

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

**May 26, 2015  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Day, Director Gallegos, Director Landwehr, Director Piotraschke and Director Thimmig were present for this entire meeting. Director Doucet and Director Petrocco were absent from this entire meeting. Each Director gave brief introductions about themselves to the group.

Eagle Ridge Academy Principal Dr. Ben Ploeger introduced members of his Board of Education. President Lori Kohl, Treasurer Shawn Otterson, Director Andy Southard and Director Dori Benavides were in attendance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Director Landwehr, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the agenda dated May 26, 2015 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

**4. EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY STUDENT PRESENTATION**

Ryan Mellin, Maddie Mellin, Marissa McMakin and Holden Southard, members of The Eagle Ridge Academy Student Improvisation Group, performed a skit about a man being late to work.

**5. BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITIONS**

- a. The Entire Board of Education recognized the School Resource Officers, Supervisors, and Chiefs of Police from the City of Brighton, the City of Commerce City, and the City of Thornton. The following individuals were recognized:

School Resource Officers:

Rory Coonts	Prairie View High School	Commerce City Police Dept.
Kayla Fender	Stuart Middle School	Commerce City Police Dept.
John Grace	Brighton High School	Brighton Police Dept.
	Brighton Heritage Academy	
	BOLT/Bridge Academy	
Heather Salinas	Prairie View Middle School	Brighton Police Dept.
Nicholas Struck	Prairie View High School	Brighton Police Dept.
Stephen Weichel	Vikan Middle School	Brighton Police Dept.
	Overland Trail Middle School	
	Eagle Ridge Academy	

Other Officers that support our students:

Chris Castillo	Commerce City Police Dept.
Brandon Duskey	Thornton Police Dept.
Jennifer Kunugi	Commerce City Police Dept.
Gina Parker	Thornton Police Dept.
Michael Vasquez	Commerce City Police Dept.

Supervisors:

Sgt. Micah Acker	Brighton Police Dept.
Sgt. Keith Evans	Thornton Police Dept.
Stg. Robert Rentfrow	Commerce City Police Dept.
Cmdr. Scott Wegscheider	Brighton Police Dept.

Chiefs of Police:

Clint Blackhurst	Brighton Police Dept.
Troy Smith	Commerce City Police Dept.
Randy Nelson	Thornton Police Dept.

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the district. He thanked Dr. Ploeger for hosting the meeting this evening, and expressed that the improvisation group was very entertaining and engaging. Dr. Fiedler read the names of the high school students chosen to serve our country through their enlistment in the armed services.

A brief reception occurred at this time.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m. All prior directors were present.

## **7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment Info: None

## **8. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Director Piotraschke, 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 April 28, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated May 19, 2015 and Resolution Number Eight 2014-2015 Amended Non-Renewal of Contracts of Probationary Teachers

- c. Approval of the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent as the elected official for the 2015-2016 coordinated election

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

- a. Ownership Linkage: Meeting with English Language Learner families. Director Piotraschke stated it was a good linkage meeting. He recommends meeting again with this group and hopefully growth in the size of this group will occur. He heard great ideas from the participants and was impressed with the participation. He felt that it was interesting how the communication process works and how to improve that process. Director Landwehr described the difference in technology availability and beliefs in cultures for its use. Director Thimmig enjoyed hearing about the background of where students are coming from and that communication with this group is the key. She feels that the District can't communicate in one way, in one language. She realizes it is a big hurdle and we do what we can, but also look for ways to improve. Engaging students and getting them on a learning pathway is a big part of that.
- b. Board Education: None at this time.
- c. Board Committees:
  - 1. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: Director Day explained that the group met on May 19, 2015. They did similar work as the Superintendent's Growth Advisory Task Force. They are focusing on finding a total budget for a possible bond question. They reviewed the cost for each project and ranked it in importance. They are looking at a minimum, medium and large figure to bring to the district for a future decision. He also said it was a great meeting, and the city representatives learned quite a bit and were amazed at the need throughout our entire district.
  - 2. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: Director Thimmig explained that a quorum wasn't reached at their last meeting, so they were unable to take action on any items. Joy Gerdom announced her retirement, and Director Thimmig explained that she has been the linchpin of the foundation. The group is looking at next steps. With Ms. Gerdom's departure, the foundation needs to discuss the future of group.
  - 3. Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group (Formerly BOCES): Director Day reported that the group approved the budgets for both the pool and the management. They received final approval of the name change as part of a rebranding effort as recommended by staff and their superintendent representative. The Department of Insurance approved the new name of Rocky Mountain Risk Insurance Group, a self-insurance pool. The group will meet again in June to discuss their strategic plans and action plans.
  - 4. Reaching Out/In: None at this time.
- d. Board Reports – Board Members report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals: Director Landwehr attended the high school graduations. He stated that it was nice not having to worry about weather with the transition of Prairie View High School's graduation to Boulder, CO. He was impressed with the four graduates from Brighton Heritage Academy. He was thankful for the good weather at the Brighton High School graduation. Director Thimmig and Director Gallegos explained that there were 213 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that participated in

