

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

**April 22, 2014  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Day, Director Gallegos, Director Landwehr, Director Petrocco, and Vice President Thimmig were present. Director Piotraschke and Director Doucet were absent from this entire meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Director Landwehr, seconded by Director Thimmig to approve the agenda dated April 22, 2014 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

**4. RECOGNITIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Tom Green, Community Affairs Representative from United Power, presented a check in the amount of \$4700.25 to the Board of Education. These funds represented a refund for replacing the lighting in the district print shop and garage area to more economical lighting system. Mr. Green recognized Ranette Jordan for facilitating the efforts of this project.

The Board of Education recognized Machaela Mohrlang, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Vikan Middle School, for her flood assistance project. Principal, Trina Norris-Buck introduced Miss Mohrlang and gave a brief description of the project.

The Board of Education congratulated the following community groups for receiving the “Reaching In” Award:

Rally Software – Dean of Students at Brighton High School, Emmy Brouillette introduced the group, and gave a brief description of their contribution.

Heritage Todd Creek Reading Literacy Project – Principal of West Ridge Elementary, Carie Brock introduced the group, and gave a brief description of their contribution.

Japanese American Association – Vice President Thimmig introduced the group, and gave a brief description of their contribution. President Diane Dible and Member Joanna Sakata were present to accept the award.

The Board of Education congratulated the following staff members for receiving the “Reaching Out” Award for “Risking, Trying, and Learning”:

Certified – Presented by Nate Golich

Lori Larrabee – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Southeast Elementary

Barbara Moore – Full Day Kindergarten Teacher at West Ridge Elementary

Jolene Prieto – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at Turnberry Elementary

Group – Presented by Director Petrocco

Stuart Middle School Science Department – Kendra Brewster, Teren Cabrera, Stephen Sutphin, and Sydney van der Wal

Stuart Middle School Language Arts Department – Rachel Farris, Elizabeth Gibson-Vargas, Chelsie May, Jacob Schwab, and Adan Gloria

## **5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the district.

## **A RECEPTION OCCURRED AT THIS TIME**

## **6. APPROVAL OF EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY CHARTER CONTRACT**

General Legal Counsel, Janet Wyatt presented information concerning the approval of Eagle Ridge Academy Charter Contract. Principal Ben Ploeger introduced members of Eagle Ridge Academy’s Board of Education.

Motion by Director Landwehr, seconded by Director Gallegos to approve the contract as presented between School District 27J and Eagle Ridge Academy for a period of 4 years, commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2018. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

The contract was executed at this time.

## **7. ADDENDUMS TO CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS - REVISED CONTRACT GOALS**

General Legal Counsel, Janet Wyatt presented information concerning the contract addendums for goals for Landmark Academy and Foundations Academy. Ms. Wyatt introduced Matt Carlton, principal of Landmark Academy, Joe Hammond, Principal of Foundations Academy, and Tim Gallagher, president of the Landmark Academy Board of Education.

Motion by Director Landwehr, seconded by Director Thimmig to approve the contract addendums for both Landmark Academy and Foundations Academy as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Dr. Fiedler wished Mr. Hammond well as he makes his transition back to Michigan.

The addendums were executed at this time.

## **8. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nate Golich – Brighton Education Association President Mr. Golich thanked the Board of Education and numerous superintendents for adopting the Resolution of buy down the negative factor. He encouraged the group as individual citizens to contact their legislator and request an increase to the amount of the buy down.

## **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Landwehr to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated March 11, 2014 Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated April 17, 2014 and Resolution No. 7 Non-Renewal of Contracts of Probationary Teachers.
- c. Approval to authorize the Superintendent or his designee to enter into contract negotiations and execute any and all documents required for the Financial Advisor Services. Funding for such service will be payable from future bond proceeds.
- d. Approval of the Board of Education 2014-2015 Proposed Calendar.

## **10. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS**

- a. Ownership Linkage with School District 27J Classified employees: Director Petrocco felt it was a great meeting. Director Landwehr felt that the employees love working for our district. Improvements can be made, but our district is going in the right direction with the right people. Director Gallegos felt that the staff members that attended the meeting appreciated the time with the board and felt they were heard. President Day asked the question on how the district could help our students be more successful. He felt that question made the staff members think the most. He stated that the Board of Education has good material that will be reviewed and discussed at the next planning on June 24, 2014.
- b. Board Education: None at this time
- c. Board Committees:
  1. Facility Planning Advisory Committee (Formerly Long Range Planning) – Director Day was unable to attend the last meeting that occurred.
  2. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Vice President Thimmig reported that new building permits are being pulled and there is an escalation of the number being pulled this year. To date, current number of issued permits, equal the number of permits that were issued for the entire last year. The Foundation has about 50% of the big builders as participants. Approximately \$250,000 is expected to be collected. The Foundation is currently refunding funds that were not spent on a previous project. Then the district can solicit the Foundation for future capital costs. Director Landwehr explained that the developers are getting new signage for their sales offices to show that they support the Foundation. Current real estate

inventory is dwindling down. When new subdivisions start, the Foundation will ask those developers to contribute.

