

**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 Venverable 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

i. October 22, 2019	3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal
ii. November 12, 2019	3.H Emergency Executive Succession
iii. December 10, 2019	3.D External Financial Condition & Activities
	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
	3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
vi. March 10, 2020	3.G Compensation & Benefits
	1.4 Primary Literacy
vii. April 28, 2020	3.E Asset Protection
viii. May 26, 2020	3.A Treatment of Students/Public
	3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
ix. June 9, 2020	None
x. August 25, 2020	3.0 General Executive Constraint
xi. September 22, 2020	1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 Academic Status of School Ratings
	3.J Charter Schools

18. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

October 29, 2019 5th 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.