

**BOARD Meeting Activity
January 27, 2021**

The BOARD Meeting Activity is not the official report of the Board of Education meetings. Minutes of meetings are available in future Board of Education agendas and from Maricela Hidalgo, Secretary to the Board of Education, 520-2004.

To access links to supporting documentation for any item in the Board Report, please see the corresponding agenda at <http://www.boarddocs.com/co/d11/Board.nsf/Public>, click on the meetings tab, click on the meeting date, and click “view agenda.” Items within the agenda may be hyperlinked to additional information (for example, Personnel Recommendations); click on the hyperlink to access the documentation for that item.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Thomas provided an update on the Return to Learn Plan.

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 January 13, 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

The Board of Education approved the January 27, 2021, Personnel Recommendations, as submitted by the administration.

ACTION ITEMS

4:30 p.m.: PUBLIC HEARING - Charter School Renewal Application from Eastlake High School

There were no citizens' comments for the Public Hearing pertaining to the Charter School Renewal Application from Eastlake High School.

Contract Awards

There were no Contract Awards.

Budget Transfers, Appropriations and FTE Approvals

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Mr. Travis Whitley, Project Manager, and Mr. Josh Chism, Capital Program Manager, who provided the following

information.

The track and field at Garry Berry Stadium were originally constructed in 1959. The natural grass field was first replaced with synthetic turf in 2003 and the again in 2013. The running track was last resurfaced in 2010. The District contracted with an engineering consultant in 2019 to perform an assessment on the track and field. The consultant recommended that both the synthetic grass and synthetic running track currently installed at Garry Berry Stadium have reached the end of their useful lives and warrant replacement. The Board of Education appropriated \$1,200,000 to replace the athletic field and running track in this fiscal year's budget. Based on actual quotes received, the project budget needs to be increased by \$900K to complete this project in the summer of 2021.

Athletic Field

The athletic field resurfacing in 2013 provided a 'playground grade' synthetic turf comprised of dense monofilament fibers and has insufficient perforations to provide adequate drainage. This turf was placed without any subsurface work to repair the drainage system on top of a subgrade that has a very low percolation rate. Water that passes through the turf has nowhere to go, creating floating turf during moderate rainfall events. This resultant ponding has led to suspending games to allow the water to drain from under the turf. The turf then has wrinkled fabric with crooked yard lines that requires strenuous work to stretch the field back out to eliminate safety hazards for the players. Water that does flow off the field has nowhere to drain and creates significant ponding on the field edges and the adjacent running track. Major sections of the track then become unusable for extended periods of time. The proposed project will replace the field base and install a drainage system engineered to properly and efficiently remove water from a new, quality synthetic turf that is intended for an athletic field.

Running Track

The running track has received major crack repairs to over 20 areas (2' wide x full width of the track). These repairs are quickly ineffective due to the continued degradation of the track asphalt base that is compounded by the poor drainage system in the athletic field. The District expensed \$76,200 in 2019 and another \$10,000 in 2020 to effect temporary crack repair to keep the track in service. Since the completion of the last repairs in 2020, new surface defects such as settling and cracking have been observed that must be addressed in the near future if full replacement does not occur. These defects clearly demonstrate a failed subgrade that has compromised the asphalt base, which in turn promotes the surface defects. If the existing synthetic track is to be continually used, significant annual maintenance and repair will be needed and costs will increase. Replacing the existing track asphalt base with a post-tensioned concrete base will provide for a solid foundation on which a running track can be placed that will provide the District with decades of use. The rubberized wear surface can be replaced without having to replace the concrete base in the future.

The Board of Education approved the transfer from the Capital Reserve Fund contingency account to cover the costs of full replacement of the track and field at Garry Berry Stadium.

Resolution 2021-21, Mid-Year Modifications to the 2020-21 Adopted Budget

Executive Director of Financial Services Ms. Laura Hronik and Deputy Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Mr. Glenn Gustafson provided the following information.

Each year, in order to update the adopted budget based on the most current information, the District prepares a mid-year budget modification document. The mid-year revision incorporates the final, certified pupil count, property tax revenues based on the county's final assessed valuations, the audited beginning fund balances for each fund, final staffing numbers, and other revenue and expenditure adjustments, as needed.

