



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Tom Green, Director
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Mary Vigil, Director
Lloyd Worth, Director

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS
December 8, 2020
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Electronic Meeting**

**A livestream link will be available at www.sd27j.org
Dial-in phone number:720-572-1628**

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 December 8, 2020 as presented.”

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

President Piotraschke

5. BOARD RECOGNITIONS

President Piotraschke

- a. The Board of Education would like to recognize Director Tom Green and Director Mary Vigil for their commitment and dedication. They will be receiving their one-year service pin. Also, existing Board members will be receiving an updated pin with the newly designed, colored logo.
- b. The Board of Education would like to recognize the following staff members for receiving the Reaching Out award for Making the Impossible Possible. Dr. Fiedler will start the recognitions with a special award.

Classified

Brenda Guadagnoli - Secretary at Overland Trail Middle School
Josephine (Jojo) Moreno - Lead Campus Supervisor at Prairie View High School

Certified

Molly Biel - K-5 Achieve Virtual Teacher at Pennock Elementary School
Shanti Coviello - ECSE Preschool Teacher at Henderson Elementary School
Cari Micala - Teacher at the Innovations & Options Campus

Administration

Michael Burke - Principal at Prairie View High School

Groups

Jim Cade and Neil Cade - Welding Instructors at Prairie View High School

Melissa Cocharn, Elyse Coberly, Trudy Foster, Michelle Espinosa, Shannon Gerton, and Merisol Zamarron Cisneros - Student Data Team at T.R.A.C.E

Micha Strain - Kitchen Manager at Vikan Middle School
Diana Brooks - Kitchen Manager at Thimmig Elementary School
Bernadette Cole - Kitchen Manager at Prairie View High School
Stacy Vonau - Kitchen Manager at Brighton High School

Silvia Pastrana, Maribel Esparza de Meza, and Jenea Chavez - SpEd Para Team at Quist Middle School

6. STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Fiedler

Various members of the advisory group will present information regarding school activities.

7. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler will report on activities throughout the District.

8. 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.

9 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 or the Board secretary, in writing, by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and be recognized by invitation of the President to address the Board.

Board President Greg Piotraschke – gpiotraschke@sd27j.net

Board Secretary Lynn Ann Sheats – lsheats@sd27j.net

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting, and November 17, 2020 Executive Session (Enclosures)
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated December 1, 2020 (Confidential Enclosure)

	Inspection
ii. January 26, 2021	3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers
	3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities
iii. February 23, 2021	1.1 Graduation Rate
	3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
iv. March 9, 2021	3.G Compensation & Benefits
	1.4 Primary Literacy
v. April 27, 2021	3.E Asset Protection
vi. May 25, 2021	3.A Treatment of Students/Public
vii. June 8, 2021	3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
viii. August 24, 2021	3.0 General Executive Constraint
ix. September 28, 2021	1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 Academic Status of School Ratings
	3.J Charter Schools
x. October 26, 2021	3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal
xi. November 9, 2021	3.H Emergency Executive Succession

12. FISCAL YEAR 2021 CERTIFICATION OF MILL LEVY

President Piotraschke

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek will present information concerning the certification of the fiscal year 2021 mill levy. (Enclosures)

Recommended Motion: “Move to certify to the Board of County Commissioners in Adams, Broomfield, and Weld counties property tax amounts and mill levies required for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget as presented in Enclosure A. Furthermore, we authorize the Superintendent or his designee, to modify the final mill levy to generate the budget property tax revenues as may be required by final calculations made by the Colorado Department of Education in accordance with the implementation of the Colorado School Finance Act of 1994.”

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

President Piotraschke

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

January 12, 2021	6:00 p.m. Planning Session Group is to be determined Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting
January 26, 2021	5:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting
February 9, 2021	6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting Group is to be determined Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting
February 23, 2021	5:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting

14. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The quarterly-meeting evaluation will be presented by Director Vigil.

15. CLOSING COMMENTS

16. ADJOURNMENT

Date of Notice: December 3, 2020

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS
November 10, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes
Electronic Meeting**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:06 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Green, Director Kerber, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present. Director Vigil left the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and remained absent for the remainder of the 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 Nickeson, seconded by Director Green to approve the revised agenda dated November 10, 2020 moving item #11 Board of Education Director Districts to Item #6 with all the remaining items renumbered accordingly. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

5. BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Education was presented with the quarterly report from the 2015 Bond Oversight Committee. Chairperson Troy Whitmore presented the report.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Kerber to approve receipt of the 2015 Bond Oversight Committee report dated November 10, 2020 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION DIRECTOR DISTRICTS

Colorado Revised Statute C.R.S. 22-31-110 requires that school board director districts be reapportioned every four years by December 31st.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Worth to approve the reapportionment of director district boundaries as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

7. STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP MONTHLY REPORT

Various members of the advisory group presented information regarding school activities.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District. Dr. Fiedler thanked the veterans for their service in celebration of tomorrow's Veterans Day.

