

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J**

**February 28, 2017  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Director Thimmig, seconded by Director Piotraschke to revise the agenda for February 28, 2017 by moving Item Number 11 Waiver of Management Limitations 3.E.6 related to the procurement of Construction Manager/General Contractor Services for Middle School #5 to Item Number 8 with all following items to be adjusted accordingly. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the district. Dr. Fiedler welcomed Tracy Rudnick, the district's new public information officer. He was also proud to announce that Terry Elliott has been named the principal of Comprehensive High School #3. Dr. Fiedler also added that Eagle Ridge Academy announced that Dr. Laura Nelson will be the new principal and head of school. She will formally begin her tenure on June 1, 2017.

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

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated January 24, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated February 21, 2017.

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

- a. Ownership Linkage: The next linkage meeting will be on April 11, 2017 with an English Language Learner Group. Director Worth and Director Venerable are working with staff members to invite families to share perspectives. Special recognitions will occur to honor the families for supporting their students through

- their English language transition. Director Worth and Director Venerable are also researching additional ways to link with community groups, such as attending Parent Teacher Organizations/Parent Teacher Associations meetings. They also hope to speak with realtor groups, organizations such as the Rotary and Kiwanis Associations, Chamber of Commerce events, and the Brighton Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
- b. Board Education: Emergency Response and Crisis Specialist Nancy Ross presented information regarding the District's Emergency Preparedness and Response Activities during tonight's study session. At last month's study session, the Board of Education members received information about technology information and data security. Director Nickeson and Director Piotraschke are researching future topics to extend the knowledge of the Board of Education members.
  - c. Board Committees
    - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: Director Day explained that the open houses continue to present the three boundary options for Middle School #5 and Comprehensive High School #3. The group will gather feedback, compile the information and discuss it at their March or April meetings. Director Day also explained that names continue to be recommended for Middle School #5 and Comprehensive High School #3. The list currently exceeds 20 names for the high school and more than ten names for the middle school. These names can be submitted via the school district's website, or nomination forms are available throughout the district. Director Venerable appreciates that the history behind the recommended name is included in the nomination.
    - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: Director Worth explained that the foundation had a lengthy discussion on how to acknowledge the developers that participate. The group is trying to find ways for others to participate as well. They are looking to acknowledge the participants as Top 10 All-Time participants, and for annual participation. He feels it is good to acknowledge their participation in the foundation. Director Day explained that the foundation committee adopted an official investment policy and hired an investment manager. They changed their bylaws so that the foundation has a manager through Chase Bank. Director Day also clarified that the fees paid to the foundation are on a voluntary basis.
    - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk: Director Day explained that the group continued discussion about Adams 12 School District's intention to exit the pool. The group also gave legal counsel direction to start the separation agreement process. Their next meeting will be on March 8, 2017, and Director Nickeson will be attending with Director Day. Director Nickeson will serve as an alternate when needed.
    - iv. Reaching Out/In: Director Thimmig explained that the next Awards will be at the April 25, 2017 meeting. The topic will be a renamed version of "Rookie of Year", recognizing first-year employees. She also explained that possible recognitions of the Capital Facility Fee Foundations participants may occur as the Reaching In Award recipients.
    - 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: Director Thimmig reported that the committee received updates on the numerous construction projects. She explained that it is

phenomenal on how everything is being orchestrated. Tom Delgado highlighted to the group, some of the more challenging items that have occurred. Two examples were inconsistency in the architectural drawings for Reunion Elementary School, and the contractor went out of business that was installing the fiber optics on the south end of the district. Mr. Delgado also explained that none of these challenges will affect the timelines of the opening of these buildings. Director Piotraschke explained that staff is coordinating a monumental number of projects that will occur during the spring-break week. He also mentioned that the closing for the final parcel of land for the Middle School #5 site will occur within the next couple of weeks. Project Managers Ranette Carlson and Caleb McNeil are hiring more staff to support the many projects, and maintaining the ability to stay within the timelines of the projects. This is what we promised the voters, and he thanked staff for a good job and instructed them to keep up the good work.

