

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J
February 27, 2018
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:06 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Kerber, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thimmig, Director Thomas, Director Venerable, and Director Worth were present at this time.

3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE

President Thimmig read the following statement: The Board will govern lawfully, observing Policy Governance principles, with an emphasis on (a) outward vision rather than internal preoccupation, (b) encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, (c) strategic leadership more than administrative detail, (d) clear distinction of Board and chief executive roles, (e) collective rather than individual decisions, (f) future rather than past or present, and (g) governing proactively rather than reactively.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Kerber to approve the agenda dated February 27, 2018 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

5. RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF GOVERNANCE MODEL

Director Thimmig presented information concerning Resolution Number Seven 2017-2018 describing support of the Policy Governance model.

The resolution was read into record by Director Thimmig.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Thomas to approve Resolution Number Seven 2017-2018 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the district.

7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Topic – Four-Day Student Contact</u>
David Haller	8063 E. 132 nd Place, Thornton	Con
Kristen Haller	8063 E. 132 nd Place, Thornton	Con

Jim Travis	10233 Salida Street, Commerce City	Con
Kathy Gustad	4496 Mt. Oxford, Brighton	Pro
Amy Schwartz	230 Pipit Lake Way, Erie	Con
Amy Wilson	12114 Hannibal Street, Brighton	Con
John Wilson	12114 Hannibal Street, Brighton	Con
Joy Groblebe	15978 Hayesmount Road, Brighton	Pro
Stacy Cholas	16201 E. 119 th Avenue, Commerce City	Pro
Nicole Shaver	13141 Uinta Street, Thornton	Con
Brandon Shaver	13141 Uinta Street, Thornton	Con
Alison Ivy	8093 E. 132 nd Place, Thornton	Con
James Ivy	8093 E. 132 nd Place, Thornton	Wished not to speak
Brian Fuller	7870 E. 123 rd Avenue, Thornton	Con/supplied letter
Amy Gammel	10550 Quintero Street, Commerce City	Con
Barb Haggerty	308 Arroyo, Brighton	Pro
Jennifer Federocko	175 Octillo Street, Brighton	Pro
Jessica Johnson	12239 Village Avenue, Brighton	Con
Shelly Genereux	270 S. 8 th Avenue, Brighton	Pro
Sharyl Kay Lawson	858 S. 10 th Avenue, Brighton	Pro
Mizraim Cordero	10441 Truckee Street, Commerce City	Con
Kathey Ruybal	384 Octillo Street, Brighton	Pro

A break occurred at 8:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m. Director Venerable left the meeting at this time. All other members remained present for the rest of the meeting.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: all

- a) Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated January 23, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
- b) Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated February 20, 2018

9. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

a. Ownership Linkage: Director Kerber compiled the notes from the linkage meeting with graduating seniors. Comments from the students included feedback regarding a lack of “crack down” on teachers, students having a negative attitude about bullying, and some students being a distraction in the classroom. Director Worth added that all students agree that bullying exists, but not all have experienced it. Director Piotraschke enjoyed having a diverse group of students. He asked if the students felt prepared for the next journey, and their response was that they feel prepared. He expressed that district staff are doing what is needed for this preparation. By offering school-choice options, students are encouraged to remain in school. Our students are on the right track to stay in school and become productive members of society. Students also

expressed that they appreciate the honest feedback that they receive from the teachers that are trying to increase the student's performance. Director Worth was also pleased to see a good mix of students from our alternative schools. These students had more favorable comments than negative comments. Director Nickeson explained that Prairie View High School is "bursting at the seams", and students don't get adequate time with the counseling staff. Siblings of these students are considering attending Riverdale Ridge High School or Quist Middle School, and there is limited opportunity for them to see the facilities. He has concerns that the attendance at Prairie View High School may not be reduced with the opening of the new high school. Director Thomas attended "Java with Jaime". This is an opportunity to have coffee with Principal White from Prairie View High School. Ms. White shares data with parents that represents discipline incidents that occur at the school. Ms. White has also implemented teachers wearing orange vests in the hallways. This has reduced the number of incidents. Director Thomas liked that 95% of the students do the right thing, every day, but concentrating on the 5% that aren't is very time consuming. She also explained that Jostens has a program for rewarding positive behaviors that the staff is researching.

b. Board Education: Director Thomas and Director Nickeson are working on the education topics through June 2018. Director Thimmig will be distributing the education calendar with topics. There was a great presentation tonight from the transportation department staff. The staff members were well prepared, and excited to present to the Board of Education members. Several Board members expressed that we have very talented people that choose to work for us, and members also commented that the transportation staff tracks everything.

