



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

**June 22, 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

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 June 22, 2021 as presented.”

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

5. STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP MONTHLY REPORT Dr. Fiedler

Members of the advisory group will present information regarding school activities.

6. RECOGNITIONS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION President Piotraschke

a. Tom Green, Community Affairs Representative from United Power, Inc., and a 27J Schools Board of Education member, will be presenting the Board of Education with the School District’s Annual Capital Credit Refund.

7. 2015 BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT President Piotraschke

The Board of Education will be presented with the quarterly report from the 2015 Bond Oversight Committee.

Recommended motion: ... “Move to approve receipt of the June 22, 2021 Bond Oversight Committee report.”

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

8. FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS REPORT President Piotraschke

John Myers will present 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 is informational only, and no Board of Education action is required.

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT Dr. Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler will report on activities throughout the District.

10. 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.

11. 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 May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes (Enclosure)
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated June 15, 2021 (Confidential Enclosure)
- 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 (Enclosures)
- d. Approval of the administrative assistant to the superintendent to be the designated election official for the November 2, 2021 coordinated election (Enclosure)

Recommended Motion: "Move to approve the consent agenda as presented."

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

President Piotraschke

12. 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

13. CAPITAL FACILITY FEE FOUNDATION DRAW REQUEST APPROVAL

President Piotraschke

The Board of Education will consider approving a request from the Capital Facility Fee Foundation for the construction of a new elementary school. (Enclosure and the Draw Request is a separate enclosure)

Recommended Motion: “Move 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 FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.G.1)

President Piotraschke

14. 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. Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek will present the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.F Financial Planning and Budgeting. (Separate Enclosure)

Recommended motion: “Move 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 FOR VOTE (Policy Reference: 2.G.1)

President Piotraschke

- c. Policy Review Schedule

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

15. STUDENT FEE SCHEDULES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

President Piotraschke

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek will present information pertaining to the Student Fee Schedules for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (Enclosure and Student Fee Schedules are a separate enclosure)

Recommended Motion: “Move to approve the Student Fee Schedules for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as presented.”

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

President Piotraschke

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

President Piotraschke

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek will present information pertaining to the 2021-2022 budget and appropriations. (Enclosure and Budget is a separate enclosure)

Recommended Motion: “Move to approve Resolution Number Ten 2020-2021 adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget and appropriations as presented”

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

President Piotraschke

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
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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 will present the quarterly-meeting evaluation.

19. CLOSING COMMENTS

20. ADJOURNMENT

Date of Notice: June 17, 2021

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS**

May 25, 2021

Regular Meeting Minutes

Electronic Meeting

**A livestream link was available at www.sd27j.org
A dial-in phone number was available: 720-572-1628**

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Green, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present. 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 Nickeson, seconded by Director Vigil to approve the agenda dated May 25, 2021 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

5. STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP MONTHLY REPORT

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

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Fiedler read the following public-comment statements:

**Judith Prior
20678 Catclaw Court, Brighton 80601**

"I have a Grandson that attends BHS, and I have seen the negative effects for remote learning! It is imperative that school year in fall of 2021 be full time in person at BHS! 4 days a week for the entire day...8:00am to 4:00 pm! No masks, and no forced vaccines! Just today there is concern for under 18 vaccines on national news! You must take into account the Mental health and physical health of all these students! There is no reason for a Teacher not to be able to teach in person fulltime! If one is at risk one must find another profession! If a student is at risk then homeschooling is an option, but over 90% are not at risk! Other charter, states have managed successfully! Sincerely, Judith Prior."

Samantha Hewitt

10513 Joplin Street, Commerce City 80022

"27J Should make board meetings accessible for all parents and community members. We believe the board meetings should be announced on, at the very least, the 27J Social Media. However, we also believe that if the district has the capability to both email and text every parent every single morning about what to do if our child is sick, the district should use the same capabilities to text and email announcements to parents of regular board meetings, linkage meetings, DAC meetings and etc. The parents deserve to be well informed of upcoming meetings. Opportunities for parent involvement or parent education with regards to the board should be accessible and clear. The various schools within the district should also be sending emails and social media announcement of meetings of the same type.

2) 27J should resume in person meetings immediately. We feel silenced by only allowing letters to be read at the meetings. We would like our three minutes to be said in our own voices. Now that everyone who wishes to have the shot has had a chance, we demand reopening of in person school board meetings.

