



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
27J SCHOOLS**

**August 24, 2021  
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room  
1850 Egbert Street  
Suite 120  
Brighton, CO 80601**

A livestream link will be available at [www.sd27j.org](http://www.sd27j.org)

**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 24, 2021 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 will now hear public comment on the following topics that have been indicated on the sign-in sheet. 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, tonight 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 your 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 everyone will have an opportunity to participate, we have a few ground rules we ask you to follow:

- Anyone intending to address the Board should sign the speaker sign-in sheet. I will call speakers in the order in which they signed in.
- Speakers’ comments are limited to three minutes.
- If more than one person wishes to speak on the same topic, the new speaker is limited to providing only new information. Please, do not repeat views already expressed by other speakers.
- 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.
- Disturbing good order by inappropriate language or gestures is grounds for removal from the meeting.

We thank you in advance for your participation tonight.

#### **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 Board of Education minutes dated June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting and July 13, 2021 Special Meeting (Enclosure)
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated August 17, 2021 (Confidential Enclosure)

Recommended Motion: “Move to approve the consent agenda 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 – Members: Director Kerber and Director Vigil
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Kerber and Director Thomas
- c. Board Committees
  - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Nickeson
  - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Kerber, Director Vigil and Director Worth
  - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Kerber is an alternate.
  - iv. Reaching Out/In – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas
  - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee – Members: Director Nickeson and Director Worth, Director Green is an alternate.
  - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Worth
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board

**9. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING FAIR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL SITES WITH THE CITY OF BRIGHTON**

President Piotraschke

The Board of Education will consider approval of the intergovernmental agreement concerning fair contributions for public school sites with the City of Brighton. (Cash in Lieu of Land Dedications) (Enclosure and IGA is a separate enclosure)

Recommended Motion: “... Move to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Fair contributions for Public School Sites with the City of Brighton and authorize the President of the Board to execute all required documents. ”

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

**10. LEASE OF UNUSED DISTRICT PROPERTY**

President Piotraschke

The Board of Education will consider approval of a license agreement with Greystar Development and Construction L.P. for the use of the described property in the

northernmost section of the District’s Educational Service Center, property located at 18551 E. 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brighton, CO and authorize staff to negotiate an execute all required documents. (Enclosure, and License Agreement and Exhibit 1 are separate enclosures)

**Recommended Motion...** “ Move to approve a license agreement with Greystar Development and Construction L.P. for the use of the described property in the northernmost section of the District’s Educational Service Center property located at 18551 E. 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brighton, CO and authorize staff to negotiate and execute all required documents.”

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

**11. 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 conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations.”

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

c. Policy Review Schedule

- i. August 24, 2021 3.0 Global Executive Constraint
- ii. September 28, 2021 1.2 Post Secondary Readiness (3E’s)  
1.3 School Academic Dashboard  
3.J Charter Schools
- iii. October 26, 2021 3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal
- iv. November 9, 2021 3.H Emergency Executive Succession
- v. December 14, 2021 3.D External Financial Condition & Activities  
3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection
- vi. January 25, 2022 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers  
3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities
- vii. February 22, 2022 1.1 Graduation Rate  
3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
- viii. March 8, 2022 1.4 School SEL Dashboard (Good Humans)  
3.G Compensation & Benefits
- ix. April 26, 2022 3.E Asset Protection
- x. May 24, 2022 3.A Treatment of Students/Public
- xi. June 14, 2022 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting  
(Remained in June due to State Budgeting Timeline)

## 12. PROCLAMATION OF SEPTEMBER AS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

President Piotraschke

The Board of Education will consider approving Proclamation Number One 2021-2022 declaring September as Attendance Awareness Month. This is the seventh year that the Board of Education has approved this resolution promoting good attendance and recognizing how essential it is to student achievement and graduation. (Enclosure)

The Proclamation may be read at this time.

Recommended Motion: “Move to approve Proclamation Number One 2021-2022 as presented.”

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

President Piotraschke

## 13. 2021 BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

President Piotraschke

The Board of Education will consider approval of Resolution Number Two 2021-2022 placing a mill levy override question and a bonded debt question before the eligible electors of the District in the November 2, 2021 election.

The mill levy override would be for \$16 million in the first full fiscal year and whatever revenue is produced by the levy of 8 mills thereafter. The bonded debt question seeks authorization to issue not to exceed \$515 million for capital needs of the District. The District expects that it can pay this additional debt without increasing the current bond debt mill levy of 22.069 mills. (Enclosure and the resolution is a separate enclosure)

Recommended Motion: “Move to approve Resolution Number Two 2021-2022 calling an election on November 2, 2021, to authorize additional local property tax revenues for the general fund of the District and authorize the incurrence of general obligation indebtedness by the District and the levy of ad valorem property taxes to repay such indebtedness and determining the ballot title and text of the questions to be submitted at such election.”