c. Board Committees

- i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: No report
- ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: Director Nickeson reported that Paolo Diaz has been appointed as president. Director Thimmig was appointed as vice president, and Director Nickeson will serve as secretary/treasurer. Three new directors, including Greg Mills from Brighton City Council, were also in attendance.
- iii. Rocky Mountain Risk: Director Piotraschke explained that their last meeting adjourned early due to weather conditions, and that the remaining agenda items would be addressed at the next meeting. The mediation concerning the exit of Adams 12 from the pool continues with no decision at this time. The group provided Adams 12 notice to present to the committee.
- iv. Reaching Out/In: Director Kerber explained that the topic for the next awards will be outstanding apprentice. He is also reaching out to several local business owners inquiring on how they can become involved in the district for future Reaching In Award candidates.
- 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 Piotraschke and Director Thimmig explained that the January meeting did not occur due to not attaining a quorum. Chris Wahrle has resigned, and the committee has a replacement they are considering. Director Thimmig will be contacting Natalia Ledezma-Rollins to see if she is interested in serving.

- d. Board Reports – Board Members will report on activities in which they have been involved that support our Global Goals: Director Lloyd attended the construction open house at Northeast Elementary School. Exciting construction is going on at that location. He also completed his third year of Ameritown student interviews and had the pleasure of watching actual activities at Ameritown. He found it interesting how the students learned financial responsibility, and related that to real life experience. Students were assisted by volunteers to explain some of the financial transactions, and he felt they understood the concepts. He encouraged other Board members to participate in the interviews, and highly recommends seeing how the town runs. Director Nickeson and Director Thimmig also participated in the afternoon interviews. Director Thimmig attended the first Inclusion and Diversity event that was held at The Armory. It was an eye-opening look at different ways we present ourselves and look at others. She felt it was a powerful presentation. Director Worth explained that a community group formed to research this issue and they will continue this outreach in our community. The next meeting’s topic is on immigration. Director Worth explained that he will again be attending the Brighton Youth Summit on March 8th and 9th, 2018. He encouraged other Board members to attend on March 9th, when the students attend a breakout session with elected officials. The organizers of the summit are needing elected officials to participate on the panel. Director Piotraschke participated in the delegation of Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) members in Washington D.C. The topics were enlightening. He had conversations with other Colorado board members about the four-day student contact calendar. Other Board members liked how the district is adding time to the school day for professional development. Some had no idea of our financial situation and the funds needed to raise the mill levy. They also met with senators and representatives. They expressed the need for better funding for schools. Representative Polis discussed the process of the federal government funding special education to 40% instead of the current smaller amount. He also discussed Title One funding, and teachers who are dreamers/DACA recipients. Director Piotraschke expressed that he is happy that the superintendent formula is gaining ground, and the outcome will depend on a public vote. With the new ballot initiative, it will be harder to get items on the ballot this year.
- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board: None

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. General Counsel Janet Wyatt presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Worth to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: Director Kerber, yes, Director Nickeson, no, Director Piotraschke, yes, Director Thimmig, yes, Director Thomas, yes, Director Worth, yes. Motion carried by majority.

- c. Chief Academic Officer Will Pierce presented the Expectation of the Board Report through Graduation Rate, Global Goal 1.1.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Kerber to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through Graduation Rate, Global Goal 1.1 as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

11. POLICY WORK

a. Policy Review Schedule

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| i. | February 27, 2018 | 1.1 Graduation Rate
3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians |
| ii. | March 13, 2018 | 3.G Compensation & Benefits
1.4 Primary Literacy |
| iii. | April 24, 2018 | 3.E Asset Protection |
| iv. | May 22, 2018 | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public
3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting |
| v. | June 12, 2018 | None |
| vi. | August 28, 2018 | 3.0 General Executive Constraint |
| vii. | September 25, 2018 | 1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 School
Performance Ratings/1.4 DIBELS Benchmarks
3.J Charter Schools |
| viii. | October 23, 2018 | 3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal |
| ix. | November 13, 2018 | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession |
| x. | December 11, 2018 | 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 |

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| March 10, 2018 | 8:00 a.m. Board Planning Session
Executive Conference Room/Educational Service Center
18551 E. 160 th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601 |
| March 13, 2018 | 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Board of Education Meeting
Lois Lesser Board Room/Educational Service Center
18551 E. 160 th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601
**Note only meeting of the month |
| April 10, 2018 | 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with Elementary and Middle School
Principals and Parents |

April 24, 2018

Educational Service Center
18551 E. 160th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601
5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
District Training Room
80 S. 8th Avenue
Brighton, CO 80601

13. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The next meeting evaluation will be presented at the March 13, 2018 meeting.

14. CLOSING COMMENTS: None

15. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 p.m.