3) 27J should keep all parents apprised of all decisions regarding the Fall School Year as soon as decisions are made, not right before school opens. The board has one month before the next board meeting and we believe one month is enough time to inform parents by the end of June the plan for the Fall so that we can make appropriate arrangements regarding:

- school start and end times
- before and after care
- Mask guidance
- Social distancing guidance
- Middle and high school class schedules

4. We believe 27J needs to inform parents of the powers that be that are tying the hands of the superintendent causing parents to not have a say in mask wearing, abbreviated school schedules, and etc. We are willing to make ourselves available and do the work it takes to go to these higher powers and find out what is stopping the board from being a LEADER in the decision making process.

5. With that said, we ask that 27J lead, and not follow, with regards to Covid guidelines next year.

6. We believe vaccines should remain optional for all teachers and students.

7. We believe no student should be forced to wear a mask regardless of whether or not a vaccine has been received.

8. We believe parents should be involved in every decision regarding Critical Race Theory and Sexual Education courses in our schools. We believe the CRT (if used) and Sexual Education curriculum should be available to all parents before being taught to our children and that our children should need permission slips in order to receive teaching on either.

9. We feel parents in the district can benefit from more transparency from the board and the decision making process. This should include as stated prior- more announcements of board meetings in more places, but also a yearly town hall where parents can get to know their board

members, know how to contact them, and be provided with more information of what the board handles from A to Z.

10. Many of us are committed to applying to other districts, homeschooling, and pulling our child from the 27J district if we do not have more transparency, parent involvement, optional masks and optional vaccines next year. "

Erica Lopez

11714 Memphis Street, Commerce City 80022

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Kasey Mueller

11598 Jasper Street, Commerce City 80022

"On Friday, one hour before school was to let out for summer, NHA sent out an email with a video letting parents know what was expected from the students in the Fall of 2021. To say I was shocked would be an understatement. I felt betrayed by my own school district who was showing their cards at the last minute knowing school would soon let out and we wouldn't have the time to respond. It was a dirty move in my opinion. This move made me see that there was a calculated agenda, one of which seemed obvious ""get your vaccine"". There was a doctor in the video, one of which seemed very happy to share how vaccines are safe and don't cause infertility. I have no idea how any doctor could safely say this, as this vaccine is still not FDA approved and the trials are still ongoing for children. We don't even have long term results as to what happens to mice much less humans. I immediately began my search for private schools and sent an email to NHA and the principal. I am sure I will never hear back. I want the board to understand how hard it will be for us as a family to pull my child from all her friends she has had since kindergarten. She will be entering 6th grade, middle school, and now will have to start all over. I can't begin to stress how disappointed I am in the actions of NHA! NHA also forgot to add in their email how you could opt out for religious reasons or personal reasons. Believe it or not... there are still families who have religious reasons and last I checked those people still count.

We need to be heard. We are being ostracized. I may choose to leave the district but I will still fight for those who don't have that luxury. I implore you to consider the real science, the science that says kids aren't spreaders, aren't showing signs of illness. It has nothing to do with masking or vaccines because COVID isn't affecting children. States are opening up, restaurants are opening up, the All Star game will be at full capacity and they said this back in February. I find it curious that an all-star game can be promised at full capacity in February when we were still having high cases of COVID. Why don't our children matter in the same way as an All Star game? Why aren't they more important than a baseball game that makes millions? These children are our future and they do matter, they matter to me and all the parents commenting today and so many more who haven't yet found their voice.

Lastly, parents have the right to know by the end of June what the decision on masking and vaccines will be. We need time to prepare our kids for big changes, we need time to move, find money for private school and settle into the new mindset that we will no longer have our kids attending school in 27J.

Thank you for your time,

Kasey Mueller – Additional Submission

I currently left a comment concerning the push for vaccines within 27J. This morning I woke to mainstream news saying the CDC is investigating heart inflammation in teens. Is this part of the evidence that its shown to be safe? I think not. We are still learning about this vaccine every day. The vaccine has not been around long enough to put a blanket of safety around it. If 27J is going to support this vaccine as safe, I would like a waiver saying you suggested it and if there are any adverse reasons that are detrimental to my child, you will be paying the doctor bills.

Brenna Quillen

21077 E. 112th Avenue, Commerce City 80022

Masks should be a personal choice. If you were comfortable sending you kids to school before Covid this shouldn't be any different. They were able to contract a myriad of bugs (literally) and viruses and bacteria before with minimal response from the school. Of course they don't want it but as I was once told it's gonna run through this school like wild fire and there is nothing we or you can do about it. Let's let them continue living and laughing and enjoying the people they care about instead of restrictions and more restrictions that could be causing issues we can't see yet.