the continuation ceremony at Overland Trail Middle School. Those numbers are comparable to the numbers from other schools. They were amazed at the size of the classes. Director Thimmig attended the Prairie View High School Phoenix Awards Ceremony, and she stated it was a good event. This was the first time Director Piotraschke had the pleasure of attending this ceremony. He was amazed at the mountains of “stuff” these students overcame to graduate. It represents being reborn from the ashes. He also said it was a great ceremony. He wanted to remind everyone that every student doesn’t have an easy road. It was a wonderful way to honor those students that have overcome many obstacles. Director Landwehr attended the Brighton Baseball Awards Ceremony and he enjoyed attending as a parent and being recognized as parent. Director Gallegos attended Brighton High School’s Senior Breakfast. She said we are blessed by those in our community that give back to our students. Parents are so thankful and want our graduates to help give back when they return to our community. Director Landwehr recognized Director Gallegos for personally organizing donations from her company to assist with the new playground equipment at Southeast Elementary. Director Piotraschke was astounded at the \$8.5 million in scholarship money that was received by our Brighton High School and Prairie View High School Students. Director Day attended the Stuart Middle School Continuation Ceremony. There were a large number of students, approximately 200. Dr. Patterson presented a great speech to the students. He also attended all four high school graduations. He commended the student that spoke at the Eagle Ridge Academy graduation. He also said that it is fun to see the smiles from the students as they are accepting their diplomas.

- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board: None at this time.

## **10. 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 Financial Officer Suzi DeYoung presented the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.F Financial Planning and Budgeting.

Motion by Director Landwehr, seconded by Director Piotraschke to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.F Financial Planning and Budgeting as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

- c. Chief Academic Officer Kelly Corbett presented the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.A Treatment of Students/Public.

Motion by Director Day, seconded by Director Landwehr to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.A Treatment of Student/Public as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

It was noted that the Board would like to see the Safe2Tell report with this future report.

## **POLICY WORK**

### **a. Policy Review Schedule:**

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

- a. The Board of Education discussed the elimination of the Superintendent Policies from Section B and the incorporation of the applicable policies into various sections of the Board of Education Policy Governance Manual.

Motion by Director Landwehr, seconded by Director Piotraschke approve the revisions to the Board of Education Policy Governance Manual as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

## **11. FEE SCHEDULES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

Chief Financial Officer Suzi DeYoung presented information pertaining to the Fee Schedules for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the Fee Schedules for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

## **12. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER NINE 2014-2015 USE OF FUND BALANCE**

Chief Financial Officer Suzi DeYoung presented information pertaining to the Use of Fund Balance Resolution.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Thimmig to approve the Resolution Number Nine 2014-2015 Use of Fund Balance as presented. Roll Call

Vote: All Ayes.

### **13. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER TEN 2014-2015 ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS**

Chief Financial Officer Suzi DeYoung presented information pertaining to the 2015-2016 budget.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Gallegos to approve the Resolution Number Ten 2014-2015 Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget and Appropriations as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

### **14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

June 9, 2015	5:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting Lois Lesser Board Room at the Educational Service Center 18551 E. 160 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Brighton, CO 80601 *Only regular meeting of the month
June 23, 2015	5:30 p.m. Board Planning Session Executive Conference Room at the Educational Service Center 18551 E. 160 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Brighton, CO 80601
July 28, 2015	6:00 p.m. Linkage with School District 27J Principals District Training Room 80 S. 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Brighton, CO 80601
August 11, 2015	Linkage with Main Street Businesses, Brighton Chamber of Commerce and Brighton Economic Development Group Educational Service Center 18551 E. 160 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Brighton, CO 80601
August 25, 2015	5:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting Stuart Middle School 15955 E. 101 <sup>st</sup> Way Commerce City, CO 80022

### **15. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION**

Director Thimmig presented the meeting evaluation.

**16. CLOSING COMMENTS:** None

**17. ADJOURNMENT:** 9:05 p.m.