

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

**April 28, 2015
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PRESENTATION OF COLORS

27J School District Civil Air Patrol Squadron presented the colors.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Director Petrocco, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the agenda dated April 28, 2015 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITIONS

- a. The entire Board of Education and Dr. Chris Fiedler recognized Bonita Rose, a classified employee from the transportation department. She was recognized for presenting her Idle Program at the AFT National Conference that occurred in Washington D.C. in April, 2015.
- b. The entire Board of Education and Dr. Chris Fiedler recognized Kathey Ruybal, an English Language Arts teacher from Brighton High School. She was recognized for her nomination by the Colorado Education Association for the 2015 National Education Association Foundation Awards for teaching excellence. Ms. Ruybal received her award in Washington D.C. this year. Ms. Ruybal also received the Golden Apple Award at the state level.
- c. The entire Board of Education and Dr. Chris Fiedler recognized Justin Daigle, an English Language Arts teacher from Brighton High School. He was recognized as one of the top five Journalism Education Association Advisors in the nation. Mr. Daigle was unable to attend and accept this recognition due to his attendance at the Brighton High School Academy Awards ceremony which occurred this evening.
- d. The entire Board of Education and Dr. Chris Fiedler recognized the Brighton High School Yearbook staff. These students were finalists for the most prestigious national yearbook award. The award is the NSPA Pacemaker. Representatives from the

yearbook staff were unable to attend and accept this recognition as they were attending the Brighton High School Academic Awards ceremony which occurred this evening.

- e. The entire Board of Education and Dr. Chris Fiedler recognized the Brighton High School DECA Group. This group was named the 2015 Colorado DECA Chapter of the Year after winning first place for their program of work. Representatives from this group were unable to attend this evening as they were attending the Brighton High School Academic Awards ceremony which occurred this evening.
- f. The entire Board of Education and Dr. Chris Fiedler recognized Saul Manuel Jurado from Brighton High School and Montrell Alexander Nickerson from Prairie View High School for receiving the Daniels Scholarship Award. Mr. Jurado was unable to attend as he was attending the Brighton High School Academic Awards ceremony which occurred this evening. Mr. Nickerson was able to attend and be recognized.
- g. The entire Board of Education and Dr. Chris Fiedler recognized the following groups with the Reaching In Award:
 - 1. Brighton Kiwanis Group - Clothing Drive and Santa Project
Amanda Griffin and Ben Ploeger were present to accept the award on behalf of the Kiwanis Group.
 - 2. Brighton Elks Lodge #1586 - Delivered 804 Thanksgiving meals to School District 27J families and senior citizens.
A representative was unable to attend to accept the award on behalf of the Brighton Elks Lodge #1586 group. This award will be delivered to the group.
 - 3. Sustainable Adams County Group (ADCO Coats for Kids) - Coats, hats and gloves collection throughout the community for School District 27J students. A representative was unable to attend to accept the award on behalf of the Sustainable Adams County Group. This award will be delivered to the group.
- h. The entire Board of Education and Dr. Chris Fiedler recognized the following staff members with the Reaching Out Award for “Heroes Among Us”:

CLASSIFIED

Suzi DeYoung – Chief Financial Officer
Terry Lucero – Chief Operations Officer
Diane Martinez – Classroom Paraprofessional and Support at Brighton Heritage Academy
Micha Strain – Nutrition Services Kitchen Manager at Vikan Middle School

CERTIFIED

Jennifer Cano-Smith – School Psychologist at Brantner Elementary School
Barbara Fasbender – District Wide Substitute Teacher
Ray Garza – Physical Education Teacher at Vikan Middle School
Cheryl Knoll – First Grade Teacher at South Elementary School
Amy Leonard – Social Studies Teacher at Stuart Middle School

Veronica Randall – Science Teacher at Prairie View High School

GROUP AND MISCELLANEOUS

Kelly Pepin – School Secretary, and Eileen McDonald – School Registrar at Thimmig Elementary School

Amy Gallegos, Che Martin, Baldemar Fontes, Maria Orosco, and Steven Brito – Custodial Staff at Stuart Middle School

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the district.

A brief reception occurred at this time to honor the award winners.

7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board will now hear public comment on the following topics that have been indicated on the sign in sheet. A reminder that this Board meeting is a business meeting held in public not a public meeting. The Board hears public comment to learn about the preferences and concerns of our community. So, tonight we will listen. We are prohibited by state law to take any action on the items because law requires formal public notice prior to any action on an agenda item. During our next meeting, if appropriate, we will consider your comments in our discussion, and we will ask that the Superintendent attempt to find an answer for any of your questions by that time.