Kelsie Hickey

57 N. 45th Avenue, Brighton 80601

"I would like you all to understand that two days a week has been extremely hard on my son that HAS an IEP. He could not get in the groove of things because he had 5 days without school a week. Also, with him having an IEP, he received some services via remote, and it was harder on him and myself. I am no teacher; I have no place in trying to help my son in the manner the school is responsible for, per his IEP. My son also suffers from past trauma and relies so much on facial expressions. This was impossible this year, because of the masks.

I want you all to remember what middle school was like when you first entered. Sharing lockers, having different classes with different peers... these were some of the highlights, and my two children are missing out on the importance of this. My daughter hasn't had as hard of a time as my son, as she is in a charter school, but it's still hard. We need to stop this madness before it changes the course of our youth... for the worse. "

Katie Southard

10732 Dayton Way, Henderson 80640

"I know that the board is frustrated with the amount of parents who want to get in touch and feel this is the wrong platform. But I feel this should be a signal that we need to improve the way those parents can interact at those meetings. Many parents know nothing about the board members because they have no way to get to know you. You remain big bad wolves because questions are asked, but responses intended to pacify are received. I assure you that you have a lot of parents with their ear to the ground now and just judging off of my own interactions, they aren't going anywhere.

I think the board needs to find a way to interact and use the parents as a way to lighten your load instead of viewing them as a roadblock.

Many parents want to know why the highschoolers schedule turned out the way it did. As I understand it, the schedule created much chaos for working parents, which most of us are. Many watched their highschoolers mental health deteriorate right in front of their eyes this year. Many parents of elementary kids want to know why their kids were given stricter rules than the governors rules, and, even still, remain masked when we all know that if you trust the vaccine there is no reason for this. Our poor babies. We have all read the guidance too. So we don't appreciate being told that we don't understand. Help us understand.

Even further, as I understand it, parents are looking for more ways to help, more ways to interact. More ways to get their opinions heard. More surveys or even volunteer opportunities.

As a volunteer on PTO at my students' field day, I was deeply saddened by parents in the parking lot sitting in their cars desperately zooming their phones as far as they will go to try to capture one moment of the child enjoying a tiny slice of normal life. This really bothered me. We do not get this time back. There are sports games, concerts. I feel like as a whole, the district is doing a poor job of understanding what people really want for the children. We all know that 27J Schools are no strangers to setting up Google forms, once a week sometimes. We all did one for the mill levy. Why we can't ask for how parents really feel about the schedules for the highschoolers the masks for the kids, field day etc. I have yet to find one parent who supports closing it off. believes that your day should have been closed off. And I can't find anything about it in tri-county guidelines either.

Even still, this is just another example where 27J has an opportunity to stop following the leader and be the change.

Should we get in trouble, shut down, warned etc. by a health department, you would have hundreds of parents backing you up and helping you out. But continuing to play this follow the Leader game has resulted in hundreds of parents being extremely dissatisfied. I for one am sick of the division everywhere, everywhere we look. In recent discussions with many parents, a huge undertone that I heard was that they want to be involved and they want to help but they feel shut out. They literally want to untie your hands. These parents are willing to do the work for you. The work you don't have time to do. The research, everything. We just need you to lead. We cannot be wet blankets when our children are on the line. I can't imagine the child who asks his mom and dad why they didn't stand the heck up.

I hope the board will accept the help that is being offered to them instead of treating parents as if they have no business coming to or commenting on your meetings. Help us help you. Parents demand to know what is preventing 27J from making some bold moves. Tell us what's holding you back, and we will get a team together to specifically help research the issue. There are no excuses right now.

Lastly, I'm pretty sure if anyone ever threatens parents that the only way their kids are going to go back to school without a mask is by subjecting them to experimental vaccinations unapproved by the FDA again, the parents are going to be less willing to just help and more determined to disrupt. I think lots of parents came a bit unglued at this insinuation and want the board to address it.

I want to reiterate, for those of you that know me or have had interactions with me, I am passionate, outspoken, and determined. But I am not here to kick and scream. I know how hard the board works, and I know it can be a thankless job but I'm telling you, again, that if parents are not given a platform and are not included in the decisions going forward, they're going to make it really difficult to get things done and the district is going to watch them leave in droves. 27J has to lead, and must be bold. Our country is entangled in this entire mess because all anyone has done is follow the leader for the past 14 months. If we don't lead- who will?"

Donna Pekas

16561 Tree Haven Street, Hudson 890642

I know this is a hard situation. You're damned if you do, you're damned if you don't. However, I feel we did the remote learning and masks for over a year and now it's time to try something different. Let the kids be kids and step up hygiene.