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

President Piotraschke

## 14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

August 31, 2021	3:00 p.m. The Welcome Ceremony of the Wall that Heals Carmichael Park (East of City Hall) 650 E. Southern Street, Brighton, 80601
	4:00 p.m. Joint Meeting with City Council Members Brighton City Hall 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor 500 S. 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brighton, 80601
September 14, 2021	6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting or Planning Session Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room 1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120 Brighton, CO 80601

September 28, 2021 5:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room  
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120  
Brighton, CO 80601

**15. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION**

The next quarterly-meeting evaluation will occur at the September 28, 2021 meeting.

**16. CLOSING COMMENTS**

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Date of Notice: August 19, 2021

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
27J SCHOOLS**

**June 22, 2021  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

A livestream link was available at [www.sd27j.org](http://www.sd27j.org)

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Green, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present for this entire meeting. Director Kerber 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 Worth, seconded by Director Vigil to approve the agenda dated June 22, 2021 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**5. STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP MONTHLY REPORT**

Departing graduates expressed gratitude, things they were grateful for, and their favorite moments. The new members of the group were introduced. Continuing members and new members described why they applied to be part of the group.

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

- a. Tom Green, Community Affairs Representative from United Power, Inc., and a 27J Schools Board of Education member, introduced their new President and CEO Mark Gabriel. Mr. Gabriel presented the Board of Education with a check in the amount of \$28,851.24. This represents the School District's Annual Capital Credit Refund.

**7. 2015 BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**



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 Nickeson, seconded by Director Green to approve receipt of the June 22, 2021 Bond Oversight Committee report. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

## **8. FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS REPORT**

John Myers presented the report concerning the focus group meetings that were conducted involving the north, south, and west planning areas. A group of community influencers also participated. This was informational only, and no Board of Education action was required.

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District.

## **10. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Name	Address	Topic
Janelle Tavocheck	16986 E. 111 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Commerce City, CO 80022	SSN Program moved to different location
Kristy Frederick	16874 E. 111 <sup>th</sup> Drive Commerce City, CO 80022	SSN Program moved to different location and care of student
Shawna Hirteck	3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Brighton, CO 80601	Concerns with mask wearing
Maryjane Myrsiades	702 Willow Oak Street Brighton, CO 80601	Guidelines relaxed sooner than later and full four-day learning Requested district notification by mid-July

## **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of Board of Education minutes dated May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated June 15, 2021

- c. Approval to authorize the Superintendent or his designees to negotiate the final terms of the proposed Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement concerning a Joint School Resource Officer Program with the City of Commerce City and to execute all necessary documents
- d. Approval of the administrative assistant to the superintendent to be the designated election official for the November 2, 2021 coordinated election

## **12. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS**

- a. Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Kerber and Director Vigil: The next linkage meeting will be on July 27, 2021 with the 27J Schools principals
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Kerber and Director Thomas: Director Thomas reported that there wasn't anything new to report from the last meeting. The committee is working on topics for the coming year. Tonight's study session included a discussion regarding the charter school inclusions in the potential bond question.
- c. Board Committees
  - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Nickeson: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
  - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Kerber, Director Vigil and Director Worth: No update since the last meeting.
  - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Kerber is an alternate.: No update since the last meeting
  - iv. Reaching Out/In – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas: No update since the last meeting.
  - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee – Members: Director Nickeson and Director Worth, Director Green is an alternate.: No update since the last meeting.
  - vi. 2015 Bond Oversight Committee – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Worth: The Board of Education accepted a report at tonight's meeting.
- e. Other Matters of Information for the Board: Director Piotraschke announced that the Prairie View High School girls golf team took second place at the state championships.

## **13. CAPITAL FACILITY FEE FOUNDATION DRAW REQUEST APPROVAL**

The Board of Education considered approving a request from the Capital Facility Fee Foundation for the construction of a new elementary school.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Green to approve a request for a draw from the School District 27J Capital Facility Fee Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$3,250,000 to assist in the construction of a new elementary school and to authorize staff to execute all required documents related to the draw request. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

## **14. EXPECTATIONS OF THE BOARD**

- a. Board acts to accept/reject the following reports due/submitted since the last meeting. (ADDENDUM "A") None at this time.

- b. Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.F Financial Planning and Budgeting.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Nickeson 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

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	3.G Compensation & Benefits
x. April 26, 2022	3.E Asset Protection
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**15. STUDENT FEE SCHEDULES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek and Director of Postsecondary/Workforce Readiness Paul Francisco presented information pertaining to the Student Fee Schedules for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Thomas to approve the Student Fee Schedules for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**16. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NUMBER TEN 2020-2021 ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS**

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented information pertaining to the 2021-2022 budget and appropriations.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Vigil to approve Resolution Number Ten 2020-2021 adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget and appropriations as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**17. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

June 29, 2021	6:00 p.m. Joint Meeting with City Council Members 27J Schools to Host Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
July 27, 2021	6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with 27J Schools Principals Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or location to be determined

**18. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION**

Director Nickeson presented the quarterly-meeting evaluation.

