

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

**August 25, 2015  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Day, Director Doucet, Director Farner, Director Gallegos, Director Petrocco, Director Piotraschke, and Director Thimmig were present.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Director Petrocco, seconded by Director Gallegos to approve the agenda dated August 25, 2015 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

**4. STUART MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PRESENTATION**

The Board of Education heard a presentation from the National Junior Honor Society student group. Principal, Dr. Rich Patterson, introduced Andrea Pearson, Addison Rieker, Madison Krebs, Saheb Singh, and Catherine Jacobs to the group. Each student explained the difference between the junior high school experience and middle school experience that was caused by different implementations that occurred this year.

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

The Board of Education honored Michael Landwehr for his service and dedication to the Board of Education and the School District 27J community. Mr. Landwehr resigned his position on June 13, 2015 due to moving out of his director district boundaries.

**6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Chris Fiedler reported on activities throughout the district. Dr. Fiedler introduced Dr. Ben Ploeger, principal of Eagle Ridge Academy. Dr. Ploeger presented the Board of Education with a check in the amount of \$69,915.23. This represents final payment of the amount repaid by the district to the Colorado Department of Education in relation to the school's startup grant. It was noted that this payment was made two years sooner than expected through the payment plan. Dr. Ploeger introduced Eagle Ridge Academy's Board President Lori Kohl and Vice President Andrew Southard.

**7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following members of the public made comments:

Other Topics:

Vincent Lucero, 151 W. Egbert Street #303, Brighton, CO 80601. Mr. Lucero expressed concerns with the communication that he is receiving from his daughter's school and the transportation department.

November 2015 Bond Election:

Note - all of these comments were made in support of the Board of Education Directors placing a bond question before the eligible electors of School District 27J in the November 3, 2015 election.

Patrick Trujillo, 340 S. 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601

Wednesday Christian, 1287 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue #J276, Brighton, CO 80601

Jacob Morris, 1592 Cherry Street, Brighton, CO 80601

Jill Nguyen, 23485 E. Platte Drive, Aurora, CO 80016

Note – Ms. Nguyen is the President of the Brighton Education Association and is representing over 600 staff members of School District 27J.

Brian Horiuchi, 1020 S. Fulton Avenue, Ft. Lupton, CO 80621

Josie Martinez, 166 Longspeak Street #306, Brighton, CO 80601

Christian Morales, 330 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601

Amanda Roybul, 384 Octillo Street, Brighton, CO 80601

Raiya Abernathy, 30601 E. 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Brighton, CO 80603

Heather Lollar, 560 Oxbow Drive, Brighton, CO 80601

Johanna Brown, 10828 Ouray Street, Commerce City, CO 80022

Syd Quenzer, 17005 E. 102<sup>nd</sup> Place, Commerce City, CO 80022

Brian K. Carfield, 19920 E. 108<sup>th</sup> Place, Commerce City, CO 80022

Lori Kohl, 2608 Skeel Street, Brighton, CO 80601 and

Andrew Southard, 701S. 21<sup>st</sup> Court, Brighton, CO 80601

Note – Ms. Kohl and Mr. Southard are board members of the Eagle Ridge Academy board, and they presented the Board of Education with a Resolution in Support of the 27J Bond Ballot Item.

Justin Daigle, 1285 Finch Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601

Sean Ford, 11254 Oakland Drive, Henderson, CO 80601

Note – Mr. Ford is the mayor of Commerce City, and he was joined by several members of the Commerce City Council.

Dewayne Stelleges, 15625 Riverdale Road, Brighton, CO 80601

Holly Hansen and Michael Martinez, 22 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue #204/#305, Brighton, CO 80601

Note: Ms. Hansen is a representative from the Brighton Chamber of Commerce

Note: Mr. Martinez is a representative from the Brighton Economic Development Corporation.

Julie Harris, 7450 E. 123<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601

Jadie Carson, 11305 Paris Street, Henderson, CO 80640

Note: Ms. Carson is a Commerce City Councilwoman from Ward 3

Wayne Scott, No Address Provided, representing Colorado Classified School Employee Association

Jason McEldowney, 10127 Telluride Street, Commerce City, CO 80022

Chris Wahrle joined Mr. McEldowney in representing the Iam27J group. They presented Pledge to Vote forms that contained 2422 signatures from supporters. The

pledge forms will be kept with the official minutes of this meeting.

Bromley East Charter School Expansion:

Note - all of these comments were made in support of the expansion request.

Charles Elliston, 15717 Fortune Court, Brighton, CO 80603

Hugh Frazier, 1193 Eagle Drive, Brighton, CO 80601

Lori Sheldon, 5130 Crane Drive, Brighton, CO 80601

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Petrocco to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated August 11, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and Linkage Meeting with Local Businesses, Brighton Chamber of Commerce, and Brighton Economic Development Group.
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated August 18, 2015.
- c. Approval to authorize the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate and execute any and all documents required to enter into the lease purchase plan described in the attached enclosure. Funding for such lease/purchase will be available in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget and be subject to annual appropriations for the remainder of the agreement.

