

**BOARD Meeting Activity  
December 9, 2020**

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**Awards and Recognitions**

**Two D11 Performing Arts Teachers Recognized at the State Level**

Mitchell High School’s theater director, Ms. Holly Haverkorn was named the High School Theater Teacher of the Year by the Colorado Thespians. Ms. Haverkorn was selected for this honor for her outstanding dedication to educational theater and her contributions to her students and the Mitchell community.

The Colorado Music Educators Association honored Doherty High School’s band director, Angelo Sapienza, as the Young Music Educator of the Year. This award honors educators who are in their first five years of teaching and have shown significant proficiency in the classroom and respect in their school community. This award recognizes notable commitment to the art of teaching as well as a demonstrated ability to achieve excellence.

**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 the El Paso Health Department’s new regulations regarding COVID-19 quarantine timelines.

**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 11, 2020, regular board meeting and the December 2, 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 December 9, 2020, Personnel Recommendations, as submitted by the administration.

### Policy IJL, Library Media, Selection, Adoption, Acquisition and Reconsideration

The Board of Education adopted the revised Policy IJL, Library Media, Selection, Adoption, Acquisition and Reconsideration.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Real Estate Contract to Sell Undeveloped Land Parcel Near Marksheffel Road and Peterson Air Force Base

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Executive Director of Procurement and Contracting, Kris Odom who provided the following information:

This property is approximately 10 acres and is located on the South Marsheffel Road known as El Paso County Tax Schedule Number 54000-00-069. The City Airport has offered, through an independent appraisal, to purchase this undeveloped land. They intend to build a parking lot for the additional growth at Peterson Air Force Base.

An overview of the real estate contract includes:

- \$85,000.00 cash
- Buyer pays for all desired surveys and reports (i.e., soils or environmental)
- Buyer pays all traditional closing fees
- This is conditional upon City Council funding and approval of agreement
- All proceeds from the sale will go to the capital reserve fund in accordance with state statute.

The Board of Education approved the sale of vacant undeveloped land (approximately 10 acres) located at South Marksheffel Road near Peterson Air Force Base, at a sales price of \$85,000.00 to the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado and authorizes Kris Odom, Executive Director, Procurement and Contracting to effectuate the real estate contract.

### Budget Transfers, Appropriations and FTE Approvals

There were no Budget Transfers, Appropriations and FTE Approvals.

### Instructional Materials and Secondary Courses Approval

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Karol Gates provided the following information:

#### **Instructional Materials Summary**

The Board of Education has the responsibility to approve textbook materials, periodicals, newspapers, computer software, and content posters. The approval of new instructional materials originates based on identified curricular needs. Under the content facilitator's direction, the instructional material is reviewed based on key criteria, and citizens review and share key observations and/or recommendations. The requestor, the requestor's principal (when applicable), recommends the instructional material for general or specific use and then submits

the instructional materials for review and recommendation to the appropriate content area facilitator. Once the appropriate facilitator reviews the material and offers evidence for their recommendation, a request for approval is made to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

All instructional materials submitted for approval have completed the required process specified in the Board of Education policies IJJ and IJJ-R. The Textbook Selection and Adoption policy states, "The Board will receive requests to adopt titles recommended by the curriculum committees, along with the citizens' comments and the curriculum committee's analysis of the citizens' comments." Instructional materials planned for district-wide implementation will be designated in the Board of Education Instructional Materials Approval Report.

There will be times when software and textbooks may go through an approval process in anticipation of funding sources yet to be determined. The instructional materials on the enclosed list of materials have been selected and recommended for adoption, according to Board of Education Policy IJJ-R. The materials included in this specific request include textbooks and technical trade manuals.

### **Secondary Courses Summary**

The Board of Education is required by state statute to determine the District's schools' educational programs. Educational needs drive the development of new courses at school sites. The process originates with identified student needs as well as:

1. Relationships to content standards and benchmarks
2. Assessment procedures
3. Instructional strategies and objectives
4. Materials and resources

Once approved by the curriculum facilitator (or curriculum committee as applicable), the request is submitted to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for approval.

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, shall be presented by the Superintendent/designee (Deputy Superintendent/Director) to the Board for its consideration and action."

Achievement, Learning, & Leadership presents new, changed, and/or deleted courses, as attached, which have been developed according to Board of Education Policy IG and IGD. These courses are designed to support secondary students' needs and are related to content standards and benchmarks.

Citizen review of materials requested for adoption by the Board of Education will be held during each approval period. Notification of the citizen reviews are posted for each period on the District 11 website, on Channel 16, and through the District 11 Loop messaging system.

Teachers, teacher-leaders, principals, and content facilitators participate collaboratively in a selection process to bring materials and courses forward for Board of Education approval.

Once materials are approved, building, central, and Mill Levy Override budgets may be used to purchase materials.