**19. CLOSING COMMENTS:** Director Piotraschke commented that it was great to be meeting in person again.

**20. ADJOURNMENT:** 9:17 p.m.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
27J SCHOOLS**

**July 13, 2021**

**Special Electronic Meeting Minutes**

A livestream link was available at [www.sd27j.org](http://www.sd27j.org)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** 12:03 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Kerber, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present for this entire meeting. Director Green and Director Nickeson were 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 Worth, seconded by Director Kerber to approve the agenda dated July 13, 2021 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**5. STATE TREASURER'S INTEREST-FREE LOAN PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

The Board of Education considered approval of Resolution Number One 2021-2022 authorizing the participation by the District in the State Treasurer's Interest-Free Loan Program.

Motion by Director Worth, seconded by Director Vigil to approve Resolution Number One 2021-2022 authorizing the participation by the District in the State Treasurer's Interest-Free Loan Program as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**6. ADJOURNMENT:** 12:12 p.m.

Board of Education Agenda Item

**Board Meeting of:** August 24, 2021

**Subject:** Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Fair Contributions for Public School Sites with the City of Brighton (Cash in Lieu of Land Dedications)

**Status of Item:** Action

**Time Needed:** 20 Minutes

**PERTINENT FACTS:**

- Local governments are encouraged and authorized to cooperate or contract with other units of government, pursuant to C.R.S. § 29-20-105, for the purpose of planning or regulating the development of land, including, but not limited to, the joint exercise of planning, zoning, subdivision, building, and related regulations.
- Local governments typically require the dedication of land or cash in lieu of land dedications (CIL) for public school sites.
- At present, the City of Brighton is collecting a fee of \$35,000 per acre for the CIL fee. This amount is far below the current \$98,000 per acre cost for residential land in Adams County.
- For many years the District has been working with the municipalities of Brighton, Commerce City, and Thornton to increase the existing CIL fees utilized by the municipalities.
- On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July the City of Brighton approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the District incorporating many of the agreed upon concepts including:
  - The means for determining the per acre fair market value of land shall be established by an appraisal commissioned by the District for the property being developed. The appraisal shall be conducted at the applicant's expense to be completed at least thirty (30) days prior to the estimated date of final plat approval; and,
  - If the Fair Contribution for Public School Sites includes payment of cash in lieu of dedication of land, such dedication shall be made prior to the recording of the final plat, and the City agrees to require proof in the form of a letter from the School District superintendent that the School District has received payment of cash in lieu of land dedication before the issuance of the first residential building permit for the applicable final plat.
- A copy of the agreement is attached for your reference.
- Staff is recommending approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

**Board Policies or C.R.S. Relating to Item:**

C.R.S. 29-20-105 – Cooperation with Local Governments

**Originator:** Terry Lucero

Board of Education Agenda Item

**Board Meeting of:** August 24, 2021

**Subject:** Lease of Unused District Property

**Status of Item:** Action

**Time Needed:** 10 Minutes

**PERTINENT FACTS:**

- The District is in receipt of a lease request from Greystar Development and Construction L.P., a residential development company, to lease approximately one acre in the northernmost portion of the District’s ESC property located at 18551 E. 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Brighton, Colorado. (exhibit attached)
- The property will be used as a material storage yard and other purposes as described in the agreement.
- The agreement is in the form of a license agreement as prepared by the District’s legal counsel. (agreement attached)
- The licensee will be constructing a multi-residential project immediately adjacent to and north of the District’s ESC property.
- The significant terms of the agreement include:
  - A two - year term;
  - \$500 per month rent;
  - \$1000 damage deposit;
  - Tenant shall maintain the District’s minimum insurance requirements; and
  - The agreement may be terminated by the District with a 90-day advance notice for no cause with a 10-day notice for failure to perform according to the agreement.
- The subject property has been used for similar purposes in the past.
- Staff is recommending approval of the agreement.

**Board Policy or C.R.S. regarding this item:**

C.R.S. 22-32-110(1)(e) – Board of Education – Specific Powers – To sell and convey district property...

**Originator:** Terry Lucero, Chief Operating Officer



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

*(Accepted 8-24-10)*

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*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 Executive 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 24, 2021

Dr. Chris Fiedler  
Superintendent, 27J Schools



**27J SCHOOLS  
PROCLAMATION  
Number One  
2021-2022**

**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 24th day of August, 2021 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.

