

**BOARD Meeting Activity
January 13, 2021**

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Awards and Recognitions

D11 Fifth Grade Teacher Honored for Excellence in Science Teaching

Fifth grade teacher at Fremont Elementary School, Alexandra Millard, was recognized at the Colorado Science Conference for Excellence in Science Teaching.

Ms. Millard was recognized for her passion to keep science alive and well in the elementary classroom by integrating science with reading, writing, and math. Her students have gained firsthand experience with organisms they would not have seen otherwise through observing the various animals Ms. Millard has in her classroom, like hermit crabs, geckos, snails, axolotls, and bioluminescent algae.

By being involved in local science fairs, working to secure science kits for students, and hosting STEM nights for families, Ms. Millard proves her love of science and instills that same love of science in her students.

Coronado Senior Receives National Honor for the Arts

Coronado High School senior, Sophia Urban, was honored by the National YoungArts Foundation in the category of “Classical Music: Trumpet.”

Sophia was among the 659 most accomplished young visual, literary, and performing artists from across the country to be recognized. YoungArts award winners gain access to one of the most comprehensive programs for artists in the United States in which they will have opportunities for financial, creative, and professional development support throughout their entire careers. Selected through the organization’s prestigious competition, YoungArts award winners are chosen for their caliber of artistic achievement by esteemed discipline-specific panels of artists through a rigorous blind adjudication process.

Sophia has been playing the trumpet for many years, and she is dedicated to her music.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

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

Student Success and Wellness Executive Director, Cory Notestine, provided an update on COVID-19.

School Board Recognition Month: January 2021

Former D11 Board member, City Councilmember and President Pro-Tem Mr. Tom Strand read the School Board Appreciation Month proclamation.

As citizens who serve children and represent their communities, school board members face complex and demanding challenges. All Coloradans should recognize the vital contributions these elected public officials play in the education of our children. They are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts.

School board members come from all walks of life. They are farmers, secretaries, doctors, lawyers, homemakers, teachers, architects, truck drivers, professors, business owners, and real estate agents, to name just a few. While they wear many hats in the workday world, school board members put on a collective hat when they get down to the business of leading their school districts. Board members must pull together, as a team, toward a common goal—helping students achieve. While they may individually disagree on certain issues, their role as a board is to consistently strive toward that goal. The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours school board members devote to leading their districts. They also work hard at seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities, and spend many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events.

Superintendent's Report to the Board- Policies

Dr. Thomas presented a report on the following policies and regulations, which were recently reviewed by the Board of Education's Policy Committee. It was determined that no significant revisions were required at this time.

Policy ADC-GBED, Tobacco-Free District, prohibits the use of any tobacco, nicotine delivery device, or simulated tobacco product, by any person, including but not limited to employees and visitors, while in or on any District property or premises or while attending any District-sponsored event or activity.

Policy EBCA, Disaster Plans, requires that principals and administrators have a plan of action adapted to local conditions to be carried out in each emergency.

Regulation EBCD-R, Weather-Related Emergencies, discusses procedures to be followed during weather-related emergencies. This regulation is a stand-alone item; meaning the policy that it was attached to was repealed (more than 20 years ago). There is no corresponding CASB policy covering this topic. The recommendation of the Policy Committee was to delete the regulation, and add it to the safety standards issued by the Manager of Safety and Loss Prevention in the Risk Management Department.

Regulation IKD-R-1, Colorado Seal of Biliteracy for High School Diplomas, was adopted last spring. This regulation allows for high school graduates to be credentialed as biliterate, if the graduate can communicate at the intermediate-mid proficiency range or higher in another language as well as at a high level in English. In order to earn the Seal, students who are seniors must demonstrate their mastery of both English and another world language using various criteria. Currently the ACT is an option for students to demonstrate English literacy. The CDE is no longer allowing ACT to be included in this body of evidence. Therefore, to align with the state, IKD-R-1 is revised to remove the ACT as a form of demonstration of English literacy.

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 December 9, 2020, regular board meeting and the December 16, 2020 special meeting minutes. 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 13, 2021, Personnel Recommendations, as submitted by the administration.

Policy GBI, Criminal History Record Information

The Board of Education adopted Policy GBI, Criminal History Record Information.

Policy EEAA, Transportation Eligibility

The Board of Education adopted the revised Policy EEAA, Transportation Eligibility.

