



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS
August 25, 2020
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Electronic Meeting**

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 Piotraschke

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 Piotraschke

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

- 3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE** President Piotraschke

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 Piotraschke

Recommended motion: “Move to approve the agenda dated August 25, 2020 as presented.”

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

President Piotraschke

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler will report on activities throughout the District.

6. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

President Piotraschke

The Board is conducting this meeting virtually, and will now hear public comment on the following topics that were submitted by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting via a submission document. 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, at this meeting, 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 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 each comment will have an opportunity to be heard, we have a few ground rules:

- Anyone submitting topics should include their name and address.
- The statements will be read in the order in which they were submitted. The submitter’s comments are limited to a three-minute reading.
- If more than one person submitted comments on the same topic, new information will be provided when reading the next statement. Please avoid repeating views already expressed by other, if possible. Multiple names and addresses may be attached to the same submission.
- 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.

We thank you in advance for your participation tonight and submitting public-comment topics.

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

President Piotraschke

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 June 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and July 28, 2020 Linkage Meeting and Executive Session (Enclosures)
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated August 19, 2020 (Confidential Enclosure)

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

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

8. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

President Piotraschke

- 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: The Board will reassign representatives to the committees.

9. STEAD CHARTER SCHOOL AMENDED AND RESTATED CONTRACT

President Piotraschke

The Board of Education will consider approval of an amended and restated contract for The STEAD Charter School. The original contract was approved on March 10, 2020. (Enclosure and two versions of the amended and restated contract are separate enclosures.)

Recommended motion: “Move to approve the amended and restated contract for The STEAD Charter School Contract dated March 10, 2020 as presented.”

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

10. 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 3.0 Global Executive Constraint. (Separate Enclosure)

Recommended motion: “Move to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.0 Global Executive Constraint as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations.”

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

c. Policy Review Schedule

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|------------------------|--|
| i. August 25, 2020 | 3.0 General Executive Constraint |
| ii. September 22, 2020 | 1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 Academic Status of School Ratings |
| | 3.J Charter Schools |
| iii. October 27, 2020 | 3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal |
| iv. November 10, 2020 | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession |
| v. December 8, 2020 | 3.D External Financial Condition & Activities |
| | 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection |
| vi. January 26, 2021 | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers |
| | 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities |
| vii. February 23, 2021 | 1.1 Graduation Rate |
| | 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians |
| viii. March 9, 2021 | 3.G Compensation & Benefits |
| | 1.4 Primary Literacy |
| ix. April 27, 2021 | 3.E Asset Protection |
| x. May 25, 2021 | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public |
| xi. June 8, 2021 | 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting |

11. PROCLAMATION OF SEPTEMBER AS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

President Piotraschke

The Board of Education will consider approving Proclamation Number One 2020- 2021 declaring September as Attendance Awareness Month. This is the sixth year that the Board of Education has approved this resolution promoting good attendance and recognizing how it is essential to student achievement and graduation. (Enclosure)

The Proclamation will be read into public record at this time.

Recommended motion: “Move to approve Proclamation Number One 2020-2021 as presented.”

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

President Piotraschke

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| September 8, 2020 | 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting
(Student Advisory Group?) |
| September 22, 2020 | 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting
1850 Egbert Street
Brighton, CO 80601 |
| September 29, 2020 | 6:00 p.m. 5 th Tuesday Joint Meeting with City Councils
Host and Location are to be determined |

13. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The next quarterly meeting evaluation will occur at the September 22, 2020 meeting.

14. CLOSING COMMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

Date of Notice: August 20, 2020

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS
June 23, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes
Electronic Meeting**

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Green, Director Kerber, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present for this entire meeting.

3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE

Director Piotraschke read the following statement: The Board will govern lawfully, observing Policy Governance principles, with an emphasis on (a) outward vision rather 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 Worth. seconded by Director Thomas to approve the agenda dated June 23, 2020 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

5. STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP MONTHLY REPORT

The Board thanked members of the student advisory group for the thoughtful and personalized gifts that were delivered to the Board members, Dr. Fiedler and Lynn Ann Sheats. Several students expressed appreciation, and described the importance of what they have learned.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities and updates throughout the District. He also thanked the student advisory group for the gift and the personal "thank you" parade by his home.

