

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

**October 27, 2015  
Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Director Farner, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the agenda dated October 27, 2015 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

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

- a. The Board of Education congratulated Director Greg Piotraschke for receiving the 2015 Colorado Association of School Boards McGuffey Award. President Day presented Director Piotraschke with the award.
- b. The Board of Education congratulated The Greater Brighton Neighborhood Volunteers, United Power, La Estrellita Mexican Restaurant, and Thornton Mile High Karate for receiving the “Reaching In” Award. These groups organized school supplies donations that were distributed throughout the entire school district. Director Thimmig presented the awards to representatives from The Greater Brighton Neighborhood Volunteers and United Power. A representative from La Estrellita Mexican Restaurant was unable to attend. Their award will be delivered to them.
- c. The entire Board of Education congratulated the following staff members for receiving the “Reaching Out” Award for Most Valuable Person. Director Thimmig read a portion of the nomination for each winner:

**CLASSIFIED**

DesiRae DeHerrera – Nutrition Services  
Maria Elizade – Prairie View Middle School  
Heidi Dent – Brighton High School  
LuAnn Hiler – Human Resources  
Marie Jones – Brighton High School  
Kerri Pachelo – Adams Youth Services Center

Leslie Baca – Brantner Elementary School  
Paula Chalmers – Second Creek Elementary

CERTIFIED

Deborah Case – Southeast Elementary School  
Elizabeth Castor – Prairie View High School  
Rowena Evans – Pennock Elementary School  
Della Palacios – North Elementary School  
Kevin Purfurst – Prairie View High School  
Michele Saller – Brantner Elementary School  
Lindsey Solano – Brighton High School

GROUPS

Andrea Torres and Cody Lancaster – Vikan Middle School PE/Health and Math Teacher  
Beth York, Amy Avery, Jen Braa, and Ginny Bedwell – Turnberry Elementary School Office Staff

**5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the district.

A brief reception occurred at 7:42 p.m. to honor our award winners.

The meeting reconvened at 7:58 p.m. All Board of Education members were present.

**6. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated September 22, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated October 20, 2015.
- c. Approval of Resolution Number Three 2015-2016 to designate the district attendance officers and to authorize the attendance officers to represent the district in truancy court proceedings.

**8. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS**

- a. Ownership Linkage: The Board of Education met with Brighton Education Association (BEA) members and teachers. Director Thimmig expressed that the certified staff members were appreciative of the opportunity to greet the board and

they enjoyed the discussion. Overall, the BEA members that she spoke with are happy to be in the district, and happy with the activities in their individual buildings. There are some points of contention, with our growth putting a lot of pressure and stress on our educators and teachers. Director Gallegos noted that not one teacher was unhappy to be working in School District 27J. They have challenges, but one emotional topic is that they love the students. They go above and beyond by getting school supplies, clothing, etc. for our students. They truly have “heart for the students”. They love the kids and intend on continuing being where they are at. They also expressed appreciation of the willingness of the Board of Education members to sit down and listen to the group.

- b. Board Education: None
- c. Board Committees
  1. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: President Day explained that the group didn't meet during the month of October. They are waiting for the bond election results and will meet again in November.
  2. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: Director Thimmig explained that the group met on a Thursday for better attendance and to achieve a quorum. The group approved bills and is in the transition of finding an executive director due to the retirement of Joy Gerdom. Fees are coming in from developers and contracts from different builders and developers. They are planning, with a successful bond election, to see how funds will be used for those projects.
  3. Rocky Mountain Risk: President Day explained that the group did meet in October. Their management audit was performed and no issues were found. They are drafting their strategic plan. They are also looking at policies on how to bring a new school district to the group. They are having some director changes due to the school board elections.
  4. Reaching Out/In: The Board of Education will honor staff members in January, 2016. The topic will be “Play of the Day”.
  5. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee: Director Thimmig and Director Petrocco were originally chosen to serve. Director Petrocco asked to be excused from this committee, and President Day is serving on this committee. President Day explained the history of the formation of the committee. The first meeting occurred on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The Commerce City staff presented information about a potential baseball park at 116<sup>th</sup> and Chambers. That location was previously determined to be a potential school sight. The group is in the process of determining if the developer is still deeding the property to the school district. This occurs within a 10 year period or 80% of build out of the subdivision. President Day explained that the meeting went well and he feels that the school district staff and Commerce City staff have a good idea of future meetings and plans.
  6. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee: See Action in Item Number 8e
- d. Board Reports – Board Members will report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals: None at this time.
- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board.