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Greg Piotraschke, President

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Lynn Ann Sheats, Secretary

Board of Education Agenda Item

**Board Meeting of:** August 24, 2021

**Subject:** 2021 Mill Levy Override and Bond Ballot Questions Consideration

**Status of Item:** Action

**Time Needed:** 30 Minutes

**PERTINENT FACTS MILL LEVY OVERRIDE:**

- Colorado Revised Statute requires that any political subdivision that intends to conduct an election must certify to the county clerk the content of such ballot question no later than 60 days prior to the election.
- 27J Schools has done very well with the resources available for our students through the Colorado School Finance Act and our one successful mill levy override election, which passed 21 years ago in the year 2000, and generates \$750,000 annually.
- Reasons to Believe in 27J Schools:
  - Since 2012:
    - 27J Schools Overall Graduation Rate has increased 14.7% from 71.55% (2012) to 86.2% (2020)
    - 27J Schools Hispanic Graduation Rate has increased 20.2% from 62.6% (2012) to 82.8% (2020)
  - Highest Graduation Rate among Adams County Metro School Districts for two consecutive years:
    - 84.1% (2019) and 86.2% (2020)
  - Exceeded the Colorado State Average Graduation Rate for three consecutive years:
    - 2018 – 27J Schools (81.5%) State (80.7%)
    - 2019 – 27J Schools (84.1%) State (81.1%)
    - 2020 – 27J Schools (86.2%) State (81.9%)
  - 27J Schools delivered instruction, provided meals, provided one to web technology access, and continued our mission of empowering every student today to take control of their future tomorrow during a global pandemic.
- Current Funding Status:
  - 27J Schools remains the lowest funded Denver Metro school district in terms of per pupil funding and per pupil mill levy override revenues.
  - School District 27J's one and only successful mill levy override election occurred in the year 2000 in the amount of \$750,000. This equates currently to approximately \$40 per student in additional annual revenue to educate the students in the District above and beyond revenue from the State of Colorado via the School Finance Act.
  - The Average Mill Levy Override revenue for the thirteen Denver Metro School Districts who receive local mill levy override revenue = \$2,063 per student
  - The Average Mill Levy Override revenue for the other four Adams County Denver Metro School Districts = \$1,655 per student

- This amount has more than doubled since 2017 (\$775 per student)
- District staff has conducted significant due diligence in determining:
  - The impact of any proposed increase mill levy override property tax on residential and non-residential property tax owners; and
  - The school community's desired uses for any additional mill levy override revenues
- The Board of Education has previously received information from District staff regarding this item.
- The Superintendent, in compliance with Board Policy 3.D and 3.F, is recommending that the Board of Education present a ballot issue authorizing the raising and expenditure of additional mill levy override revenues to the eligible electors of the District in the November 2, 2021 election.

**PERTINENT FACTS BOND:**

- Colorado Revised Statute requires that any political subdivision that intends to conduct an election must certify to the county clerk the content of such ballot question no later than 60 days prior to the election.
- Reasons to Believe in 27J Schools:
  - 27J Schools has delivered on, and exceeded, the promised capital construction projects from the 2010 and 2015 successful Bond elections
  - In each case, an additional elementary school was built beyond what was promised:
    - Brantner Elementary (2010 Bond)
    - Elementary #14 (2015 Bond)
  - Every 2010 and 2015 Bond project was completed on time and on budget
- The Board of Education has received information relative to the future capital needs of the District and the proposed bond recommendation at various meetings this spring and summer, including most recently, the Board planning meeting on August 10, 2021.
- According to CDE data, School District 27J remains one of the fastest growing District in the Denver metro area.
- Given the residential development currently under construction and the availability and affordability of land for future residential development student capacity issues will remain an urgent concern for the District for years to come.
- Growing enrollment has required the diversion of already scarce resources from our highest priority of academic achievement to the management of student capacity issues.
- The proposed increase in bonded indebtedness will not require an increase in the bond redemption mill levy due to the significant increase in assessed valuation of the 27J Schools school district.
- The Superintendent, in compliance with Board Policy 3.D and 3.F, is recommending that the Board of Education present a ballot issue authorizing an increase in bonded indebtedness to the eligible electors of the District in the November 2, 2021 election.

**Board Policy or C.R.S. regarding this item:**

- C.R.S. 22-54-108 (1) - Authorization of additional local revenues.
- C.R.S. 1-5-203 (3) - Certification of ballot.

Board Policy 3.D – Financial Conditions and Activities  
Board Policy 3.F – Financial Planning and Budgeting

**Originator: Chris Fiedler, Superintendent**

	<b>METHOD</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>SCHEDULE</b>
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 – School SEL Dashboard (Good Humans)	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 (Remained in June due to State Budgeting Timeline)
3.0 - Global Executive Constraint	Internal	Annually	August
1.2 – Post Secondary Readiness (3E’s)	Internal	Annually	September
1.3 –School Academic Dashboard	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