7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated May 26, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated June 16, 2020 and updated June 19, 2020

9. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage: The next linkage meeting will be on July 28, 2020 with 27J Schools principals.
- b. Board Education: The next planning session will be to review of the education process when school starts.
- c. Board Committees:
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: Director Nickeson reported that fall enrollment projections were met. Considering school offices were closed, this is promising. The committee reviewed facility usage and utilization. It is not likely there will be a recommendation from the committee for bond question on the November 2020 ballot.
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: Director Worth reported that the group did meet, but no action was taken due to not having a quorum. A fee adjustment may be occurring in 2021. This adjustment can occur every two years. The foundation reviewed projections and boundaries. They reviewed the primary reports of contributions from developers. May was a good month. Lennar – largest \$200K +, Richmond \$200K, DR Horton \$87K and Meritage was comparable. New units sold dropped a bit during COVID month(s), but are on the rebound and continue to increase. Most development is in the Reunion and Second Creek area. Brantner and West Ridge areas continue to grow, as well. The foundation is exploring investment options; this is driven by the bylaws. District staff will assist with this process.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk: Director Piotraschke reported that 27J Schools is now the largest pool member of the three member districts. The renewal process is complete. Limits were retained on liability policies as well as 3% deductible vs. 2%, the average was 5%-10% deductible. There was an emergency meeting regarding auto/bus/white fleet physical damage. Insurance companies needed to change to attain a 20-year coverage. This will possibly be an additional \$100K expense. The pool agreements are closed and waiting on approval by the Division of Insurance. The pool is making profits and growing funds.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In: These awards are postponed until in-person meetings resume.
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee: Director Worth reported that no meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting. The 2015 Bond Oversight group discussed the turf being installed at Stuart Middle School.
 - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee: Director Piotraschke reported that projects are being completed. Excess funds may be used for parking lot repairs, and facility plans may be adjusted. Prairie View High School's new addition commons area is complete and looks like it was part of the original building. Director Worth also commented that the area is very functional in sectioning off various areas and is a flexible space. The field lights at Brighton High School are installed. Upgrading of safety and security features are occurring in various buildings. The heating ventilation and air condition (HVAC) system in the Prairie View High School gym is almost complete.

- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: Director Piotraschke gave an update on various legislative resolutions. He also mentioned that the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) District 5 Board position is available.

10. STEAD CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT ADDENDUM INFORMATION

Amy Schwartz and Kelly Lied presented information concerning an addendum to the STEAD Charter School contract that was approved on March 10, 2020. This was informational only, no action was required.

11. EXPECTATIONS OF THE BOARD

- c. Board acts to accept/reject the following reports due/submitted since last meeting. (ADDENDUM “A”) None at this time.
- d. Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.F Financial Planning and Budgeting.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Green to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.F Financial Planning and Budgeting as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- c. Policy Review Schedule

i.	June 23, 2020	3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
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v.	November 10, 2020	3.H Emergency Executive Succession
vi.	December 8, 2020	3.D External Financial Condition & Activities 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection
vii.	January 26, 2021	3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities
viii.	February 23, 2021	1.1 Graduation Rate 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
ix.	March 9, 2021	3.G Compensation & Benefits 1.4 Primary Literacy
x.	April 27, 2021	3.E Asset Protection
xi.	May 25, 2021	3.A Treatment of Students/Public

12. STUDENT FEE SCHEDULES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented information pertaining to the Student Fee Schedules for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Vigil to approve the Student Fee Schedules for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

13. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER TWELVE 2019-2020 ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented information pertaining to the 2020-2021 budget and appropriations.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Nickeson to approve Resolution Number Twelve 2019-2020 adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget and appropriations as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

14. APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO SUPERINTENDENT’S CONTRACT

The Board of Education considered an addendum to Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler’s contract dated July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2024.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Thomas to approve the addendum to Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler’s contract dated July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2024 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

June 23, 2020	7:00 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting Electronic meeting or Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room 1850 Egbert Street Brighton, CO 80601
June 30, 2020	6:00 p.m. 5 th Tuesday Joint Meeting with City Council Members Electronic Meeting
July 28, 2020	6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with 27J Schools Principals Electronic meeting
August 11, 2020	Planning session Electronic meeting
August 25, 2020	7:00 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting Electronic meeting

16. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

Director Thomas presented the quarterly meeting evaluation.