Note: Director Vigil left the meeting at this time, and she was absent for the remainder of the meeting. (8:15 p.m.)

9. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Nickeson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes (Director Vigil was absent from this vote.)

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated October 27, 2020 Study Session, Executive Session, and Regular Board Meetings
- b. Approval of personnel items on the memorandum dated November 5, 2020 and revised on November 9, 2020.

11. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Kerber and Director Vigil: No report
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Kerber and Director Thomas: Director Thomas reported that during tonight's study session, the Board heard a report from staff and students from Brighton High School regarding their No Place for Hate program. The topic for the December 8, 2020 study session will be a report from the Board members that are attending the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) conference.
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Nickeson: This committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Kerber, Director Vigil and Director Worth: This group has not met since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Kerber is an alternate.: This group has not met since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas: Director Thomas reported that the nomination forms have been distributed, and the winners will be honored at the December 8, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

- v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee – Members: Director Nickeson and Director Worth, Director Green is an alternate.: This committee has not met since the last Board of Education meeting.
- vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Worth: The Board received a report from the committee at tonight’s meeting. Director Piotraschke noted that it has been five years since the voters approved the issuance of these bond funds. He thanked the committee for their commitment and dedication.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: Director Piotraschke reported that the CASB delegate assembly met virtually. Resolutions were adopted. A final resolutions packet was distributed and Director Piotraschke will distribute it to the Board members.

12. 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. Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.H Emergency Executive Succession.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Kerber to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.H Emergency Executive Succession as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes (Director Vigil was absent from this vote.)

- c. Policy Review Schedule

i	November 10, 2020	3.H Emergency Executive Succession
ii	December 8, 2020	3.D External Financial Condition & Activities 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection
iii	January 26, 2021	3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities
iv	February 23, 2021	1.1 Graduation Rate 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
v	March 9, 2021	3.G Compensation & Benefits 1.4 Primary Literacy
vi	April 27, 2021	3.E Asset Protection
vii	May 25, 2021	3.A Treatment of Students/Public
viii	June 8, 2021	3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
ix	August 24, 2021	3.0 General Executive Constraint
x	September 28, 2021	1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 Academic Status of School Ratings 3.J Charter Schools
xi	October 26, 2021	3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| November 17, 2020 | 6:00 p.m. Superintendent's Evaluation
Electronic Executive Session |
| December 4-5, 2020 | Colorado Association of School Boards Virtual Annual
Conference |
| December 8, 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
Note: Only Regular Meeting of the Month |
| January 12, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting
Group is to be determined
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting |
| January 26, 2021 | 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting |

14. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The next quarterly meeting evaluation will be presented at the December 8, 2020 meeting.

15. CLOSING COMMENTS: Director Piotraschke thanked Director Thomas for facilitating the linkage meeting with the Student Advisory Group, and leading them in a great painting party. This was also a great opportunity for the two groups to get together and learn more about one another. Director Nickeson gave thanks to all for the hard work that is occurring.

16. ADJOURNMENT: 8:48 p.m.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS
November 17, 2020
Executive Session Minutes
Electronic Meeting**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 p.m.

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

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education considered conducting an Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) (I) personnel matters, for the purpose of discussing the annual evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Vigil to approve an Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) (I) personnel matters, for the purpose of discussing the annual evaluation of Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler was invited to attend the executive session.

The executive session started at 6:03 p.m.

The executive session concluded at 6:56 p.m.

3. ADJOURNMENT: 6:56 p.m. No other discussion occurred after that conclusion of the executive session, therefore the meeting adjourned at the same time.



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

(Accepted 8-24-10)

Management Limitations 3.I
Board Awareness & Support

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Chris Fiedler, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Expectations of the Board Report – 3.I Board Awareness & Support

I hereby present my Expectations of the Board Report on our Board Awareness & Support, Management Limitations 3.I, 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: December 8, 2020

Dr. Chris Fiedler
Superintendent, 27J Schools

Board of Education Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: December 8, 2020

