

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

**April 26, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The 27J School District Civil Air Patrol Squadron presented the Colors and lead the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Major Cathy LaLiberte, the current commander of the squadron, introduced First Lieutenant Mike Kearns. He has been appointed as the new commander of the squadron. Major Laliberte was honored for her commitment and dedication.

Director Day, Director Doucet, Director Farner, Director Gallegos, Director Piotraschke, Director Thimmig, and Director Worth were present for the entire meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Director Farner, seconded by Director Gallegos to approve the agenda dated April 26, 2016 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

4. BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITIONS

- a. The Board of Education recognized the following groups with the Reaching In Award:
 - i. United Power – Sponsored the School District 27J Mobile App. Tom Green was present to accept the award on behalf of United Power.
 - ii. Denver Tech For All – Gathers donations, collects and reconditions used computer equipment, and this equipment is then distributed to qualified School District 27J students and families for their use at no charge. Rose Keating was present to accept the award on behalf of Denver Tech For All.
- b. The Board of Education recognized the following staff members with the Reaching Out Award for “Rookie of the Year”:

Classified

Christina Feighner – Substitute Coordinator at the Educational Service Center
Shawna Hodgson – Office Paraprofessional – Athletic Secretary at Stuart Middle School
Gregory Martin – Literacy Resource Support/Data Technician at Turnberry Elementary
Ashlie Ortega – Secretary at the Nutrition Services Center
Marina Troncoso – Office Paraprofessional at North Elementary

Certified

Kris Burghart – Language Arts Teacher at Stuart Middle School
Tanya Collins – Social Studies Teacher at Overland Trail Middle School
Judd Farner – English Teacher at Brighton High School
Jennifer Hufnagel – Kindergarten Teacher at Turnberry Elementary
Andrew Horwath – Math Teacher at Prairie View Middle School
Erin McDonald – Social Studies Teacher at Prairie View High School
Darrell Robertson – Fifth Grade Teacher at South Elementary
Desirae Sweetalla – FLEX Teacher/English Teacher at Brighton Heritage Academy
Emily Volf – English Teacher at Prairie View High School
Jaime White – Principal at Prairie View High School
Ami Wilson – Fifth Grade Teacher at Thimmig Elementary

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the district.

A brief reception occurred to honor the award winners. The meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m. All Board Members were present.

6. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Dr. Ben Ploeger	Eagle Ridge Academy 3551 Southern Street, Brighton

Dr. Ploeger presented a check in the amount of \$109,430.00 for the repayment of deferred collection of school district central administrative overhead and direct costs. The fiscal year 2014 promissory note is now paid in full, with repayment by Eagle Ridge Academy completed 14 months ahead of the required debt payments.

Marika Van Urban	383 Montezuma Street Brighton, CO 80601
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Ms. Van Urban is the Vice-Chair of the Brighton Youth Commission. She wanted to inform the Board of Education about Suicide Prevention Education Awareness and Knowledge Week (SPEAK) that is happening this week. She invited the Board of Education to the many activities that will be occurring throughout the district.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Director Day requested removal of item a. - “Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated March 8, 2016” to correct the record of the Board Members’ attendance at that meeting. Item b. remained on the consent agenda. Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Farner to approve item b. in the consent agenda. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

- a. Removed (See Below)
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated April 19, 2016 and Resolution Number Eight 2015-2016 Non-Renewal of Contracts of Probationary Teachers (Confidential Enclosure)

7.1 REVISION TO THE MARCH 8, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Director Day corrected the March 8, 2016 minutes to reflect “Director Day, Director Farner, Director Piotraschke, Director Thimmig, and Director Worth were present. Director Doucet and Director Gallegos were absent from this entire meeting. They both have excused absences.” Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Farner to accept the minutes as amended. Roll Call Vote: Director Day, Aye, Director Doucet, Abstain, Director Farner, Aye, Director Gallegos, Abstain, Director Piotraschke, Aye, Director Thimmig, Aye, and Director Worth, Aye.

8. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage: Director Gallegos reported on the linkage meeting that was conducted with the English Language Learners. Ms. Gallegos explained that the Board of Education appreciated the families that attended the meeting. Families from South Elementary, North Elementary and Vikan Middle School were appreciative of the teachers and the support that they receive from them. This made Director Gallegos feel good about the work they are doing at those schools to support those families. One concern was they felt that the discipline was a bit too lenient. She felt it was a good meeting. Director Worth would like to see each of the schools identify an advocate for these families. If there is a communication barrier, having an advocate would eliminate the student being the communication liaison between the parent and the staff members. Ms. Gallegos asked Terry Lucero to comment on his experience. He explained that the families expressed appreciation of being part of our educational system. They didn’t just use the words “Thank you”, they used words that expressed deep gratitude. They have respect for the programs we offer their students.
- b. Board Education: No report at this time.
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: The group did meet, but Director Day was unable to attend. The group summarized the boundary options for Elementary School #12. Four open houses were conducted and the group recommended the Black Boundary Option to the superintendent. This was adopted by the superintendent.
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: This group did not meet because they were unable to attain a quorum.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk: The group conducted a special session to complete the full evaluation of their executive director.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In: The group will be looking at the next year’s theme for categories. The “Rookie of the Year” was popular and may be a yearly tradition.
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee: No meeting occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.

- vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee: This group did not meet because they were unable to attain a quorum.
- d. Board Reports – Board Members report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals.

Director Thimmig attended the Academic Awards Ceremony at Brighton High School. She also attended the boundary open house in the Reunion Subdivision area. Director Worth attended the National Honor Society Induction ceremony at Prairie View High School, as well as the Academic Awards Ceremony at Brighton High School. Director Day attended the Teacher Job Fair at Stuart Middle School. He enjoyed the eager faces that were attending. He feels it is good to have Board of Education members present at the job fair event.
- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board:

Director Piotraschke went to the Senate Education Hearing Committee Senate Bill 187 and 188 and testified as an individual. The two bills that did pass out of the senate committee and are being forward to the Senate involve mill levy equalization between charter schools and public schools. He did explain that he feels we have a good relationship with our Charter Schools, so he chose not to testify about that topic. He does have concerns about language that will change Charter School Boards to Local Boards instead of Public Boards which meant that instead of two board members meeting and declared a public meeting, three people could meet and discuss business without any public involvement. Another concern is a bill that will allow charter school networks being removed from an educational provider based on the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). They wouldn't be as accountable as public schools and not supervised by CDE. They may have less oversight than public schools. He also explained that charter schools that choose to go through the Charter School Institute and have no ties to public schools, will take funds from all district schools to possibly fund mill levy equalization. He mentioned this could hurt the \$831 million dollar negative factor which could possibly rise to \$905 million based on current projections. Director Day thanked Director Piotraschke for attending this committee meeting and the update he provided. Director Worth and Director Piotraschke attended the Brighton High School DECA presentation. They enjoyed the celebrations and being able to experience 50 years of tradition. He hopes to see many more years to come. Director Worth served coffee at the “Dudes and Donuts” and “Moms and Cinnamon Rolls” at South Elementary. These events encourage students to bring their parents and mentors. This provides great role models for these students..

9. 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 Operations Officer Terry Lucero presented the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.E Asset Protection. Mr. Lucero introduced Isaac Solano, a PHD student at Denver University. He had been touring School District 27J to learn about our processes and procedures and operations. Mr. Solano thanked the district staff for the opportunity.

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Piotraschke 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.

- c. Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented the Expectations of the Board Report 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting.

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

POLICY WORK

- d. Policy Review Schedule:

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| i. April 26, 2016 | 3.E Asset Protection |
| ii. May 24, 2016** | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public
3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting |
| iii. June 14, 2016 | None |
| iv. August 23, 2016 | 3.0 General Executive Constraint |
| v. September 27, 2016 | 1.2 Composite ACT Scores/1.3 TCAP/CSAP Reading
Writing, Math, and Science
3.J Charter Schools |
| vi. October 25, 2016 | 3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal |
| vii. November 8, 2016 | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession |
| viii. December 13, 2016 | 3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities
3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Insp. |
| ix. January 24, 2017 | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers
3.D Financial Conditions and Activities |
| x. February 28, 2017 | 1.1 Graduation Rate
3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians |
| xi. March 14, 2017 | 3.G Compensation & Benefits |

** Due to the cancellation of the May 24, 2016 meeting, 3.A Treatment of Students/Public will be moved to the June 14, 2016 meeting, and 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting was moved to the April 26, 2016 meeting.

1. The Board of Education discussed Policy 2.F.3 Conflict of Interest for possible revision and action.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Worth to approve option #2 to revise Policy 2.F.3 as presented. Further Discussion occurred. Revised Motion was made by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Worth to table the item until the June 14, 2016 regular Board of Education meeting to allow for additional information and legal advice. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

2. The Board discussed Board Global Goal 1.3 for possible revision and action.

Motion by Director Farner, seconded by Director Thimmig to approve the revision to Board Goal 1.3 as presented. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

10. PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY 2016-2017 BUDGET

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented information concerning the 2016-2017 preliminary budget. No action was needed by the Board of Education at this time.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10:05 p.m.

Motion by Director Farner, seconded by Director Piotraschke to enter into an Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (a) for the purpose of discussing the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest. Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler, Chief Operations Officer Terry Lucero, and General Counsel Janet Wyatt were asked to join the Board of Education in the Executive Session. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

10:50 p.m.

Motion by Director Doucet, seconded by Director Piotraschke to conclude the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. All Board of Education Members were present. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

12. MIDDLE SCHOOL #5 APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL SITE

Chief Operations Officer Terry Lucero presented information regarding the approval to authorize staff to negotiate and execute documents related to the purchase of a middle school site.

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Gallegos to authorize staff to negotiate and execute any and all required documents to purchase a middle school site according to the terms contained in the enclosed documentation. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

May 10, 2016	6:00 p.m. Board of Education Planning Session Educational Service Center 18551 E. 160 th Avenue Brighton, CO 80601
May 24, 2016	Regular Meeting Cancelled
May 31, 2016	5 th Tuesday Joint Meeting with City Councils

Time and Location are To Be Determined

June 14, 2016

5:30 p.m. Study Session

7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Lois Lesser Board Room

Educational Service Center

18551 E. 60th Avenue

Brighton, CO 80601

**Note: Only Board of Education Meeting of the Month

14. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

Director Doucet presented the meeting Evaluation

15. CLOSING COMMENTS: None

16. ADJOURNMENT: 10:55 p.m.