

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

**January 26, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Day, Director Doucet, Director Farner, Director Gallegos, Director Piotraschke, Director Thimmig, and Director Worth were present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION

- a. The Board of Education honored the following students for supplying artwork that was displayed at the Colorado Association of School Boards Conference (CASB). The following art teachers are being honored for assisting with coordination, mounting and preparation of the artwork.

Bailey Stearns, Fourth Grade Student at West Ridge Elementary School
Sara Ratzlaff, Art Teacher at West Ridge Elementary School

Nicole Rivera, Eighth Grade Student at Overland Trail Middle School
Megan LeSage, Art Teacher at Overland Trail Middle School

America Rios-Martinez, Eleventh Grade Student at Brighton High School
Janelle Heiser, Art Teacher at Brighton High School

- b. The Board of Education honored the following businesses and community groups with the Reaching In Award. They are being honored for their commitment and dedication to the School District 27J community.

Almost Home was honored for its GED Program that is offered to the School District 27J community.

AJI Fence, Ltd. was honored for the donation of materials for the construction of the North Elementary School Welcome Gateway Sign.

Redd Iron, Inc. was also honored for the donation of materials for the construction of the North Elementary School Welcome Gateway Sign.

The Fagowies Mile High Jeep Club – Patrol 12 was honored for its contributions at Southeast Elementary School through winter wear donations, school supplies donations, and Adopt a Family programs during the holiday season.

Longmont Senior Center Lap Quilt Sewing Group was honored for supplying lap quilts to needy students throughout the district. Grounds Supervisor Russ Pineda is instrumental in the coordination of this project between the sewing group and the District.

- c. The Board of Education honored the following staff members for receiving the Reaching Out Awards for “Play of the Day”:

Certified

Ryan Burns, Third Grade Teacher at Pennock Elementary
Satoshi Hiramatsu, SPED and Science Teacher at the Adams Youth Services Center
Kelsey Logan, Third Grade Teacher at Second Creek Elementary
Tamara Hart, Project Lead the Way Engineering Teacher at Prairie View High School
Will Pierce, Student Achievement Director

Classified

Maria Helena Sandoval, Dispatch/Day Trip Scheduler at Transportation
Mercedes Morales, ESL Paraprofessional at Prairie View High School
JJ Dunn, Client Service Technician at Prairie View High School
Julie Ramsey, Office Manager at Stuart Middle School
Robyn LeDoux, Kitchen Manager at Prairie View Middle School

Group

Brighton High School’s SSN Department: Paula Hogg, Chemaine Huss, Marie Jones, Rose Zaragoza, and Scott Pincsak
Brantner Elementary 4th and 5th Grade Teacher Teams: Candace Dunbar, Stephanie Smith, Erin Richardson, and Todd Taylor
North Elementary Morale Committee: Kellie Turner and former staff member Carrie DeWaters

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the district.

A brief reception occurred at this time to honor the award winners. Director Doucet left the meeting at 7:45 p.m. He was feeling ill.

6. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Name	Topic: Brantner Elementary School Grade Configuration
Liz Johnson	13220 Uinta Street, Thornton, CO - She is the Parent/Teachers Association president at Brantner Elementary. She wanted the Board of Education to consider a 6 th & 7 th grade configuration at Brantner Elementary School.
Dewayne Stelljes	15625 Riverdale Road, Brighton, CO - Mr. Stelljes suggested the Board of Education research the pros and cons of a 6 th and 7 th grade configuration at Brantner Elementary School. He would like to see a meeting with parents, and for the Board of Education to consider this option.
Amy Hendrix	7940 E. 131 st Avenue, Thornton, CO - She supports the expansion of Brantner Elementary School with a 6 th and 7 th grade configuration. She is a grandparent of two students and has concerns about early transportation routes that may start as early as 6:15 a.m. and concerns with the options for private or club sports opportunities that may arise from this schedule. She has many accolades for Principal Michele Saller, and has confidence that the leadership at the school could support the additional students.
Dana DeRion	7550 E. 123 Ave, Thornton, CO – She would like to suggest the Board of Education explore other grade configuration options and consider extending the open enrollment option period. She believes this would be a “win-win” situation for everyone.
Noel Steuart	7612 E. 121 Drive, Thornton, CO - Family time is important to Ms. Steuart. With her students having to leave as early as 6:15 a.m. for a bus, it would take time away from her family. She asked the Board of Education to take a good, hard look at this option.

Dr. Fiedler stated that he and staff members will commit to meet with the Brantner Elementary School group in early February.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated December 8, 2015 Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated January 19, 2016.

- c. Per Policy Governance 3.0 Executive Limitations – Approval per Colorado Revised Statutes 24-6-402(2) (c), designating the Edwin C. Harshbarger Educational Service Center, 18551 E. 160th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601, to be the official location where the Board will post notices to the public of the date, time, place, and agenda items of the regular and special Board meetings.
- d. Per Policy Governance 3.0 Executive Limitations – Approval per Colorado Revised Statutes 24-70-101 and 24-70-102, designating the Edwin C. Harshbarger Educational Service Center, 18551 E. 160th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601 to be the official location where legal notices are posted and received.

8. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership: Linkage: The Board of Education will be conducting their next Linkage meeting on February 12, 2016 with the graduating seniors group.
- b. Board Education: The Board of Education heard a presentation regarding the safety measures that are followed within our district. An AED demonstration and on-site trauma treatment was presented by the Platte Valley Medical Center Ambulance Response group at tonight’s Board of Education study session.
- c. Board Committees
 - 1. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: This committee is organizing four community open houses to discuss the boundaries for Elementary School #12. Three open houses will occur in the Commerce City area and one in the Brighton area. Community members will be able to discuss boundary changes and the potential naming of the school and provide feedback to district staff members.
 - 2. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: No report at this time.
 - 3. Rocky Mountain Risk: This group had its regular meeting with its normal agenda. They reviewed claims that had been submitted.
 - 4. Reaching Out/In: Award winners were honored this evening. Next topic of “Rookie of the Year” will be honored at the April 2016 Board of Education meeting.
 - 5. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee: No report at this time.
 - 6. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee: The second meeting occurred for this committee. They will be meeting on the third Thursday of each month. They approved the final scope of the committee that will be presented to the board in February. Communication will be provided on the District website to include funds being spent and project updates. Director Farner provided the board with specific updates of the projects. Not a single dollar has been spent. All work to this point has been done at the risk of the contractors. Director Piotraschke explained the establishment process of this committee as well as the scope of the work and the responsibility of the oversight. Mr. Lucero and other staff members informed the group of staff and managers that are at each site. Lori Schiek provided a great breakdown on how money is being invested and IRS codes. Director Piotraschke also explained that \$160 million will be spent within a three - year timeframe. Middle School #5 is included in the second planning phase. The

district is in the process of looking at land to purchase a 25 acre site. Planning, negotiation, drainage, and sewer are being worked on through city agencies. He was very happy with the premium on the bond sale. It was 15% above the asking price. Extra money will be going back into projects. The premium resulted in \$25 million in excess of the original bond sale. The appropriations will be presented later this evening.

- d. Board Reports – Board Members will report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals: Director Farner has been contacting legislators throughout the Adams County area. He is lobbying for financial structures for the education system. He stated that his fairest assessment is that “they just don’t know what to do with the situation.” The Tabor and Gallagher amendments are in our face every day, and they struggle with it as we do. He feels it is an unsolvable problem. Director Piotraschke, along with Lori Schiek, attended the Colorado School Finance Project meeting. It was a good mix of representatives from school districts. He expressed that he feels the Student Finance Act should be at the start of the session instead of the end of the session because it is such a big piece of the budget. There was a discussion concerning the negative factor, and it now lies in the legislators’ hands. Henry Sobanet, the director in charge of governor’s budget and forecast, is looking a smaller forecast in the future, which will result in less money to schools. They are starting to fix the wordage, because 80% of those polled, want TABOR change so as not to give the refunds back to taxpayers. Building Better Colorado has an initiative to keep excess taxes. He will be attending the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Legislative Session in February. He will keep the Board of Education informed on the upcoming legislative bills. Director Day and Director Thimmig attended a new CASB group designed for board leadership for CASB members. Presentations will be half legislative presentation and half board leadership practices. The next meeting will occur on March 15, 2016 and superintendents are invited to participate.
- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board: None

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 Human Resource Officer Michael Clow presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers

Motion by Director Farner, seconded by Director Piotraschke to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

- c. Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented the Internal Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Conditions and Activities.

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Piotraschke to accept the Internal 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.

10. ADOPTION OF THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Approval of Resolution Number Seven 2015/2016 regarding the Adoption of the Revised Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Budget and Appropriations. Chief Financial Officer, Lori Schiek presented information concerning the revised fiscal year budget and appropriations.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Gallegos to approve Resolution Number Seven 2015/2016 regarding the Adoption of the Revised Fiscal Year Budget and Appropriations. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

11. POLICY WORK

a. Policy Review Schedule

1. January 26, 2016	3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers
	3.D Financial Conditions and Activities
2. February 23, 2016	1.1 Graduation Rate
	3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
3. March 8, 2016	3.G Compensation & Benefits
4. April 26, 2016	3.E Asset Protection
5. May 24, 2016	3.A Treatment of Students/Public
	3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
6. June 14, 2016	None
7. August 23, 2016	3.0 General Executive Constraint
8. September 22, 2016	1.2 Composite ACT Scores/1.3 TCAP Reading, Writing, Math, and Science
	3.J Charter Schools
9. October 25, 2016	3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal
10. November 8, 2016	3.H Emergency Executive Succession
11. December 13, 2016	3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities
	3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

February 9, 2016	6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with Graduating Students Prairie View High School 12909 E. 120 th Avenue Henderson, CO 80640
February 23, 2016	5:30 p.m. Study Session

7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
BOLT Academy
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120
Brighton, CO 80601

March 8, 2016 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 Regular Board Meeting
Prairie View High School
12909 E. 120th Avenue
Henderson, CO 80640
**Note: Only Board of Education Meeting of the Month

March 29, 2016 5th Tuesday Joint Meeting with City Councils
Time and Location are To Be Determined

April 12, 2016 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with English Language Learner Group
Educational Service Center
18551 E. 160th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601

April 26, 2016 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
District Training Room
80 S. 8th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601

May 10, 2016 Linkage Meeting with Group To Be Determined
Time and Location are To Be Determined

May 24, 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

May 31, 2016 5th 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
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13. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

Director Piotraschke presented the meeting evaluation.

14. CLOSING COMMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT: 9:38 p.m.