17. CLOSING COMMENTS: None

18. ADJOURNMENT: 10:17 p.m.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS
July 28, 2020
Linkage Meeting with 27J Schools Principals
and
Executive Session Minutes
Electronic Meeting**

1. LINKAGE MEETING WITH 27J SCHOOLS PRINCIPALS

The Board of Education members conducted a linkage meeting with the 27J Schools principals.

Director Green, Director Kerber, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, and Director Worth were present for the entire linkage meeting. Director Vigil was absent from the entire linkage meeting.

Note: This meeting occurred from 7:02 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m. The principals were dismissed at approximately 8:00 p.m.

A short break occurred at this time.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education conducted an executive session per CRS 24-6-402(4)(a) for the purpose of discussing the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest.

Motion by Director Piotraschke, seconded by Director Green to approve entering into an executive session per CRS 24-6- 402(4)(a) for the purpose of discussing the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal, or other property interest. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

The executive session was called to order at 8:07 p.m.

Present at the executive session were:

Director Green

Director Kerber

Director Nickeson

Director Piotraschke

Director Thomas

Director Worth

Director Vigil was absent from the entire executive session.

Dr. Chris Fiedler, Terry Lucero, and Lynn Ann Sheats were invited to attend the executive session.

The executive session concluded at 8:40 p.m.

Board of Education Agenda Item

Board Meeting of: August 25, 2020

Subject: STEAD Charter School Amended and Restated Contract Approval

Status of Item: Action

Time Needed: 15 Minutes

PERTINENT FACTS:

- The original STEAD Charter School Contract was approved by the Board on March 10, 2020
- The following amendments and restatements to the contract are requested for approval:
 - 1) Enrollment increase from 165 students up to 200 students (our target is 175 as discussed, but providing cushion as may be needed). See section 5.1 School Grade Levels and section 5.3 Maximum and Minimum Enrollment; along with references throughout the contract
 - 2) Addition of a homeschool enhancement(s) program. See section 5. 5 Enrollment Preferences and section 6.13. Homeschool Program, with references throughout the contract
 - 3) Defer certain district payments until fiscal year 2024-25 school. See section 9, with references throughout the contract

Board Policy or C.R.S. Related to Item:

3.J Charter Schools

Originator: Dr. Chris Fiedler



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

(Accepted 8-24-10)

Management Limitations 3.0
Global Executive Constraint

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Chris Fiedler, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Expectations of the Board Report – 3.0 Global Executive Constraint

I hereby present my Expectations of the Board Report on our Global Executive Constraint, Management Limitations 3.0, 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: August 25, 2020

Dr. Chris Fiedler
Superintendent, 27J Schools

**27J SCHOOLS
PROCLAMATION
Number One
2020-2021**

Proclamation of September as Attendance Awareness Month

WHEREAS good attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, regardless of format in person or online, and we are committed to dedicating our resources and attention to reducing chronic absenteeism rates, with a focus starting as early as kindergarten,

WHEREAS chronic absence – missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason including excused and unexcused absences, or just two of three days a month – is a proven predictor of academic trouble and dropout rates,

WHEREAS improving attendance and reducing chronic absence takes commitment, collaboration and tailored approaches to particular challenges and strengths in each community,

WHEREAS chronic absence predicts lower third-grade reading proficiency, course failure and eventual dropout, it weakens our communities and our local economy,

WHEREAS the impact of chronic absence hits low-income students and children of color particularly hard if they don't have the resources to make up for lost time in the classroom and are more likely to face systemic barriers to getting to school – such as unreliable transportation, lack of access to health care, unstable or unaffordable housing,

WHEREAS schools and community partners can reach out more frequently to absent students to determine why they are missing school and what would help them attend more regularly,

WHEREAS schools and community partners must do more to track, calculate and share the data on how many students are chronically absent so that we can deliver the right interventions to the right students,

WHEREAS chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, parents and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address hurdles that keep children from getting to school,

WHEREAS engaging parents and the community – including civic and elected leaders, local businesses, faith based members and nonprofit organizations – to help us spread the message that good attendance matters and helps us come up with solutions to ensure all children are in school as much as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 25th day of August, 2020 that 27J Schools proclaims that our community will stand with the nation and Adams, Broomfield, and Weld County partners in recognizing September as “Attendance Awareness Month.” We hereby commit

to focusing on reducing chronic absenteeism to give all children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow and thrive academically, emotionally and socially.

Greg Piotraschke, President

Lynn Ann Sheats, Secretary

	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