Aaron and Paige Martinez

9478 E. 108th Avenue, Henderson 80640

"First of all, thank you for your work on the school board this year. We know that this is hard time to "please everyone".

I would like to touch on a few quick concerns moving in to the 2021-2022 school year.

As parents and leaders in our schools and school district, we need to establish and follow through with an environment to make our future of this country a resilient group of individuals.

That being said, this starts with us and all the board members of 27J.

There is no reason that 27J can't be the change for a better tomorrow.

We always tell our children that they should not follow what others do. Well, it's time we follow our own words and be the example.

-Topic 1

- Mask and Vaccines SHOULD be an individual and family's optional decision moving in to this next school year. This goes for both faculty and students. As a parent with a child that has, not one but TWO, auto-immune diseases already to deal with, my child struggles daily breathing with a mask on. Having multiple bloody noses throughout the day. Our family does not ask anyone else to make changes to accommodate our child. WE make the decisions and adapt for them, but this is what is happening all around us. The school district has made remote learning available for those who are concerned with their well-being and I applaud that. Again, this leaves every individual and family to have the option to decide based on their beliefs.

- These years in our children's development are crucial on how they read a person's body language and emotions. With masks covering faces, how are they supposed to learn this? That's just food for thought.

-Topic 2

-Transparency from the board to 27J families is a must. Too many times as concerned parents we get told our hands are tied, or we get shoved off to the next person that may be able to help us. If you are truly tied, let the families help you. There are plenty of us willing to step and make some waves. We need to act as team.

- We are requesting that all 27J board meetings be announced to all families through the email/call/text communication that the you use.

- We are also requesting that ALL board meetings resume to in-person meetings. At this point, we can write a letter all day long, but it still feels like we get are getting silenced.

SIDE NOTE: We attend Belle Creek Charter and we are always told we are not represented by 27J. However, BCCS runs off 27J guidelines and Greg Piotraschke is a Belle Creek Charter Rep.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Martinez"

Sharlene Aitken

15010 Prairie Red Court, Brighton 80603

Our students should NOT be wearing masks come Fall 2021. These students need to get back to normal which means no cohorts, dances, football games, etc. The students need to have sports well attended, assemblies, in person classes for those that want them. The death rate for students age 0-18 is less than 99.8% which is ridiculous that they are taking the brunt of the restrictions.

Shawna Hirter, Brighton

Good evening, I'm a brand new 27J parent this school year. We are Arizona transplants. We have a daughter who just finished her Freshman year at BHS and our son is a 1st grader at BECS. Attending a new school is hard enough on its own, but add in masks, social distancing, & remote learning & making friends is quite the impossibility. How would we all fare under these circumstances? Please put yourselves in our children's shoes. Social interaction is just as important as education. Masks need to be a choice. We know that kids and younger individuals aren't often affected by this virus, nor are they carriers. We cannot as a society live our lives in fear of what if!! Where do we draw the line? Our kids deserve to live and experience abundant life! The CDC website doesn't even register deaths per 100,000 populations for individuals under 25. With 4 different clinical trial jabs available for all adults in Colorado, those individuals who are fearful can get one. Our children and teens do not need to inject an emergency use medicine for a virus that has virtually no effect on them. VAERS, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, a government website already shows over 5,000 deaths due to this jab, as of May 10. Unsure of how many adverse reactions, including very serious reactions but I can get you that information. Long term, we have no idea of what these will do to the body. This virus has a survivability rate of greater than 99.9%. One is more likely to be struck by lightning than to die of CV-19. For those that are too afraid let them stay home and keep their children remote. Please bring some normalcy back to our kids' lives! Thank you for your time & I am encouraged that 27J will be a leader in making bold & common sense decisions!!

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Worth to approve the consent agenda dates May 25, 2021 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- a. Approval of Board of Education minutes dated April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated May 19, 2021
- c. Approval to authorize the Superintendent or his designees to negotiate the final terms of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Joint School Resource Officer Program with the City of Thornton for the 2021-2022 school year and to execute all necessary documents

