environment for students, parents, and the community. The school challenges students to excel and to acquire knowledge and skills paving the path of Life Success.

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. These are the 20 areas that the district evaluation team's rubric evaluates to determine the quality of the application. This application was received by the September 1 deadline. C.R.S 22-30.5-107(1)(c) requires the district accountability committee to independently evaluate the application and provide their report and recommendation to the District Board of Education. The District Board of Education has 90 days from Sep 8, 2021 to vote by resolution to approve, conditionally approve, or deny the application.

The Board agreed to move the item to action on the Dec. 1 special meeting.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

The Board members reported on their various activities.

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

The Board of Education will meet on the following dates:

Wed., November 17, work session, video conference, 4:00 p.m. Followed by special meeting.

Thanksgiving Break

Wed., December 1, work session, video conference, 4:00 p.m. followed by a special meeting

Wed., December 8, regular meeting, boardroom, 5:30 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.