Policy EEAC, Bus Scheduling and Routing

The Board of Education adopted the revised Policy EEAC, Bus Scheduling and Routing.

ACTION ITEMS

6:00 p.m.: PUBLIC HEARING - Charter School Renewal Application from Eastlake High School

There were four citizens' comments for Public Hearing pertaining to the Charter School Renewal Application from Eastlake High School:

1. Omari Williams
2. Annmarie Wissinger
3. Edgar Arellano
4. James Olsen-Mills

Contract Awards

There were no Contract Awards.

Budget Transfers, Appropriations and FTE Approvals

There were no Budget Transfers, Appropriations and FTE Approvals.

Mitchell High School USIP

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Executive Director Dan Hoff who provided the following information.

The approval of Priority Improvement Plan and Turn Around School Improvement Plan is required by state statute. Mitchell High School has met the required elements of statute and have engaged in a comprehensive planning process to develop each School Improvement Plan.

Mitchell High School participated in a district-led data analysis in May and June, 2020, identifying key areas of concern and performance, as indicated by School Performance Frameworks and assessment results. Initial root causes were derived from this work, and the comprehensive improvement plans were then collaboratively developed with input from staff and school SAC members. The plans were reviewed by district leadership for alignment with the Strategic Plan, district goals, and for quality plan components. Public input meetings were held at each school as per statute. The Board of Education engaged with Mitchell High School during a Board Work Session on September 16, 2020.

Because of the global pandemic and school closures across Colorado in the spring of 2020, students did not take state assessments as scheduled. CDE maintained the same School Performance Framework rating for each school, from 2019 to 2020. Unfortunately, this meant that schools did not have an opportunity to improve their rating for this school year. CDE has also paused the state accountability clock, which means that Mitchell High School is at the same year on the clock as they were in 2019. No schools progressed on the state clock in 2020.

Plans were made available to the District Accreditation Subcommittee for review and input, between 9/11/20 and 10/14/20. Upon approval by the Board of Education, plans will be submitted to CDE by January 15, 2021, as required.

The Board approved the Mitchell High School USIP

Resolution 2021-20, Certification of Ballot Issue Votes

The Ballot Issue 4A language was as follows:

Colorado Springs School District 11 Ballot Issue 4A (Vote Yes/For or No/Against)

WITHOUT INCREASING EXISTING TAX RATES, SHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT 11 BE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT, RETAIN, AND SPEND THE FULL REVENUES THAT MAY LAWFULLY BE RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT FROM ANY SOURCE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ALL GRANT MONEYS, AND ALL OTHER MONEYS LAWFULLY RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO OR ANY OTHER SOURCE, BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER, WITH SUCH REVENUES TO BE COLLECTED, RETAINED OR SPENT

AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE APPLY UNDER SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

The Board approved Resolution 2021-20, Certification of Ballot Issue Votes.

Legislative Agenda

District 11 Board of Education policy BJA states that the Board of Education (the Board) annually shall adopt a legislative agenda describing legislative positions and objectives that it supports.

The District believes it is advantageous to take an active role in the development of K-12 education legislation at the national, state, and local level.

The Board approved the 2021 Legislative Agenda.

Designation of Official Posting Location for Board of Education Meetings & Notices

Colorado law and the Board of Education bylaws require that the Board designate a public place, or places, for posting notices of Board meetings each year at the Board's first regular meeting during the calendar year.

The Board approved the Designation of Official Posting Location for Board of Education Meetings & Notices as follows:

The bulletin board immediately outside the boardroom at the School District 11 Administration Building, located at 1115 North El Paso Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, as the official location for posting notices. In addition, the Board also designates the District 11 Board of Education web page, along with the Board Docs website, as official locations for posting notices of Board meetings for 2021.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Charter School Renewal Application from Eastlake High School

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Kris Odom, Executive Director Procurement and Contracting who 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.

Charter School Liaison, Mr. Tom Weston provided a presentation on Eastlake High School

The Board agreed to move the item to action on the Jan. 27 regular meeting.

Mid-Year Modifications to the 2020-21 Adopted Budget

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Executive Director of Financial Services Ms. Laura Hronik and Deputy Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Mr. Glenn Gustafson who 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 agreed to move the item to action on the Jan. 27 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, January 27, Regular Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Boardroom

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

Wednesday, February 10, Regular Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Boardroom

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.