



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Lloyd Worth, Director

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS**

**November 12, 2019
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street
Brighton, CO 80601**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Board of Education is committed to the School District's overall success and improvement. The central focus of all meetings and discussions will be on establishing, monitoring, and supporting the District's goals. We will actively engage all segments of our community in this ongoing focus and provide an instructional program to assure that our students meet or exceed the highest and most rigorous standards.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER President Thimmig

All matters noticed on this agenda, in any category, may be considered for action as listed. Any item not so noticed may not be considered. Items listed on this agenda may be considered in any order, at the discretion of the chairperson.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE President Thimmig

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE (Policy Reference: 2.C) President Thimmig

3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE President Thimmig

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 President Thimmig

Recommended motion: “Move to approve the agenda dated November 12, 2019 as presented.”

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.C)

President Thimmig

5. PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Thimmig

- a. The High Schools of Business students from Prairie View High School will be sharing some of their learning experiences, as well as express their gratitude to community members who have donated time to support their program. The following students will be presenting to the Board members:

Andrew Alexander
Yadira Arias
Daniela Cardona
Tony Garcia
Amar Hadzic
Jacob Johnson
Derrick Monks
Brooklyn McKinney

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler will report on activities throughout the District.

7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

President Thimmig

The Board will now hear public comment on the following topics that have been indicated on the sign-in sheet. A reminder that this Board meeting is a business meeting held in public not a public meeting. The Board hears public comment to learn about the preferences and concerns of our community. So, tonight we will listen. We are prohibited by state law to take any action on the items because law requires formal public notice prior to any action on an agenda item. During our next meeting, if appropriate, we will consider your comments in our discussion, and we will ask that the Superintendent attempt to find an answer for any of your questions by that time.

The Board welcomes the comments of our community members, but to ensure that everyone will have an opportunity to participate, we have a few ground rules we ask you to follow:

- Anyone intending to address the Board should sign the speaker sign-in sheet at the back of the room. I will call speakers in the order in which they signed in.
- Speakers’ comments are limited to three minutes.
- If more than one person wishes to speak on the same topic, the new speaker is limited to providing only new information. Please, do not repeat views already expressed by other speakers.
- We ask you to refrain from making complaints or negative comments against individual students or District employees; however, we cannot prevent you from doing so. Such complaints and comments should be addressed first at the classroom or school level, and then if still unresolved, to the Superintendent.

- Disturbing good order by inappropriate language or gestures is grounds for removal from the meeting.

We thank you in advance for your participation tonight.

8. CONSENT AGENDA (Policy References: 2.C)

President Thimmig

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are operational matters about which the Board has governing policies, implementation of which is delegated to the Superintendent. They will be enacted in one motion by category in the order listed below. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board of Directors vote on the motion, unless members of the board, staff or public, request specific items to be discussed separately and/or removed from this section.

Any member of the public who wishes to discuss Consent Agenda items should notify the President of the Board at the time requested and be recognized by invitation of the President to address the Board.

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated October 22, 2019 Regular Board Meeting (Enclosures)
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated November 5, 2019 (Confidential Enclosure)

Recommended motion: “Move to approve the consent agenda items as presented.”

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.C)

President Thimmig

9. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

President Thimmig

- a. Ownership Linkage
- b. Board Education
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk
 - iv. Reaching Out/In
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee
 - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board

10. RESOLUTION AFFIRMING IMPORTANCE OF THE 2020 CENSUS

President Thimmig

The Board of Education will consider a resolution affirming the importance of the 2020 Census for the 27J Schools’ community. (Enclosure)

Recommended Motion: “Move to approve Resolution Number Seven 2019-2020 as presented.”

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.G.1)

President Thimmig

11. EXPECTATIONS OF THE BOARD (Policy Reference 4.E)

Dr. Fiedler

- a. Board acts to accept/reject the following reports due/submitted since last meeting. (ADDENDUM “A”) None at this time.
- b. Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler will present the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.H Emergency Executive Succession. (Separate Enclosure)

Recommended motion: “Move to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.H Emergency Executive Succession as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations.”

