

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**27J Schools**  
**January 22, 2019**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Kerber, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thimmig, Director Thomas, Director Venerable, and Director Worth were present for 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 Piotraschke, seconded by Director Nickeson to approve the agenda dated January 22, 2019 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**5. RECOGNITIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

- a. The Board of Education honored Erica Yang for her artwork that was displayed at the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) conference. Erica is a fifth-grade student at West Ridge Elementary School. The Board of Education would also like to recognize Art Teacher Sara Ratzlaff for facilitating the artwork submission.
- b. The Board of Education honored Jim Peters and the Art Academy of Colorado with the Reaching In Award. This business was honored for their commitment and dedication to the 27J Schools community. They expanded their class offerings due to the four-day schedule and an increase in need.
- c. The Board of Education honored the following staff members for receiving the Reaching Out Award for Four-Day Hurdler.

**Classified:**

Lynette Coulter - Director of Child Care

Tanner Dahlman - Executive Secretary - Operations Department

**Certified:**

Lisa Bush - Instructional Coach - South Elementary  
Judd Farner - Drama/English Teacher - Riverdale Ridge High School

**Groups:**

Second Grade Team - Marisol Morales and Marilyn Charles - North Elementary  
Transportation District-Wide Team

**6. BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REORT**

The Board of Education was presented with the quarterly report from the 2015 Bond Oversight Committee. Vice-chairperson Jason McEldowney presented the report.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Worth to approve receipt of the January 22, 2019 Bond Oversight Committee report. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District. This report included the reading of the 2019 Superintendent's Proclamation proclaiming January 2019 as School Board Appreciation Month.

A brief reception will occur at this time to honor the awards winners.

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

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated December 11, 2018 Regular Board meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated January 16, 2019

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

- a. Ownership Linkage: Director Venerable reported that the Board members recently met with homeschool families. They participate in the Brighton Options Homeschool Program through Aurora Public Schools. She stated that it was interesting to learn about their structure, and learning about other educational options is always valuable. Director Piotraschke thought the discussion was insightful, and he likes the opportunity for communication with groups that choose another educational option. Director Thomas made a suggestion about sharing the successes of the district and include some of the services that we offer at the linkage meetings. This would be an opportunity to tell our story. Director Kerber thought that having an organization

within our district that is chartered by another school district was an interesting concept. The linkage meeting on February 12, 2019 will be with families that participate in our International Baccalaureate, Achieve Institute, and Special Education programs.

- b. Board Education: Director Nickeson reported that the Board members heard a presentation at tonight's study session regarding the district's identity. This included information about the new website and new logo. Next month's topic will be about how the district handles discipline and any innovative options. The March 12, 2019 study session's topic will be about the social and emotional support for students.
- c. Board Committees
  - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: Director Nickeson reported that the group started the conversation about adjustments to boundaries due to the pending opening of Elementary School #13. The group reviewed drafts of those plans. The timeline will mirror the process that was used when Reunion Elementary School opened. The group hopes to have a recommendation to Dr. Fiedler by this spring, and have plans by the summer so families have an entire year to plan and review.
  - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
  - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk: Director Piotraschke reported that the group reviewed their financial statements and they are doing well. He also reported that the litigation continues.
  - iv. Reaching Out/In: Director Venerable reported that the next award will be at the April 23, 2019 meeting. The theme will be "Rookie of the Year".
  - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee: Director Thimmig reported that no meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting. She also stated that the group may convene to discuss funding for artificial turf needs. Director Thimmig and Director Nickeson are the representatives for that committee.
  - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee: The Board received a report at tonight's meeting.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: Director Thomas attended a meeting that was organized by an Arizona developer of the Third Creek Subdivision. This group discussed the development of a 1500-acre parcel around Denver International Airport. This development would be considered an Aerotropolis.

## **11. 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 Nickeson, seconded by Director Venerable 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 Condition and Activities.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Thomas to accept the Internal Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Condition and Activities as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- d. Policy Review Schedule

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| i. January 22, 2019      | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers                      |
| ii. February 26, 2019    | 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities                |
| iii. March 12, 2019      | 1.1 Graduation Rate  |
| iv. April 23, 2019       | 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians                             |
| v. May 28, 2019          | 3.G Compensation & Benefits                                    |
| vi. June 11, 2019        | 1.4 Primary Literacy   |
| vii. August 27, 2019     | 3.E Asset Protection   |
| viii. September 24, 2019 | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public                               |
| ix. October 22, 2019     | 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting                               |
| x. November 12, 2019     | None   |
| xi. December 10, 2019    | 3.0 General Executive Constraint                               |
|                          | 1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 Academic Status of School Ratings |
|                          | 3.J Charter Schools  |
|                          | 3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal                  |
|                          | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession                             |
|                          | 3.D External Financial Condition & Activities                  |
|                          | 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection   |

## **12. ADOPTION OF THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS**

Approval of Resolution Number Seven 2018-2019 regarding the Adoption of the Revised Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget and Appropriations. Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented information concerning the revised fiscal year budget and appropriations.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Piotraschke to approve Resolution Number Seven 2018-2019 regarding the Adoption of the Revised Fiscal Year Budget and Appropriations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

## **13. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE ADAMS COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Dr. Chris Fiedler presented information concerning an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) concerning children/youth placed out of their home by the Adams County Human Services Department in foster care, regardless of the location of the placement.

Motion by Director Venerable, seconded by Director Kerber to authorize the superintendent or his designees to execute the intergovernmental agreement concerning children/youth placed out of their homes by the Adams County Human Services Department in foster care, regardless of the location of the placement and execute all necessary documents. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

#### **14. BRIGHTON LEARNING AND RESOURCE CAMPUS SPACE**

Dr. Chris Fiedler presented information concerning space at the Brighton Learning and Resource Campus.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Kerber to authorize the Superintendent or his designees to begin conversations with Community Reach Center staff regarding the possible purchase of space at the Brighton Learning and Resource Campus on the first floor and garden level that is currently being leased by the district as well as additional unfinished space on the two aforementioned floors/levels. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

#### **15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

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| January 29, 2019  | 6:00 p.m. Joint Meeting with City Council Members<br>Hosted by City of Brighton<br>The Armory Performing Center<br>300 Strong Street<br>Brighton, CO 80601 |
| February 12, 2019 | 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with SPED/GT/IB Parents<br>Educational Service Center<br>18551 E. 160 <sup>th</sup> Avenue<br>Brighton, CO 80601                 |
| February 26, 2019 | 5:30 p.m. Study Session<br>7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting<br>Educational Service Center<br>18551 E. 160 <sup>th</sup> Avenue<br>Brighton, CO 80601        |
| March 2, 2019     | 8:00 a.m. Board Planning Session<br>Executive Conference Room/Educational Service Center<br>18551 E. 160 <sup>th</sup> Avenue<br>Brighton, CO 80601        |
| March 12, 2019    | 5:30 p.m. Study Session<br>7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting (Only meeting of the month)<br>Educational Service Center                                       |

18551 E. 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, CO 80601

**16. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION**

The next quarterly meeting evaluation will occur at the March 12, 2019 meeting.

**17. CLOSING COMMENTS**

**18. ADJOURNMENT:** 9:16 p.m.