

BOARD OF EDUCATION

27J SCHOOLS

December 8, 2020

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Electronic Meeting

A livestream link was available at www.sd27j.org.

The dial-in phone number:720-572-1628 was available.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 Worth to approve the agenda dated December 8, 2020 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

5. BOARD RECOGNITIONS

- a. The Board of Education recognized 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 recognized the following staff members for receiving the Reaching Out award for Making the Impossible Possible. Dr. Fiedler started 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 Institute 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

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

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District.

8. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Kerber to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Director Vigil had technical issues and left the meeting at 812 p.m. and did not return. She did not participate in this or any other votes. Roll Call Vote: all members in attendance voted aye

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

10. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Kerber and Director Vigil: Director Kerber – No report was provided.
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Kerber and Director Thomas: Director Thomas reported that several Board members attended the annual Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) virtual conference. She suggested that at the January 26, 2021

study session, each attendee report on the various breakout sessions that they attended. At tonight's study session, Chief Academic Officer Will Pierce presented information regarding the District's academic achievement and dashboard.

- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Nickeson: Director Nickeson reported that there is continued growth in district. He attended a breakout session at the CASB conference regarding school finance. Data reports that some districts' enrollment are down 3%, some even as much as 10%. 27J's forecast is lower than projected. Our enrollment is up by almost 1%. The western-area growth continues. Building permits are up compared to last year. 1,816 permits were issued in October 2020, with 1,600 being issued the prior year. The committee is concentrating on growth areas and strategizing how to serve those new families.
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Kerber, Director Vigil and Director Worth: Director Kerber and Director Worth reported that the foundation reviewed their financials. At the last meeting, no quorum was attained so no action was taken. Their account balance contains approximately \$4 million. Full payment from a new apartment complex at 50th and Bridge was received making them the biggest contributor of last quarter.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Kerber is an alternate. Director Piotraschke reported the group reviewed the audit and all went well, with the pool being financially solvent. The Division of Insurance exit process of Adams 12 is complete. Delays occurred due to COVID. The pool continues to look at potential members, possibly one to four new members, being cautious of potential claims.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas: Director Thomas reported that the Board recognized great groups and staff members tonight for Making the Impossible Possible. The Prairie View High School welding group is a great story of constructing a mobile welding lab to facilitate skills testing. She also wanted to mention the great efforts of the entire nutrition services staff for their ability to provide thousands of meals during the pandemic. Director Green reminded the group of Dr. Fiedler's nomination and recognition of the entire 27J community.
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee – Members: Director Nickeson and Director Worth, Director Green is an alternate: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Worth: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: Director Piotraschke reported that the general sessions at the CASB conference were really good and invigorating even though it was a virtual format.

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. External Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D – Financial Conditions and Activities - Rodney Rice and Max Haberkorn from RubinBrown LLP, presented the Independent Auditors’ Report and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Ms. Schiek introduced members of her team that were involved in the audit process, and gave accolades for completing the audit process in the current virtual environment. She wanted to give a special thank you to Finance Director Stacey Yoshimoto for doing a lot of this work independently and offsite. Mr. Rice also thanked the finance team for their work and cooperation in preparation of this audit.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Green to acknowledge receipt of the 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- c. Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.I Board Awareness & Support.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Kerber to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.I Board Awareness & Support as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- d. Policy Review Schedule

i. December 8, 2020	3.D External Financial Condition & Activities 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct 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

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented information concerning the certification of the fiscal year 2021 mill levy.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Thomas 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 Vote: all ayes

13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

January 12, 2021	6:00 p.m. Planning Session 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 or Planning Session 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 was completed by Director Vigil and presented by Director Piotraschke due to Director Vigil's absence.

15. CLOSING COMMENTS: None

16. ADJOURNMENT: 9:27 p.m.