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.G.1)

President Thimmig

c. Policy Review Schedule

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| i. November 12, 2019 | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession |
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| vii. May 26, 2020 | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public
3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting |
| viii. June 9, 2020 | None |
| ix. August 25, 2020 | 3.0 General Executive Constraint |
| x. September 22, 2020 | 1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 Academic Status of School Ratings
3.J Charter Schools |
| xi. October 27, 2020 | 3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal |

12. ADDENDUM TO THE 2019-2020 SUPERINTENDENT’S CONTRACT

President Thimmig

The Board of Education will discuss the addendum to Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler’s 2019-2020 contract. (Confidential Enclosure)

Recommended motion: “Move to approve the addendum to Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler’s contract as presented.”

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.G.1).

President Thimmig

13. RENEWAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S CONTRACT

President Thimmig

The Board of Education will discuss the renewal of Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler's contract. (Confidential Enclosure)

Recommended motion: "Move to approve the renewal of Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler's contract as presented."

ROLL CALL FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.G.1).

President Thimmig

14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| November 13, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. Capstone Academy Charter School
Community Meeting
Bison Ridge Recreational Center
13905 E. 112 th Avenue
Commerce City, CO 80022 |
| November 19, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Swearing In Ceremony
and Reorganizational Meeting
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street
Brighton, CO 80601 |
| December 5-8, 2019 | Colorado Association of School Boards Annual Convention
The Boadmoor Hotel
1 Lake Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80906 |
| December 10, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street
Brighton, CO 80601
(Only regular meeting of the month) |
| January 14, 2020 | 6:00 p.m. Board Planning Session
and Career and Technical Education Presentation
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street
Brighton, CO 80601 |
| January 28, 2020 | 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street
Brighton, CO 80601 |

15. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The quarterly meeting evaluation will be completed by Director Thomas.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

17. ADJOURNMENT

Date of Notice: November 7, 2019

Expectations of the Board Report Evaluation Worksheet

Date Due	Policy No.	Policy Title	Frequency	Date Submitted	Date of Board Action	Accepted	Not Accepted	Comments Conditions

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS
October 22, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Kerber, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thimmig, Director Venerable, and Director Worth were present for this entire meeting. Director Thomas was absent from this entire meeting.

3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE

Director 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 Venerable to approve the agenda dated October 22, 2019 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITIONS

- a. Director Piotraschke described the history of the McGuffey award. This longtime Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) award honors board members who make a difference. Most importantly, these individuals improve the lives of students in their district. Director Thimmig and Director Venerable were recipients and recognized at the CASB's Fall Regional meeting.
- b. The Board of Education recognized the following individuals and companies with the Reaching In Award:

Blockbuster Business:

Dr. Albert Eng - Eng Orthodontics

Compassionate Community Member:

Dorcas Melia - Volunteer at Thimmig Elementary

Accomplished Assembly:

For their work on the 27J Schools 135th Anniversary

Mel Bacon
Brighton City Museum
South Platte Valley Historical Society

- c. The Board of Education recognized the following staff members with the Reaching Out Award:

Fantastic Classified Employees:
ASD Program at Prairie View High School

Conquering Certified Employee:
Ron Gentry at Brighton High School

Triumphant Student Group:
The Dragon Ambassadors and Mandy Dibbern at Innovations & Options

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District.

7 STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP MONTHLY REPORT

Various members of the advisory group presented information regarding activities happening at their schools. They also made recommendations of future activities that may be of interest to Board members.

A brief reception occurred to honor the award winners at 7:45 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m. All Board members that were present remained present.

8. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

9. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated September 24, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and October 12, 2019 Planning Session
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated October 15, 2019

10. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage: Director Venerable reported that members of the charter school boards and charter administrators participated in the linkage meeting on October 8, 2019. She feels this is a great partnership, and everyone was in agreement that more resources and space are needed to accommodate the growing needs of the district.
- b. Board Education: Director Nickeson reported that at tonight's study session staff presented information about building sites that the district currently owns, has title to, are developed or are being developed, or dedicated to the district. Board members

need to be looking out, growth forward as to how these sites may be used. It was a good discussion learning what and where the sites are that the district owns.

- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: Director Nickeson reported that at the October 15, 2019 meeting the group discussed a possible 2020 bond election. Members of the group left with homework to consider given a fixed budget and the needs of the district, how would that group build a future bond package.
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: Director Nickeson reported that the next meeting will be on November 14, 2019.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk: Director Piotraschke reported that the group will meet again on November 13, 2019. Each member was asked to solicit ideas from their prospective Board members on how to expand services. One example may be cyber security. They would consider these suggestions and see how plausible they may be. Everything is going well, financially strong, and the bottom line is increasing. The most recent audit was past, and the other audit is in process. Request from other school districts are being considered. The members are considering limiting the pool, and not increasing the risk to the group.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In: Director Kerber reported that awards were distributed tonight. With Director Venerable leaving the Board in November, the new committee will evaluate the awards for next year.
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee: Director Thimmig reported that no meeting has occurred since the last Board meeting.
 - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee: Director Thimmig reported that the last meeting was cancelled due to no quorum. Director Thimmig did report that 85% of furniture has been moved into Quist Middle School. The district is in receipt of the certificate of occupancy and the plan is to move during winter break. Elementary School #13's construction is moving along quickly.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: Director Piotraschke reported that he attended the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) legislative session. Fifty legislative resolutions were discussed. The resolution to eliminate cut scores and percentiles passed. Many resolutions were discussed about tightening up some of the loopholes that the charter schools have been able to work through. There was a great discussion about mental illness and the stigmas that are connected with mental illness. The stigmas' causes may be genetic or environmental. Director Piotraschke would be happy to arrange a speaker on mental health to come and present to the Board members if that is an interest. Director Thimmig presented the Board members with the Innovator of the Year Award that the district received at the Greater Brighton Chamber of Commerce Business Awards ceremony.

11. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 18-22, 2019 AS AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

The Proclamation was read by Director Kerber.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Nickeson to approve Proclamation Number Three 2019-2020 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

12. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION CC

The Board of Education considered a resolution in support of Proposition CC

The Resolution was read by Director Nickeson.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve Resolution Number Five 2019-2020 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

13. CAPSTONE ACADEMY CHARTER APPLICATION TIMELINE

The Board of Education considered an extension of the deadline for consideration of the Capstone Academy charter application.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Venerable to approve the request for waiver of the deadlines for the Capstone Academy charter application and to set the date for the required community meeting as no later than November 30, 2019 and the date to rule on the charter application by resolution as no later than December 15, 2019. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

14. PUBLIC HEARING - STEAD CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION

The Board of Education conducted a public hearing for consideration of the STEAD Charter School application.

Public Hearing Opened at 8:17 p.m.

Public Comments: Founding STEAD School Board Member Amy Schwartz spoke in support of approving the STEAD Charter School application. She also thanked the 27J Schools staff for their assistance during the application process.

Public Hearing was Closed at Time 8:21p.m.

15. STEAD SCHOOL CHARTER APPLICATION RESOLUTION

The Board of Education considered Resolution Number Six 2019-2020 regarding the STEAD School charter application.

The resolution was read by Director Venerable.

Motion by Director Venerable, seconded by Director Worth to approve Resolution Number Six 2019-2020 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

16. NAMING OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #13

The Board of Education discussed the naming of Elementary School #13.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Nickeson to approve Elementary School #13 located at 5505 Longs Peak Street, Brighton, Colorado be officially named Elaine S. Padilla Elementary School. Roll Call Vote: Director Kerber, yes, Director Nickeson, yes, Director Piotraschke, yes, Director Thimmig, yes, Director Venerable, no, Director Worth, yes. The motion passed by majority.

17. 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. Finance Director Stacey Yoshimoto presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Condition & Activities.

Motion by Director Worth, seconded by Director Venerable to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Condition & Activities as conveying reasonable interpretations of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

c. Policy Review Schedule

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| | 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection |
| iv. January 28, 2020 | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers |
| | 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities |
| v. February 25, 2020 | 1.1 Graduation Rate |
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| vi. March 10, 2020 | 3.G Compensation & Benefits |
| | 1.4 Primary Literacy |
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| ix. June 9, 2020 | None |
| x. August 25, 2020 | 3.0 General Executive Constraint |
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| | 3.J Charter Schools |

18. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| October 29, 2019 | 5 th Tuesday Joint meeting with City Council Members
27J Schools to Host
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street
Brighton, CO 80601 |
| November 12, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Candidate Forum
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street
Brighton, CO 80601
(Only regular meeting of the month) |
| November **, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Swearing In Ceremony and Reorganizational Meeting
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room |

1850 Egbert Street
Brighton, CO 80601

**Date will be no later than 10 days after receiving the certificates
of elections from Adams, Broomfield and Weld Counties

December 5-8, 2019 Colorado Association of School Boards Annual Convention
The Boadmoor Hotel
1 Lake Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

December 10, 2019 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Candidate Forum
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street
Brighton, CO 80601
(Only regular meeting of the month)

19. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The quarterly meeting evaluation will be completed at the December 10, 2019 meeting.

20. CLOSING COMMENTS

21. ADJOURNMENT: 9:01 p.m.

27J SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NUMBER SEVEN
2019-2020

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
2020 CENSUS FOR THE 27J SCHOOLS COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the decennial Census occurs every ten years to enumerate every person residing in the United States, and is fundamental to ensuring that all residents of our great city have access to fair representation, essential services, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, an accurate count of persons living within the 27J Schools' boundaries in the 2020 Census is vital to determine the representation of individuals, families, and communities in our local, state, and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census count of children living in 27J Schools' boundaries will be the basis of federal education funding allocated to our schools over the next ten years, specifically the federal programs serving our students living in poverty and students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, population data derived in the 2020 Census will be used by both government and businesses to determine which neighborhoods and communities in 27J Schools should receive services and investments like libraries, health clinics, and grocery and retail stores; and

WHEREAS, children are more likely to be missed in the Census count if they reside in the complex households such as multi-generation households, extended families, and multi-family households; and

WHEREAS, during the 2020 Census, there is a heightened risk of an undercount due to the digital divide, language access issues, and local community mistrust in the federal government; and

WHEREAS, local and state governments, as well as community-based organizations, can play a critical role in counteracting the undercount risks, reaching hard-to-count populations, and ensuring their communities get counted in 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is paramount for the School Board, superintendent, principals, teachers, parent organizations, and all local leaders in 27J Schools to communicate the importance of Census 2020 to families and community members to ensure everyone is counted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 27J Schools will take action to ensure a complete count of all students and their families residing within the school district on the 2020 Census; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 27 Schools is committed to working in partnership with other local civic, business, and community leaders, the State of Colorado, and others to engage, educate, and count every resident within the 27J Schools' boundaries in the 2020 Census.

Approved this 12th day of November 2019.

27J SCHOOLS

By _____
Roberta Thimmig, President - Board of Education

ATTEST:
By _____
Lynn Ann Sheats, Board of Education Secretary



**GOVERNING POLICY OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy 4.E – MONITORING SUPERINTENDENT PERFORMANCE**

(Accepted 8-24-10)

Management Limitations 3.H
Emergency Executive Succession

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Chris Fiedler, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Expectations of the Board Report – 3.H Emergency Executive Succession

I hereby present my Expectations of the Board Report on our Emergency Executive Succession 3.H, in accordance with the monitoring schedule as set forth in Board policy. I certify the information in this report is true. (Separate Enclosure)

Signed: 

Date: November 12, 2019

Dr. Chris Fiedler
Superintendent, 27J Schools

	METHOD	FREQUENCY	SCHEDULE
3.D - Financial Condition & Activities	Internal	Semi - Annually	January & October
	External	Annually	December
3.C - Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers	Internal	Annually	January
1.1 - Graduation Rate	Internal	Annually	February
3.B - Treatment of Parents/Guardians	Internal	Annually	February
3.G - Compensation & Benefits	Internal	Annually	March
1.4 – Primary Literacy	Internal	Annually	March
3.E - Asset Protection	Internal	Annually	April
3.A - Treatment of Students/Public	Internal	Annually	May
3.F - Financial Planning/Budgeting	Internal	Annually	May
3.0 - Global Executive Constraint	Internal	Annually	August
1.2 - Composite SAT Scores	Internal	Annually	September
1.3 - Academic Status of School Ratings	Internal	Annually	September
3.J - Charter Schools	Internal	Annually	September
3.H - Emergency Executive Succession	Internal	Annually	November
3.I - Board Awareness & Support	Internal	Annually	December
	Direct Inspection	Annually	December