For FY 20/21 there were 14 incremental budget requests for funding in the mid-year budget. The total amount of incremental budget requests comes to \$2,906,825. Two requests are recurring and 1.5 additional FTE are requested.

The purpose of the mid-year budget is to correct the June adopted budget for the following:

- Final total program funding from the Colorado Department of Education
- Final pupil count
- Final staffing
- Final payroll spread, based on raises given at the beginning of the year
- Final property taxes
- Final audited fund balance
- New funding requests supported by the Superintendent
- Anything else new or updated

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2021-21, the mid-year modifications to the 2020-2021 adopted budget.

Charter School Renewal Application - Eastlake High School

Executive Director Procurement and Contracting Kris Odom provided the following information.

Eastlake High School (EHS) has applied to renew their charter school contract with District 11. EHS allows open enrollment for ninth through twelfth grades, specializing in drop out recovery as an Alternative Education Campus (AEC). They have been an established District 11 charter school since 2004-05 and were originally authorized under White Hat management company as Life Skills Center of Colorado Springs. In 2018, they contractually separated from White Hat and the school was renamed to Eastlake High School. Over the past 5 years, their enrollment has fluctuated between 139 and 291 students. Their current enrollment is 126 based on official count day data. EHS was most recently located in the large retail building located near Airport & Circle and just recently moved back to their former facility on S. Union Blvd. across from Prospect Lake.

It should be noted that EHS often serves some of the more challenging students in our community in a venue and format that encourages high school completion as an alternative to high school dropout.

EHS has satisfactorily completed a one-year probationary term and continues to fine tune their Governance and Academic strategies as they adjust from not having a management company to lean on. They continue to adapt and transform their school culture to provide quality educational services to this AEC student population.

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2021-22 and authorized Kris Odom to execute a 3 year charter school contract agreement with Eastlake High School beginning July 1, 2021.

Resolution 2021-23, African American History Month

During National African American History Month, we honor the heritage and accomplishments of African Americans and recognize their extraordinary contributions to the United States.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2021-23, recognizing February as African American History Month in District 11.

Resolution 2021-24, Career and Technical Education Month

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) designates February as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month.

Leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available career fields. Career and Technical Education continues to partner, design, innovate, and deliver applicable educational models that meet these industry demands.

CTE Month 2021 recognizes the ongoing leadership and excellence from classrooms across the country, and raises awareness around the crucial role that CTE has in readying our nation for economic success and workforce competitiveness. CTE classrooms are modern-day laboratories, where students and educators alike are developing the skills that will power the future of postsecondary and workforce readiness (PWR) success.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2021-24, designating February 2021, as Career and Technical Education Month in District 11.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Proposed New Online School Names

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Chief Communications Officer Devra Ashby and Principal of the Online School Julie Johnson who provided the following information.

Naming Committee Summary

Per Board Policy, FF, Naming of District Facilities, Properties and Assets, and after direction from the Superintendent, the District naming committee was convened to bring forward recommendations to the Board of Education for the purpose of assigning a school name to the new D11 online school for when it opens in August 2021. A survey was sent to all D11 students with the opportunity to help select the name for the new school and over 1,400 students participated. Additionally, the D11 naming committee, made up of staff, parents, and community members, met to discuss the survey results and bring forward recommendations. Through the survey process and the naming committee discussion, two names gained consensus.

The two names recommended by the Naming Committee, in order of preference were:

1. Spark Online Academy
2. Katherine Johnson Online Academy

The Board of Education has the final approval authority in the naming of the school. The D11 naming committee respectfully requests that the Board of Education discuss the naming committee's work, the results of the student survey, and the name recommendations submitted above, and provide their final decision in selecting a name for the online school.

The Board agreed on the name “Spark Online Academy” and to move the item to consent on the Feb. 10 regular meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board members reported on their various activities.

FUTURE MEETING/WORK SESSIONS

The Board of Education will meet on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 3, Work Session, 4:00 p.m., Video Conference

Wednesday, February 10, Regular Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Boardroom (with Executive Session)

Wednesday, February 17, Work Session, 4:00 p.m., Boardroom followed by a Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 24, Regular Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Boardroom (with Executive Session)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.