1. The Board of Education confirmed the citizen members that will serve on the 2015 Bond Oversight Committee.

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Doucet to approve the appointment of Jason McEldowney, Lea Mitchell, Troy Whitmore, Chris Wahrle, Amy Werpy, and Liz Johnson to the 2015 Bond Oversight Committee for the purpose of monitoring the activities and expenditures of the 2015 Bond program. Director Piotraschke and Director Farner were appointed to this committee at the September 22, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

## **9. RESOLUTION FOR EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY BOARD AFFILIATE PROGRAM**

The Board of Education considered approving Resolution Number Four 2015-2016 approving Eagle Ridge Academy Board of Directors to apply to become a member of the Colorado Association of School Board's Charter School Affiliate Program.

Director Farner read the Resolution into public record at this time.

Motion by Director Doucet, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve Resolution Number Four 2015-2016 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

## **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.D Financial Conditions and Activities.

Motion by Director Doucet, seconded by Director Piotraschke to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Conditions and Activities as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

## **11. POLICY WORK**

- a. Policy Review Schedule

1. October 27, 2015	3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal
2. November 10, 2015	3.H Emergency Executive Succession
3. December 8, 2015	3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities
	3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection
4. January 26, 2016	3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers
	3.D Financial Conditions and Activities
5. February 23, 2016	1.1 Graduation Rate
	3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians

6. March 8, 2016	3.G Compensation & Benefits
7. April 26, 2016	3.E Asset Protection
8. May 24, 2016	3.A Treatment of Students/Public
	3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
9. June 14, 2016	None
10. August 23, 2016	3.0 General Executive Constraint
11. September 22, 2016	1.2 Composite ACT Scores/1.3 TCAP Reading, Writing, Math, and Science
	3.J Charter Schools

- b. The Board of Education discussed revisions to Policy 1 – Purpose of District 27J to include a new Global Goal Statement and the removal of item 3.1

Motion by Director Farner, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the revision to Policy 1 – Purpose of District 27J as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

- c. The Board of Education discussed revisions to Global Goal/Students achieve academic excellence. Four options and additional future changes from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) were considered. This was information only, and no formal action occurred at this time.

## 12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

November 10, 2015	5:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting Vikan Middle School 879 Jessup Street Brighton, CO 80601 Note: Only Meeting of the Month
December 8, 2015	5:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting Brighton High School 270 S. 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Brighton, CO 80601 Note: Only Meeting of the Month
January 12, 2016	Linkage Meeting with a group to be determined Time and Location are to be determined Possible planning session
January 26, 2016	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

February 9, 2016      6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with Graduating Students  
Prairie View High School  
12909 E. 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Henderson, CO 80640

February 23, 2016      5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
BOLT/Bridge Academy  
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120  
Brighton, CO 80601

### **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Education conducted an executive session per CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Gallegos to approve entering into an executive session per CRS 24-6- 402(4)(f)(I) for the purpose of discussing Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler's evaluation. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Executive Session started at 8:40 p.m.

Dr. Chris Fiedler joined the Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded at 10:03 p.m.

### **14. RENEWAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT**

The Board of Education discussed the renewal of Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler's contract. This is an extension to June 30, 2018, with no increase of salary or benefits per Dr. Fiedler's request. They also discussed revising the evaluation date in Section 7 of the contract from October 15<sup>th</sup> each year to October 31<sup>st</sup> each year. This date will coincide with the regular Board of Education meeting that is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in October each year.

Motion by Director Farnier, seconded by Director Doucet to approve the renewal of Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler's contract with a revision in Section 7 Evaluation to state the evaluation date will occur on or before October 31, 2016 and October 31, 2017. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

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

Director Doucet presented the meeting evaluation.

### **16. CLOSING COMMENTS**

### **17. ADJOURNMENT: Time: 10:07 p.m.**