Item: 2020 Mill Levy Certification

Status of Item: Action

Time Needed: 10 minutes

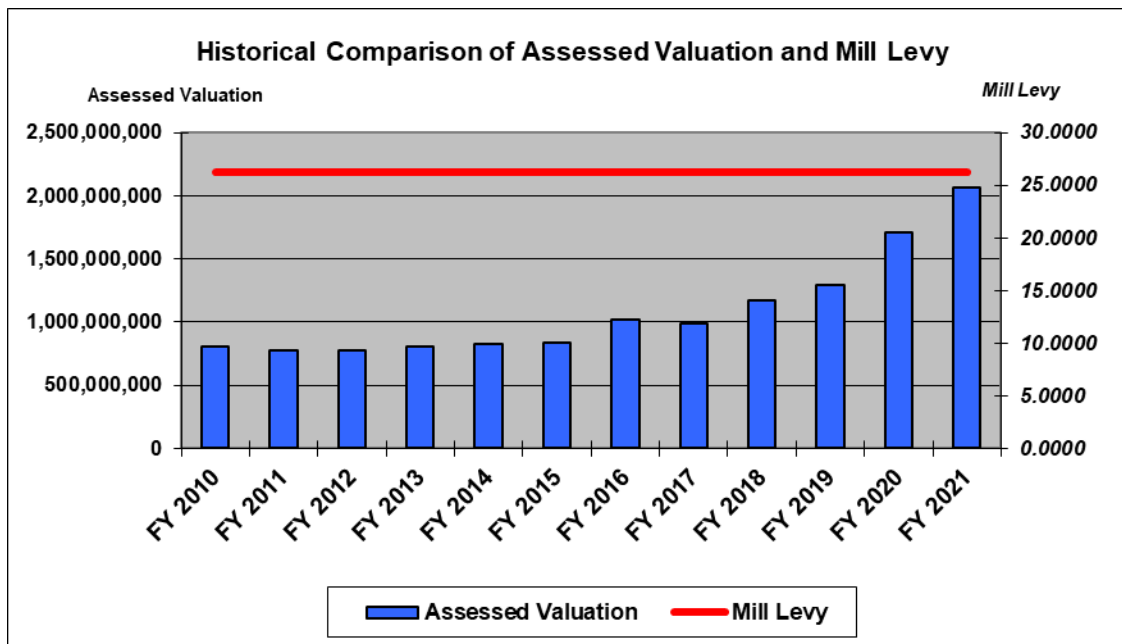
Relevant Information:

The District is required by December 15th of each year to certify to the county treasurers within the district’s boundaries the general and bond mill levies. The certification information is contained in Enclosure A. See below for historical information pertaining to the general mill levy.

The certification of the mill levies addresses the following Board Governance policies:

- Policy 3.D – Financial Condition & Activities: With respect to financial condition and activities, the Superintendent will not cause or allow the development of fiscal jeopardy, or a material deviation of actual expenditures from the Board’s End priorities.
- Policy 3.F – Financial Planning & Budgeting: Financial planning for any fiscal year or the remaining part of any fiscal year will not deviate materially from the Board’s Ends priorities, risk financial jeopardy, or fail to be derived from a multi-year plan.
- Policy 3.I – Board Awareness & Support: The Superintendent will not cause or allow the Board to be uninformed or unsupported in its work.

Historical Information:



C.R.S. requirements:

- **C.R.S. 39-5-128(1)**: No later than August 25 of each year, the assessor shall certify to the department of education, to the clerk of each town and city, to the secretary of each school district, and to the secretary of each special district within the assessor's county the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property located within the territorial limits of each such town, city, school district, or special district and shall notify each such clerk, secretary, and board to officially certify the levy of such town, city, school district, or special district to the board of county commissioners no later than December 15. The assessor shall also certify to the secretary of each school district the actual value of the taxable property in the district
- **C.R.S. 22-40-102(6)**: Each school district, with such assistance as may be required from the department of education, shall inform the county treasurer for each county within the district's boundaries no later than December 15 of each year of said district's general fund mill levy in the absence of funds estimated to be received by said district pursuant to the "Public School Finance Act of 1994", article 54 of this title, and the estimated funds to be received for the general fund of the district from the state
- **C.R.S. 22-42-117(1)**: If the board of education has issued any of said bonds, at the time of certifying to the board of county commissioners a statement showing the amount necessary to raise from the taxable property of said district for the general fund as required by law, it shall also certify to said board of county commissioners the amount needed for its bond redemption fund to pay all installments of principal and interest of said bonds, which, according to their terms, have already become due and payable or shall become due and payable during the next ensuing fiscal year, or both, together with such additional amount, if any, as in the judgment of the board of education it is desirable to raise from the taxable property of said district for the purpose of redeeming, during the said ensuing fiscal year, any of said bonds which are redeemable but not due. Separate amounts shall be certified for the bond redemption fund to satisfy the outstanding obligations of bonded indebtedness which involve separate tax levies on taxable property located within different territorial limits.
- **C.R.S. 22-54-106(a)(I)**: Every district shall levy the number of mills determined pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section, and the amount of property tax revenue which the district is entitled to receive from the levy, assuming one hundred percent collection, along with the amount of specific ownership tax revenue paid to the district, as defined in section 22-54-103 (11), shall be the district's share of its total program.

Originator: Lori Schiek, Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure A

Board of Education Meeting – December 8, 2020

General Fund Mill Levy	26.262
Abatements	.051
Total General Fund Mill Levy	26.313
Mill Levy Override	.363
Total	26.676
Bond Redemption Mill Levy	22.069
Total School District 27J Mill Levy Certification	48.745

	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 27J Schools	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