The Board welcomes the comments of our community members, but to ensure that everyone will have an opportunity to participate, we have a few ground rules we ask you to follow:

Anyone intending to address the Board should sign the speaker sign-in sheet at the back of the room. I will call speakers in the order in which they signed in.

Speakers’ comments are limited to three minutes.

If more than one person wishes to speak on the same topic, the new speaker is limited to providing only new information. Please, do not repeat views already expressed by other speakers.

We ask you to refrain from making complaints or negative comments against individual students or district employees; however, we cannot prevent you from doing so. Such complaints and comments should be addressed first at the classroom or school level, and then if still unresolved, to the Superintendent.

Disturbing good order by inappropriate language or gestures is grounds for removal from the meeting.

We thank you in advance for your participation tonight.

Richard Perez, 12020 Wheeling Street, Brighton, CO 80601

Mr. Perez is an 11th grade student at Prairie View High School. He expressed his concerns regarding the split schedule/extended day schedule that will occur at the high schools next year.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated March 10, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and April 14, 2015 Linkage Meeting and Special Meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated April 21, 2015 and Resolution Number Six 2014-2015 Non-Renewal of Contracts of Probationary Teachers
- c. Approval of Professional Auditing Services Contract with RubinBrown LLP

9. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage: The Board of Education met with the Elementary and Middle School Groups. Director Thimmig believes this was the largest group they had ever met with. She observed that the majority of the parents were happy with what students were receiving from the district. Some expressed issues, but they were minor. She will compile a list and investigate. The attendees expressed that they enjoyed the meeting. Director Day felt the group was happy with the venue and ability to speak to the Board of Education directors. Director Day's question was, "If a new neighbor moved to your neighborhood, what would you say about the district?" Most attendees expressed that they would have positive comments. They also liked that the Board Directors took time to meet with the group to assist with policy creation or revision. Director Gallegos asked if they could change one class or rule, what would it be? The majority of the group liked the district, but did have an opportunity to suggest changes. She enjoyed having the students express themselves. They saw concern and appreciated that the Board of Education was there to listen. Director Piotraschke asked if they felt their students were getting the education that will get them ready for the future world. All parents said yes, but felt they need to be pushed more, or have more availability of Gifted and Talented programs. He asked the students what was the "hardest thing"? They stated that testing and excess testing were hard. He also said that some students wished that other students would act more appropriately and behave better in class.
- b. Board Education: Several Board members expressed that the 5th Tuesday Linkage meeting with City Council Members that occurred in March was very informative. They enjoyed the presentation by the Colorado Fiscal Institute staff. Director Piotraschke was commended for suggesting the topic and presenter. It provided great funding information to the entire group. They also felt that the presentation by the Nutrition Services staff that occurred tonight was very informative. Director Gallegos suggested the topic for presentation. Director Piotraschke enjoyed the presentation and felt it was "eye opening" to see how the program and department works. The information about federal funding that is received for free and reduced lunch benefits everyone because of price reductions of lunches for all is a great message to distribute to our entire school community.

- c. Board Committees
 - 1. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: The next meeting is in April.
 - 2. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - 3. BOCES: A special meeting occurred at the end of March. The group finalized the evaluation and contract for the executive director at the business meeting that occurred at the beginning of April. They looked at the preliminary budget and loss experience to the insurance pool. The next meeting will occur in two weeks, and they plan to finalize questions to change the name of the BOCES group and organizing the change with the insurance commission.
 - 4. Reaching Out/In: Next awards to occur in October, 2015. Director Thimmig suggested that the linkage meeting that occurs in May, 2016, could be a Celebration Open House to recognize academics and other groups. This may avoid the conflict that occurred this evening with Brighton High School's Academic Awards Ceremony. This is for future consideration.
- d. Board Reports – Board Members report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals: Director Day attended the International Baccalaureate luncheon at Northeast Elementary. Three representatives were conducting the final visit to develop the final report to the International Baccalaureate headquarters. Director Day stated that it was an interesting process, and he feels that we have wonderful educators, and the Board of Education is excited for Northeast Elementary to receive its recommendation and move to that curriculum. Director Gallegos attended the Annual DECA Banquet. She was impressed with the professionalism of the students and how they represent themselves in wonderful leadership roles. She enjoyed their excitement. This was the second year that Director Piotraschke attended the event and he was impressed with the growth of the group and the embracement of the community for that group. He can see why they were named Chapter of the Year. He also enjoyed seeing alumni from the group come back and make presentations. Director Piotraschke also reported about his attendance at the NAELO Conference. He attended through the scholarship that he received. Many sponsors donated scholarships. On the first day, he attended sessions on leadership initiative, effective leadership through effective governance, and Robert's Rules of Order. During the second day he attended sessions on equal education opportunities, delays and "hang-ups" of portability issues of money following students when they leave. This will create a gap in funding. He also enjoyed presentations on civil rights, PARCC assessments and how that is working through translation, etc. They discussed needs of English language learners. An organization is reviewing the textbooks and materials and checking alignment with curriculum. Only one English text book for elementary school students passed the review process of meeting the criteria. Next step is to review the textbooks used for math instruction. He suggests future attendance at this conference in the future.
- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board

