

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

**October 25, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Day, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thimmig and Director Worth were present for this entire meeting. Director Doucet was absent from this entire meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Thimmig to approve the agenda dated October 25, 2016 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

4. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR DISTRICT SIX

The Board of Education certified that Jennifer Venerable was duly appointed to Director District Six for a term to be completed on November 7, 2017.

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the appointment of Jennifer Venerable as Director for District Six for a term to be completed on November 7, 2017. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

5. SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF DIRECTOR JENNIFER VENERABLE

The Honorable Brian Bowen administered the oath of office to Jennifer Venerable for the Board of Education Director District Six for a term to be completed on November 7, 2017.

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITIONS

- a. The Board of Education recognized Teresa R. Gallegos for her service and dedication to the Board of Education and the School District 27J community. Ms. Gallegos resigned her position, and it was accepted by the Board of Education on September 13, 2016, due to her moving out of her director district.
- b. The Board of Education recognized the following groups for their commitment and dedication to the School District 27J community for organizing school supplies donations:

A Precious Child

Allstate Insurance - Melissa Rippy accepted the award on behalf of Allstate Insurance.

Mile High Blaze Women's Tackle Football Team - Wyndy Flato Dominy
ReMax Momentum - Jennifer Sheldon
Sue Corbett
The Stuart Family
United Power – Tom Green accepted the award on behalf of United Power.

- c. The Board of Education congratulated The Orchard Church for receiving the "Reaching In" Award. This group organized a painting event at Henderson Elementary School. Kevin Williams accepted the award on behalf of The Orchard Church.
- d. The Board of Education congratulated David and Sherry Franks for receiving the "Reaching In" Award. Mr. and Mrs. Franks have volunteered countless hours to the students and staff at Vikan Middle School.
- e. The Board of Education congratulated the following staff members for receiving the "Reaching Out" Award for Marching Off the Map:

Classified:

Krishna Cardenas, Athletic Secretary at Prairie View High School
Lori Marten, District Wellness Coordinator
Nichole Poppie, Assistant Director, Nutrition Services
Julie Shaw, Special Education Severe Needs Paraprofessional at Prairie View Middle School

Certified:

Levi Carrillo, Counselor at Prairie View High School
Sheri Collier, Instructional Specialists for Gifted and Talented at the Educational Service Center and Achieve Institute at Pennock Elementary School
Melissa Frohman, First Grade Teacher at Pennock Elementary School
Lucy Sanchez, Fourth Grade Teacher at South Elementary School

Groups/Teams:

Overland Trail Middle School – Roberto Cuevas, Edward Landeros

Innovations and Options Academies Leadership Team - Kenlyn Newman, Kate Blair, Jen Alexander

Northeast Elementary School International Baccalaureate Leadership Team - Cora Gupton, Carol Wright, Angelina Baxley, Jennifer Petit, Suzanne Haley, Jennifer Hirsch, Jamie Vannice, Toby Karr, Bill Parker, Jennifer Ceretto, Heather Garcia

Vikan Middle School Sixth Grade Team - Kathryn Padderud, Jason Komora, April O'Neal, Ana Marlatt, Joni Zigan, Brian Lambrecht.

Vikan Middle School Special Education Paraprofessional Team - Carmen Castro, Eremita Estrada, Debra Woodring, Olivia Javalera, Elvia Vasquez

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the district.

A brief reception occurred at 7:55 p.m. to honor Ms. Gallegos and the award winners.

The meeting convened at 8:10 p.m. All Board of Education members were present.

8. ADAMS COUNTY YOUTH INITIATIVE PRESENTATION

ACYI Partnership Director Lisandra Gonzales presented the 2015 Cradle to Career Partnership Report. This was informational only, and no official Board of Education action was required.

9. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

10. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated September 27, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated October 18, 2016
- c. Approval of Resolution Number Five 2016-2017 to designate the district attendance officers and to authorize the attendance officers to represent the district in truancy court proceedings
- d. Approval of the waiver of Management Limitations 3.E Asset Protection, Item 6, for the expressed purpose of allowing for the architectural design work related to the completion of Middle School Number Five

11. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
- b. Board Education: The Board of Education heard a presentation at tonight's meeting regarding the negative factor.
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: This group reviewed the attendance boundaries for Comprehensive High School #3, and they may be similar to Middle School #5.

- ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk: The group reviewed policy items for the insurance pool and made one change to policy. They also reviewed increased risk tendencies in the member districts that may cause increased premiums.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In: Next award will be in January 2017.
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee: Director Thimmig explained that the construction is occurring quickly at the Comprehensive High School #3 and Reunion Elementary school. Staff presented the budget and rationale of allotting budgeted funds to projects that coincide with bond funds. They are being conservative on the contingency and the allotment funds. The budgets can be reviewed on the school district's website. Staff is pushing to get timelines completed by Election Day, such as architects and perspectives for summer work. After the election, if some of the potential bond requests are approved, competition for services will increase which may cause prices to rise. Director Thimmig commended Terry Lucero's group for seeing the perspective and working toward that goal. They are doing great work. She expressed it was a good meeting
- d. Board Reports – Board Members report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals.
- Director Piotraschke attended the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) legislative session. The group reviewed policies they will be putting forth for the legislative session. He attended a training session on cyber policies presented by Canyon High School to get perspective and look at better processes. He explained that the Aurora School District is dealing with the theatre shooting, and the aftermath of that. Director Piotraschke will continue to share more information when the policies are finalized. The group is worried about school funding, and the negative factor. The group feels it is important to stay solid and consolidated as a group of school boards and to do the best things for kids. He explained that it was an interesting session, and he will know more November 8, 2016. Director Day and Director Thimmig are planning on attending the next CASB Leadership Project meeting. These meetings have been occurring for almost a year now, and are very informative and valuable. Director Day explained that one topic for discussion will be about boards participating with their urban renewal authority groups. Matt Cook is bringing in a speaker for the topic to discuss how taxing authorities affect school districts. The cities of Aurora, Brighton, and Commerce City all have urban renewal authority groups. Hopefully, Director Day will get more direction of what the Board of Education should do, and he will bring the topic back at the November meeting. Director Worth attended the Colorado Supreme Court Session at Brighton High School. The judges heard two different cases. He explained that this only occurs at two schools per year. It was fascinating, and he feels the students enjoyed the event, and were very respectful of the process. He also participated in college readiness financial planning night. This was a City of Brighton sponsored event, and the attendees learned about college and the “ugly” financials that come along with that.

They had assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Director Nickeson explained that the State of Colorado Governor's budget will be released on November 1, 2016. He will be monitoring this as part of his professional responsibilities. He also participated in the All Schools Drill at Pennock Elementary School on October 25, 2016. National Standards created by the I Love You Guys Foundation, Emily Keys were used. The school practiced the reunification process. The incident command individuals and the staff members at Pennock Elementary school did an amazing job. He explained that it was remarkably eerie seeing 600 students absolutely silent. He could tell that everyone practiced hard, and he appreciated the process. Director Thimmig explained that during her recent visit to Switzerland, her tour group heard a presentation about their education system. They pay teachers well, starting at about \$80,000 per year with the ability of achieve a salary close to \$125,000 per year. The cost of living is just a bit higher than in the United States. They value education and teachers in Switzerland. Each student chooses a career path with an apprenticeship and internship. They offer anything from bakers to medicine. Their senior year lasts two years (13 total) and they are put through the internship to pick a career path. They have strong community support from individuals that teach these students.

- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board: none

12. 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 Lori Schiek presented the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Conditions and Activities.

Motion by Director Nickeson, 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.

POLICY WORK

- c. Policy Review Schedule:

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| i. | October 25, 2016 | 3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal |
| ii. | November 8, 2016 | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession |
| iii. | December 13, 2016 | 3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities
3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Insp. |
| iv. | January 24, 2017 | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers
3.D Financial Conditions and Activities |
| v. | February 28, 2017 | 1.1 Graduation Rate
3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians |
| vi. | March 14, 2017 | 3.G Compensation & Benefits |
| vii. | April 25, 2017 | 3.E Asset Protection |

- December 13, 2016 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
Lois Lesser Board Room
Educational Service Center
18551 E. 160th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601
**Note: Only meeting of the month
- January 10, 2017 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting or Planning Session
Lois Lesser Board Room
Educational Service Center
18551 E. 160th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601
- January 24, 2017 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
Lois Lesser Board Room
18551 E. 160th Avenue
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- January 31, 2017 5th Tuesday Joint Meeting with City Councils
Time and Location are To Be Determined

15. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

Director Piotraschke presented the meeting evaluation.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS:

Director Venerable expressed gratitude to the Board of Education, and she is looking forward to being part of this group. She feels it's a great group, with good energy that wants to do good things for kids. Director Piotraschke explained it was great to have a district that honors the staff and community members with the Reaching In and Reaching Out awards. He explained that we are getting larger as a district, but the home-town feeling still exists. He also enjoyed the great news about the school improvements and thanked Dr. Fiedler, Jill Nguyen and all staff. He explained it is a pleasure to be on the Board at this time. Director Day appreciates everyone's efforts. He is also looking to next year and he plans to have Dr. Fiedler's evaluation completed by early October.

17. ADJOURNMENT: Time 10:30 p.m.