- d. Board Reports – Board Members will report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals: Director Worth attended the Ameritown Interviews at West Ridge Elementary School. He said it was a thrill to see the excitement in the students, and he got a warm feeling about the future. He also said it was a great experience and he was happy to participate for a second year. Director Nickeson also participated in the interviews and he was impressed that a group of students shook his hand, looked him in the eye, and thanked him for his time. Director Nickeson represented the board at a legislative town hall that was sponsored by Senators Moreno, Priola, Martinez-Humenik, and Representative Winter. Multiple school districts participated. He explained that he saw firsthand how confused residents are in understanding school finance. There is a long road ahead to assist others in understanding the formulas that are used to calculate the funding. Director Venerable attended the first part of the Quality Schools Initiative 2.0 meeting. She explained that it was great to see a mix of people from many backgrounds. She added that everyone is very passionate about doing their part to help, and she is excited to see the future work of the group. Director Piotraschke was unable to attend the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Winter Legislative Conference. He has been following various bills such as Senate Bill 61 which is a rehash of mill levy equalization to Charter Schools that was introduced during last year's session. He will keep the Board of Education members updated. Director Day attended the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) board president/vice president meeting. He explained that CASB is doing a great job advocating for school districts at the legislative session. The mill levy override option proposal will be a big topic this session. Director Piotraschke added that the charter school's information privacy is a big topic as well. Director Day explained that a Governor's ballot initiative that is happening in the fall will attempt to file K-12 education funding in with transportation funding. Director Piotraschke explained that additional constitutional amendments may be submitted under the new two-thirds vote majority at the house and the senate that are attempting fixes for TABOR or elimination of the ratchet-down effect, and Referendum C discussion. He explained that if the house and the senate could coordinate it would be less expensive than going to every district to collect votes. Director Worth attended Vikan Middle School's open house for the



iv. May 23, 2017	3.A Treatment of Students/Public 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
v. June 13, 2017	None
vi. August 22, 2017	3.0 General Executive Constraint
vii. September 26, 2017	1.2 Composite ACT Scores/1.3 Academic Status of 27J 3.J Charter Schools
viii. October 24, 2017	3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal
ix. November 14, 2017	3.H Emergency Executive Succession
x. December 12, 2017	3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection
xi. January 23, 2018	3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers 3.D Financial Conditions and Activities

## 11. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH PROCLAMATION

Approval of Proclamation Number Three 2016-2017 declaring February 1 thru 28, 2017 as Career and Technical Education Month.

Director Day read the Proclamation into the record.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve Proclamation Number Three 2016-2017 declaring February 1 thru 28, 2017 as Career and Technical Education Month. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

## 12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

March 14, 2017	5:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 Regular Board Meeting Lois Lesser Board Room 18551 E. 160 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Brighton, CO 80601 **Note: This meeting is occurring on the second Tuesday of the month due to the spring break school schedule.
March 18, 2017	8:30 a.m. Board Planning Session Executive Conference Room 18551 E. 160 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Brighton, CO 80601
April 11, 2017	6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with English Language Learner Group District Training Room 80 S. 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Brighton, CO 80601
April 25, 2017	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

May 9, 2017            Linkage Meeting or Planning Session  
Time and Location are To Be Determined

May 23, 2017            5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
Lois Lesser Board Room  
Educational Service Center  
18551 E. 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601

May 30, 2017            6:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Joint Meeting with City Council Members  
Time and Location are To Be Determined

June 13, 2017            5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting  
Lois Lesser Board Room  
18551 E. 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601  
\*\*Note: Only Board of Education Meeting of the Month

### **13. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION**

Director Venerable presented the meeting evaluation.

**14. CLOSING COMMENTS:** Director Piotraschke mentioned the fiduciary responsibility of oversight for taxpayers and the transparency responsibility that the Board of Education and district staff have to the community. He then posed the question wondering how the district can have the community come together, meaning students and parents, to become more engaged and involved in the educational process of students.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** 8:35