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. Expectations of the Board through 3.E Asset Protection

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

POLICY WORK

c. Policy Review Schedule:

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| 1. April 28, 2015 | 3.E Asset Protection |
| 2. May 26, 2015 | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public
3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting |
| 3. June 9, 2015 | None |
| 4. *August 25, 2015 | 3.0 General Executive Constraint |
| 5. *September 22, 2015 | 1.2 Composite ACT Scores/1.3 TCAP/CSAP Reading
Writing, Math, and Science
3.J Charter Schools |
| 6. *October 27, 2015 | 3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal |
| 7. *November 10, 2015 | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession |
| 8. *December 8, 2015 | 3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities
3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Insp. |
| 9. *January 26, 2016 | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers
3.D Financial Conditions and Activities |
| 10. *February 23, 2016 | 1.1 Graduation Rate
3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians |
| 11. *March 8, 2016 | 3.G Compensation & Benefits |
- *Reflects dates with approval of the 2015-2016 Board of Education Calendar

a. The Board of Education discussed revisions to Policy 3.J Charters Schools.

Motion by Director Doucet, seconded by Director Thimmig to approve the revisions to Policy 3.J as presented. This included the addition of 25% to be inserted in section 13 of the policy. Director Doucet withdrew his motion.

Motion by Director Doucet, seconded by Director Thimmig to accept policy modifications to Policy 3.J Charter Schools inclusive of charter applications currently under consideration to expand charter enrollment capacity. This includes the insertion of 25% in section 13 of the policy. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

b. The Board discussed Policy 2.C Agenda Planning and accepted the Board of Education 2015-2016 calendar.

Motion by Director Petrocco, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the Board of Education 2015-2016 calendar as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

c. President Day discussed that no revisions were made to the addendum to Policy 2.J Governance Investment.

11. PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY 2015-2016 BUDGET

Budget Director Diane Trujillo presented information concerning the 2015-2016 preliminary budget. No action was needed by the Board of Education at this time.

12. RESOLUTION RESTORING THE NEGATIVE FACTOR BEFORE PROVIDING TABOR REFUNDS AS A STATEWIDE PRIORITY

President Day discussed the approval of Resolution Number Seven 2014-2015 Restoring the Negative Factor Before Providing TABOR Refunds as a Statewide Priority.

Motion by Director Petrocco, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve Resolution Number Seven 2014-2015 Restoring the Negative Factor Before Providing TABOR Refunds as a Statewide Priority. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Note: Director Landwehr was absent from this meeting but did sign this resolution on April 30, 2015.

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

May 12, 2015	6:00 p.m. Linkage with English Language Learner Families Educational Service Center 18551 E. 160 th Avenue Brighton, CO 80601
May 26, 2015	5:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting Eagle Ridge Academy 3551 Southern Street Brighton, CO 80601
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 th Avenue Brighton, CO 80601 *Only regular meeting of the month
June 23, 2015	Board Planning Session Executive Conference Room at the Educational Service Center 18551 E. 160 th Avenue Brighton, CO 80601
*July 28, 2015	6:00 p.m. Linkage with School District 27J Principals District Training Room 80 S. 8 th Avenue Brighton, CO 80601

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14. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

Director Doucet presented the meeting evaluation.

15. CLOSING COMMENTS: None

16. ADJOURNMENT: 9:41 p.m.