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

#### Resolution 2021-17 Mill Levy Rates Component Certification

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Deputy Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Mr. Glenn Gustafson who provided the following information:

By statute, the District's mill levy rates must be certified by December 15 of each calendar year. The certification resolution was attached and referenced the District's mill levy rates. The mill levy rates presented were based on assessed valuations as provided by the El Paso County tax assessor. The Budget Office determines the final mill rates and reserve projections after receiving the certification of assessed valuation from the El Paso County tax assessor.

The mill levy is the instrument used by local governments to levy property taxes to be collected by the county and remitted to the school district. District 11 has five different components of its mill levy:

1. General Fund Levy - set by the Colorado Department of Education
2. Bond Levy - voter approved increase in debt, November 1996 and 2005
3. Education Plan Levy - voter approved mill levy override, November 2000
4. Education Plan Levy - voter approved mill levy override, November 2017 (note that this levy has an optional inflation clause)
5. Abatement Levy - set by El Paso County for prior year uncollected property taxes

The mill levy rates are based on information from El Paso County, the Colorado Department of Education, the District's estimates of uncollectible taxes, and interest earnings. The calculated mill levy rates provided to the Board of Education are in compliance with state statutes, GO bond regulations, and the ballot questions that were approved by the voters.

The Board of Education approved the 2021 Mill Levy Rates for certification to the El Paso County Treasurer.

#### Resolution 2021-18, Appreciation of Anthony Carlson

The Board of Education of Colorado Springs School District 11 expressed their deepest appreciation and gratitude to Anthony Carlson for his overwhelming support for our schools as well as his efforts in transforming the trajectory of District 11 and its students, thereby strengthening the fabric of the Colorado Springs community.

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2021-18, Appreciation of Anthony Carlson.

### Resolution 2021-19, Waiver of Testing Requirements

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Executive Director of EDSS, Dr. David Khaliqi who provided the following information:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District is currently in remote learning status. It is anticipated that there will also be periods of remote learning for students into the spring semester of the 2020/2021 school year, in addition to families choosing to keep students home for remote learning throughout the school year. For the health and safety of students and families, it is in the best interests of students in remote testing environments to not be required to attend in-person state mandated academic and language testing.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2021-19, Waiver of Testing Requirements.

### Policy JFBA/JFBB, School Choice - Open Enrollment and Transfers

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Deputy Superintendent, David Engstrom who provided the following information:

**Policy JFBA/JFBB, School Choice - Open Enrollment and Transfers**, addresses how students can choose into schools outside of their attendance boundaries.

JFBA/JFBB was recommended for revisions to address magnet schools and programs in the District, to include a definition of magnet schools/programs, and a definition of computerized random lottery process. The policy was also revised to adjust the priorities of choice applicants, moving children of District employees up to Priority 2, in alignment with the CSEA Master Agreement. Also added to the policy were additional cross references, to include a cross reference to a new regulation, JFBA/JFBB-R-2, which addresses magnet schools and programs.

The Board of Education adopted the revised version of Policy JFBA/JFBB, School Choice - Open Enrollment and Transfers.

## **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

### Policy GBI, Criminal History Record Information

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Director of Policy and Archives, Katherine Ritchie Rapp who provided the following information:

**Policy GBI, Criminal History Record Information**, is a new policy. The policy addresses the retention and destruction of criminal justice and criminal history record information that comes into the possession of District 11 and authorized individuals within the District. The policy is required to be in place pursuant to state and federal laws.

The Board's Policy Committee recommended that the Board of Education adopt Policy GBI, Criminal History Record Information.

The Board agreed to move the item to consent on the Jan. 13, 2021 regular meeting.

### Policy EEAA, Transportation Eligibility

Director of Policy and Archives, Katherine Ritchie Rapp provided the following information:

**Policy EEAA, Transportation Eligibility**, establishes when students are eligible for District 11 transportation services.

EEAA was recommended for revisions that include references to Regulation EEAA-R for exceptions to the general rules of this policy, specifically surrounding transportation to magnet programs/schools (Buena Vista Montessori, the Dual Language Immersion Program, and the Gifted Magnet Program sites).

The Board's Policy Committee recommended that the Board adopt the revised Policy EEAA, Transportation Eligibility.

The Board agreed to move the item to consent on the Jan. 13, 2021 regular meeting.

#### Policy EEAC, Bus Scheduling and Routing

Director of Policy and Archives, Katherine Ritchie Rapp provided the following information:

**Policy EEAC, Bus Scheduling and Routing**, discusses the scheduling and establishment of student transportation routes throughout the District.

EEAC was recommended for revisions that include references to the transportation of students to the magnet schools and programs in the District (Buena Vista Montessori, the Dual Language Immersion Program, Gifted Magnet sites, or other magnet programs/schools yet to be established).

The Board's Policy Committee recommended that the Board adopt the revised Policy EEAC, Bus Scheduling and Routing.

The Board agreed to move the item to consent on the Jan. 13, 2021 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, December 16, Work Session, 4:00 p.m., Video Conference

December 16, Special Meeting, immediately following the work session

Winter Break December 21 - January 5

Wednesday, January 6, Work Session, 4:00 p.m., Video Conference

Wednesday, January 13, Regular Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Video Conference

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.