

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS
February 25, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Green, Director Kerber, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present. Director Vigil exited the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Director Nickeson was absent from 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 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 Thomas, seconded by Director Worth to approve the agenda dated February 25, 2020 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

5. 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.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District.

7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated January 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated February 20, 2020

9. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage: Director Kerber reported that the committee is identifying linkage groups for the remainder of the year. The group could possibly have a group ready for the April 14, 2020 meeting.
- b. Board Education: Director Thomas discussed the topics that the committee has chosen in priority order. The next study session will include a presentation on classroom management.
- c. Board Committees -
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee: No report
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation: Director Worth reported that introductions occurred at the last meeting. New members include Mary Hodge from Adams County, a new real estate developer, and a new representative from the City of Thornton. The foundation is still looking to fill one position for the developer seat. The group discussed the purpose of the foundation and their processes. Funds were brokered to better the fund's interest rates; this will create more funds for the foundation to consider for projects. Approximately \$3 million is invested and the rates vary from 2.5% to 3%.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk: Director Piotraschke reported that the lawsuit is completed regarding the exit of District 12. The group reviewed claims that are up due to the snowy weather, and slip and fall injuries. Claims are at 75% of the funds set aside for those type of claims. The group is looking at ideas to remind staff of safety in icy conditions. Investments are going well. There most likely will be an increase in premium, but hopefully it will be less than expected. The group is looking at everything they can do prior to the rate evaluation.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In: Director Thomas reported that the next awards will be distributed at the April 28, 2020 meeting. The same nomination topics will be used as before. The group will evaluate and consider topics for next year's awards.
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee: Director Worth explained the history of these funds, and the requests that have been exchanged between Commerce City and the District for disbursements. The Board will consider disbursements from this fund in Item #10 on this agenda.
 - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee: Director Piotraschke provided updates on various projects. Padilla Elementary is coming along. Finishing touches are being completed and a certificate of occupancy is expected sometime in April, 2020. The landscaping is pending due to weather conditions. The foundation is poured and the steel is erected for the extension at Prairie View High School. Construction staff is looking at the air conditioning project for the PVHS gym. The preschool classrooms are open, and things are starting to wrap up from the 2015 bond. The Committee received a great presentation about the safety and security upgrades that are possible. Building staff is doing a good job of keeping students and staff safe.

d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: None

10. COMMERCE CITY - SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J USE TAX FUND EXPENDITURE

Dr. Chris Fiedler and Director Lloyd Worth presented information concerning an authorization of expenditures from the Commerce City – School District 27J Use Tax Fund.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Thomas to approve that the School District 27J Board of Education authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the purpose of adding ball fields and other improvements at Stuart Middle School, Turnberry Elementary and Second Creek Elementary and an amount not to exceed \$714,500 for the installation of a synthetic sports field system at Stuart Middle School from the Commerce City – School District 27J Use Tax Fund. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**Director Vigil exited the meeting at this time. 8:00 p.m.

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 Academic Officer Will Pierce presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Kerber 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: all ayes **This vote did not include Director Vigil due to her leaving the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Quorum still remained.

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

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Kerber to accept the Expectations of the Board Report on the Graduation Rate, Global Goal 1.1 as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes **This vote did not include Director Vigil due to her leaving the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Quorum still remained.

- d. Policy Review Schedule

- i. February 25, 2020
 - 1.1 Graduation Rate
 - 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
- ii. March 10, 2020
 - 3.G Compensation & Benefits
 - 1.4 Primary Literacy

iii. April 28, 2020	3.E Asset Protection
iv. May 26, 2020	3.A Treatment of Students/Public 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
v. June 9, 2020	None
vi. August 25, 2020	3.0 General Executive Constraint
vii. September 22, 2020	1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 Academic Status of School Ratings 3.J Charter Schools
viii. October 27, 2020	3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal
ix. November 10, 2020	3.H Emergency Executive Succession
x. December 8, 2020	3.D External Financial Condition & Activities 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection
x. January 26, 2021	3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities

12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

March 10, 2020	7:00 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room 1850 Egbert Street Brighton, CO 80601
March 31, 2020	6:00 p.m. 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
April 14, 2020	6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting or Planning Session Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room 1850 Egbert Street
April 28, 2020	7:00 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room 1850 Egbert Street Brighton, CO 80601

13. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The next quarterly meeting evaluation will be completed at the March 10, 2020 meeting.

14. CLOSING COMMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT: 8:28 p.m.