

**BOARD Meeting Activity
Regular Board Meeting
August 9, 2023**

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SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT – SUMMER BRIDGE, STUDY ABROAD, JUMPSTART

Superintendent Michael Gaal summarized the District 11 2023 summer educational opportunities for students and staff. Chief Academic Officer Tamara Acevedo and Director of Expanded Learning Brenda Duran discussed the goals and attendance information for the Summer Bridge program.

Chief of Strategy & Data Acquisition Dr. David Khaliqi presented Summer Bridge math and reading proficiency data and High School credit recovery data.

Keller Elementary School Principal Stacy Brisben and Queen Palmer Elementary School Principal Christina Butcher discussed the combined Summer Bridge program for Fremont, Keller, King, Grant, Rogers, and Queen Palmer Elementary schools.

Swigert Middle School Assistant Principal Anna Stewart provided information regarding the program and the K-8 model that served Swigert Middle School and Monroe Elementary School. Additional staff spoke regarding the Summer Bridge program.

Doherty High School Assistant Principal Hillary Hienton introduced High School Junior Gabby, who spoke regarding how the Summer Bridge program impacted her.

Global Education Facilitator Claudette Murtha presented information regarding the Study Abroad program including the language and culture-based classes and opportunities, credits earned through the program, the application and decision process, and various data points. Students and parents discussed the trips and thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity addressing the unique experiences this study abroad offered.

Director of Expanded Learning Brenda Duran described the Jump Start program for incoming kindergarten, 6th and 9th grade, and the participating schools were identified.

The Summer Programming update – Summer of You presentation can be viewed on BoardDocs.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gaal highlighted the following in his presentation:

- The student-designed D11 Elevate coins and stickers, and the word for this year is "elevate."
- New school principals and assistant principals in attendance at the meeting introduced themselves to the Board of Education.
- Tom Hunt, Nancy Maresh Melo, and Sarah Connors for their work and achievements with PowerSchool.

- Sarah Connors spoke regarding the Excellence in Innovation award she received from Power School.
 - State Counselor of the Year Maddie Francis from Monroe Elementary School noting that this is D11's 4th consecutive year receiving this recognition.
 - Communication campaigns, including recent hiring fairs, Special Olympics Unified Schools, Big Kid Book Club, and Spanish-specific advertisements.
 - Capital improvements and new custodial staff members.
- The Superintendent's Report can be viewed on BoardDocs.

Board Members' Reports

The Board members reported on their various activities.

School Opening Readiness Report

Chief Resource Officer Dr. Brandan Comfort highlighted the progress achieved on capital projects throughout the District over the summer. Dr. Comfort thanked the Board and the community for the funding allocations for these projects and acknowledged the work of Interim Capital Programs Manager Jennifer Hotaling and her team and Chief Operations Officer Kris Odom and the facilities team for their work on these projects. Dr. Comfort also provided an update on enrollment.

Area Superintendents presented information on current staffing levels in schools across the District, noting those that currently have zero vacancies and those that are nearing zero vacancies. Area Superintendent's thanked staff and acknowledged the cross-departmental work that has contributed to these numbers.

Dr. Mendelsberg discussed the work that has taken place to open Tesla Middle School.

Chief Operations Officer Kris Odom provided a staffing and resource report for Educational Support Professional positions in departments directly supporting schools, including transportation, food service, facilities, and school security numbers.

The School Opening Readiness Report presentation can be viewed on BoardDocs.

Regulation DE-R-2, Grants - Post Award Expenditures/Disbursements Report

Director of Policy and Archival Resources Dr. Gregory B. Ecks and Director of Grants Annette Bass described the required revisions to Regulation DE-R-2 to align with changes in Time and Effort Practice. There is no change to policy. The revisions modify and add additional internal controls for collecting time and effort certification documentation. These controls are required for compliance and alignment with Federal Law. The current regulation was adopted before COVID and does not reflect current practices resulting from the pandemic. Updating the regulation will enable us to accurately track, document, and charge the time personnel spend performing federally funded activities.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of June 14, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education approved the June 14, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Certified copies of the Board of Education's official minutes may be obtained from the Records Management Center. The requester will bear the cost of copying, per Board Policy BEDG. All minutes are available in BoardDocs through the Board of Education District website after approval by the Board of Education.

Action (Consent): 3. Personnel Recommendations - August 9, 2023

The Board of Education approved the Personnel Recommendations for August 9, 2023.

ACTION ITEMS

Contract Awards

There were no contract awards.

Budget Transfer, Appropriations, and FTE Approvals

There were no budget transfers, appropriations, or FTE Approvals.

Resolution 2024-1, Intent to Participate in the 2023 Coordinated Election and appoint the Designated Election Official

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2024-1, official notice of the intent to participate in the 2023 coordinated election, and designation of Phoebe Bailey as the designated election official.

Resolution 2024-1 confirms Colorado Springs School District 11's participation in the 2023 Coordinated Election for a school board director election. The resolution also contains the designation of Phoebe Bailey as the school-designated election official.

Resolution 2024-2, Call for Nominations

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2024-2, Call for Nominations, for the coordinated election to be held on November 7, 2023.

Resolution 2024-2 contains the Call for Nominations, which announces that in the coordinated election on November 7, 2023, four directors will be elected to the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education for one term of four years.

Appointment of Staff Assistants to the Board of Education

The Board of Education appointed Dr. Brandan Comfort as Assistant Board Treasurer and Melisa Olsen as Assistant Board Secretary.

Per the Board of Education Operating Procedures Manual, the Board appoints, unless otherwise designated, a staff member as Assistant Board Secretary and Assistant Board Treasurer.

On July 1, 2023, Dr. Brandon Comfort filled the position of Chief Resource Officer, and on May 1, 2023, Melisa Olsen filled the position of Secretary to the Board of Education. These staff members are recommended to serve the Board as Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/TASKS

Request for New Agenda Items from Board Discussion/Tasks

Director Ott requested information regarding the anticipated date the Board will meet to complete the annual Board self-evaluation process. President Melpakam replied that this is scheduled for August 30, 2023.

Director Nelson requested that the Board discuss and set specific, measurable goals for the 2023-2024 school year. The Board discussed the information necessary for this discussion to take place.

Dr. Khaliqi provided an update from CDE regarding CMAS testing score availability.

CALENDAR REVIEW

Wednesday, August 16, 2023, Work Session.

Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Regular Board Meeting and Potential Candidate Informational Meeting.

Wednesday, August 30, 2023, Board Retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.