3. BOCES – President Day stated that they are currently evaluating their executive director. They have an improvement plan in place, and they are currently working on the issues. The BOCES Board approved a distribution to participants. There was a savings on insurance premiums, so 1.9 million dollars is being distributed back to five participating districts.
  4. Reaching Out/In: The group is discussing the topics for next year’s awards. Director Petrocco suggested that at the beginning of the year, the group may choose the topics for the entire year.
- d. Board Reports – Board Members will report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals. Ameritown preliminary interviews: Director Gallegos was impressed with the student’s professionalism. They started the interview with a professional greeting, and were dressed professionally as well. Director Gallegos said that she could tell the students were very committed, and they wanted to see the big picture of what they want to become. Director Landwehr also recognized their passion, and appreciated their strong handshakes. They wanted to present themselves very well, and said everything they needed to get their points across. The students are ready to go! President Day described the process of what happens after the interviews. They showed a passion for chemistry and math. The group was “fired up”. He wanted to thank the community members and businesses that participated in the process. Wal-Mart donated snacks for the students. Director Gallegos and Director Landwehr enjoyed the Brighton High School DECA Award presentation. They stated it was a great event and they were very proud of our students. They now have a better understanding of the program. Director Petrocco stated that we have one of the best DECA programs in the nation. Director Gallegos attended the HAC fundraiser dinner. She said it was also a great event, and appreciated the donations. It was great to see student’s excitement, and even after the event parents of the nominees wanted to know who the HAC Board members were to thank them for the program. Director Landwehr attended the Prairie View High School National Honor Society induction ceremony. He stated that he was very proud of the group, and he could tell the students were proud as well. He was glad he attended and that he could be part of that group. He also reported on the Outdoor Education for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. He has a better understanding for 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and their understanding of education. Director Gallegos attended the Brighton High School National Honor Society induction ceremony. She said it was a very great group of students, but she was disappointed by the amount of parents that were at the event. She hopes that the attendance will increase next year. It is a national honor that is very important to those students. Director Gallegos also attended the Joan Kniss Library dedication. It was an honor to recognize her as such a well-deserving community member and educator.
- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board

## **11. EXPECTATIONS OF THE BOARD**

- a. Board acts to accept/reject the following reports due/submitted since last meeting (ADDENDUM “A”): None at this time.

- b. Chief Operations Officer, Terry Lucero presented the Expectations of the Board Report 3.E – Asset Protection

Motion by Director Petrocco, seconded by Director Gallegos to accept the Expectation of the Board through 3.E – Asset Protection as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

## **12. POLICY WORK**

### a. Policy Review Schedule

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. April 22, 2014      | 3.E Asset Protection  |
| 2. May 27, 2014        | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public<br>3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting                                      |
| 3. *June 10, 2014      | None  |
| 4. *August 26, 2014    | 3.0 General Executive Constraint  |
| 5. *September 23, 2014 | 1.2 Composite ACT Scores/1.3 TCAP/CSAP Reading<br>Writing, Math, and Science<br>3.J Charter Schools       |
| 6. *October 28, 2014   | 3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal  |
| 7. *November 11, 2014  | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession  |
| 8. *December 9, 2014   | 3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities<br>3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Insp. |
| 9. *January 27, 2015   | 3.D Internal Financial Conditions & Activities<br>3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers               |
| 10. *February 24, 2015 | 1.1 Graduation Rate<br>3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians   |
| 11. *March 10, 2015    | 3.G Compensation & Benefits   |
- \*Dates reflect the approval of 2014-2015 Board of Education Calendar (Item 9d)

## **13. DESIGN SERVICES REQUIRED FOR BRANTNER ELEMENTARY COMPLETION**

Dr. Chris Fiedler presented information concerning the waiver of Management Limitations 3.E.6 – Related to the design services required for the completion of Brantner Elementary School.

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Petrocco to approve the waiver of Management Limitation 3.E.6. for the expressed purpose of allowing for the completion of the design work related to the completion of Brantner Elementary. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

## **14. PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY 2014-2015 BUDGET**

Chief Financial Officer, Suzi DeYoung presented information concerning the 2014-2015 preliminary budget. No action was needed by the Board of Education at this time.

## 15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- April 29, 2014 6:00 Joint Meeting with City Council Members  
District Training Room  
80 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601
- May 13, 2014 5:30 p.m. Linkage Meeting with the High School Graduating Seniors  
Prairie View High School  
12909 E. 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Henderson, CO 80640
- May 27, 2014 5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
Lois Lesser Board Room/Educational Service Center  
18551 E. 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601
- \*June 10, 2014 5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
Lois Lesser Board Room/Educational Service Center  
18551 E. 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601
- \*June 24, 2014 5:30 p.m. Board Planning Session  
Executive Conference Room/Educational Service Center  
18551 E. 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601
- \*July 29, 2014 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with the 27J Principals
- \*August 12, 2014 5:30 p.m. Board Planning Session  
Executive Conference Room/Educational Service Center  
18551 E. 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601
- \*August 26, 2014 5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
North Elementary School  
89 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601

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## 16. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

Director Thimmig presented the Board Meeting Evaluation.

## 17. CLOSING COMMENTS

## 18. ADJOURNMENT: 9:27 p.m.