## **9. GOVERNANCE PROCESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR GLOBAL GOALS**

- a. Ownership Linkage: The Board of Education met with Brighton Chamber of Commerce members and local business members. Director Piotraschke stated it was a great opportunity to meet with businesses. President Day expressed that great conversations occurred with this group.
- b. Board Education: The Board education committee will working on matters before the Board for the upcoming year.
- c. Board Committees:
  1. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: President Day reported that this group met for the first time this year, and discussed goals and priorities for the upcoming year.
  2. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: No report at this time.
  3. Rocky Mountain Risk: President Day reported that this group did not meet during the summer. Meetings will commence in September, 2015.
  4. Reaching Out/In: These awards will occur at the October 27, 2015 meeting.
- d. Board Reports – Board Members will report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals: Director Piotraschke reported on the activities of the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Resolutions committee. They are at the beginning of reviewing resolutions again, and he anticipates that the voting will occur soon. He has concerns in the areas of testing too much/too little in legislation. They continue to look at information about reducing the

negative factor, as well as partnering with other groups to help with reducing the negative factor in other areas. Director Thimmig explained that several Board directors attended back to school nights. Director Petrocco recognized the Brighton Chamber of Commerce for hosting the new teacher luncheon. Director Piotraschke attended the Red Carpet Welcome for the new teachers. He was glad to attend and see the red carpet rolled out for these new staff members.

e. Other Matters of Information for the Board.

## **10. PROCLAMATION OF SEPTEMBER AS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Motion by Director Doucet, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve Proclamation Number One 2015-2016 declaring September as Attendance Awareness Month. This is the second year that the Board of Education has approved this resolution promoting good attendance and recognizing how it is essential to student achievement and graduation. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Director Thimmig read the Proclamation into public record at this time.

## **11. BROMLEY EAST CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION**

Dr. Fiedler presented information pertaining to the Bromley East Charter School expansion proposal.

Motion by Director Farner, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the expansion proposal submitted by Bromley East Charter School as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

## **12. 2015 BOND BALLOT CONSIDERATION**

Dr. Fiedler presented his recommendation for approval of Resolution Number One 2015-2016 for placing a bond question before the eligible electors of School District 27J in the November 3, 2015 election.

Motion by Director Doucet, seconded by Director Thimmig to approve Resolution Number One 2015-2016, calling an election on November 3, 2015, to authorize the incurrence of general obligation indebtedness by the District and the levy of ad valorem property taxes to repay such indebtedness and determining the ballot title and text of the question to be submitted at such election. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

A brief recess occurred at 9:00 p.m.

The Board of Education meeting resumed at 9:13 p.m. All directors were present.

## **13. 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. General Legal Counsel Janet Wyatt, and Chief Financial Officer Suzi DeYoung presented the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.0 Global Executive Constraint.

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Farner to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.0 Global Executive Constraint conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

## 14. POLICY WORK

### a. Policy Review Schedule

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. August 25, 2015    | 3.0 General Executive Constraint                                     |
| 2. September 22, 2015 | 1.2 Composite ACT Scores/1.3 TCAP Reading Writing, Math, and Science |
|                       | 3.J Charter Schools  |
| 3. October 27, 2015   | 3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal                       |
| 4. November 10, 2015  | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession                                   |
| 5. December 8, 2015   | 3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities                       |
|                       | 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection         |
| 6. January 26, 2016   | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers                            |
|                       | 3.D Financial Conditions and Activities                              |
| 7. February 23, 2016  | 1.1 Graduation Rate  |
|                       | 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians                                   |
| 8. March 8, 2016      | 3.G Compensation & Benefits  |
| 9. April 26, 2016     | 3.E Asset Protection   |
| 10. May 24, 2016      | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public                                     |
|                       | 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting                                     |
| 11. June 14, 2016     | None   |

## 15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| August 29, 2015   | 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Board Planning Session<br>A facilitator will be used during this session.<br>Executive Conference Room<br>Educational Service Center<br>18551 E. 160 <sup>th</sup> Avenue<br>Brighton, CO 80601 |
| September 8, 2015 | 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with Places of Worship<br>Harvest Fellowship<br>11401 E. 160 <sup>th</sup> Avenue<br>Brighton, CO 80602  |

- September 22, 2015 5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
Brantner Elementary School  
7800 E. 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Thornton, CO 80602
- September 29, 2015 6:00 p.m. Joint Meeting with City Councils  
School District 27J to Host  
Location is TBD
- October 6 & 7, 2015 Candidate Forums  
7:00 p.m. October 6, 2015  
Overland Trail Middle School  
455 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 8601
- 7:00 p.m. October 7, 2015  
Otho E. Stuart Middle School  
15955 E. 101<sup>st</sup> Way  
Commerce City, CO 80022
- October 13, 2015 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with Brighton Educational Association  
(BEA) and Teachers  
Educational Service Center  
18551 E. 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601
- October 14, 2015 Eagle Ridge Academy's Linkage with other Boards of Education  
Eagle Ridge Academy  
3551 Southern Street  
Brighton, CO 80601  
Time is TBD
- October 27, 2015 5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
District Training Room  
80 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601

## **16. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION**

Director Doucet presented the meeting evaluation.

**17. CLOSING COMMENTS:** Lot of work to do concerning the passage of the bond!

**18. ADJOURNMENT:** 9:25 p.m.