9. 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 they are working on topics for next year’s meetings. Tonight’s topic was about a possible bond and mill levy on the November 2021 ballot.
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Nickeson: Director Nickeson reported that the committee received the presentation that was consistent with tonight’s study session presentation.
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Kerber, Director Vigil and Director Worth: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Kerber is an alternate.: Director Piotraschke reported that the pool is doing well. Claims are lower due to online positions. This may increase next year as teacher return to the classrooms. They are seeing some increases in claims, but they are doing better than other pools. They continue to plan for an additional one to two new members for next year.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas: Director Green and Director Thomas reported seeing posts on Facebook for some of the winner from last month’s awards. Positive messages were shared. Director Thomas thanked Lynn Ann Sheats for coordination, and thanked Jamie Bell and Kathey Ruybal for also serving on the committee.
 - 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: Director Worth reported that the committee discussed adjustments to the bond budgets. They discovered that the estimates and the schematic designs for Elementary School #14 were under budget by approximately \$1.5 million. Technology was underfunded, but CARES monies accommodated some of the products but not the infrastructure for servers. There are looking at savings from the construction of Padilla Elementary. Riverdale Ridge High School’s construction is complete with no further needs for contingency funds. Director Piotraschke reported that increase in costs, and the shortage in the budgets are due to an increases of cost of materials. The committee is still working on replacing the vacancy that they have on the committee.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: None

10. NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING RENAMING

The Board of Education discussed the renaming of the North Elementary School building.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Nickeson that the North Elementary School building located at 89 N. Sixth Avenue, Brighton, Colorado be renamed the Bob Sakata Education Campus as it is repurposed to serve the students and communities of 27J Schools in a new way. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

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.A. Treatment of Students/Public

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Worth to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.A Treatment of Students/Public as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

c. Policy Review Schedule

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

12. CASH-IN-LIEU OF LAND DEDICATION FEES

The Board of Education discussed approving Resolution Number Nine 2020-2021 requesting the transfer of \$2.3 million of cash-in-lieu of land dedication fees from the City of Commerce City for the design and construction of Elementary School #14 – Phase 1.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Thomas to approve Resolution Number Nine 2020-2021 requesting the transfer of \$2.3 million of cash-in-lieu of land dedication fees from the City of Commerce City for the design and construction of Elementary School #14 – Phase 1. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

13. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET

Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented information concerning the 2021-2022 proposed budget. No action was needed by the Board of Education at this time.

14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- June 22, 2021 6:00 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
This will be an in-person meeting of the Board of Education.
- July 27, 2021 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting with 27J Schools Principals
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
This will be an in-person meeting of the Board of Education.

15. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The quarterly-meeting evaluation will be at the June 22, 2021 meeting.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS: Director Nickeson congratulated everyone for finishing the year!

17. ADJOURNMENT: 9:14 p.m.

Board of Education Agenda Item

Board Meeting of: June 22, 2021

Subject: Approval of an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding a Joint School Resource Officer Program with the City of Commerce City

Status of Item: Action per Board Policy 2.C.4

Time Needed: Consent Agenda

PERTINENT FACTS:

- The Colorado Safe Schools Act as contained in C.R.S. 22-33-109.1 requires each board of education to cooperate and, to the extent possible, develop written agreements with law enforcement, the juvenile justice system, and social services, as allowed under state and federal law, to keep each school environment safe.
- Reunion Elementary, Second Creek Elementary, Thimmig Elementary, Turnberry Elementary and Stuart Middle School all reside within the City of Commerce City.
- It is District staff's intention to have a full time School Security Officer (SRO) in each of the District operated secondary schools.
- Commerce City has also requested financial support to provide limited SRO services in the District operated elementary schools within their jurisdiction.
- This amendment extends the term of the current agreement through July 31, 2022 and sets into place a revised and current salary schedule for the Commerce City officers. All other terms in the current agreement remain in effect.
- The proposed amendment and attached salary schedule is seeking financial support of half of one SRO's salary and one-quarter of another SRO's salary or approximately \$69,682. This amount reflects an increase of approximately 1% from the previous year.
- Staff remains in conversations with the Commerce City Police Department to determine police staff availability and actual staffing levels for the coming school year.
- A copy of the draft IGA amendment and revised salary table is included for your review.
- Staff is recommending that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools or his designees to complete final negotiations with the City of Commerce City regarding the aforementioned amendment to the IGA and to execute all necessary documents.

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

C.R.S. 22-33-109(3) – Safe Schools Act – Agreement with State Agencies

Originator: Terry Lucero

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY AND BRIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J FOR
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (“First Amendment”) is made and entered into effective this 30th day of July, 2021 (the “Effective Date”), by and between the CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, a Colorado home rule municipality whose address is 7887 East 60th Avenue, Commerce City, Colorado (the “City”), and Brighton School District #27J whose principal business address is 18551 E. 160th Avenue, Brighton, Colorado (“District 27J”), to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement dated August 1, 2019 (“Agreement”). In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this Amendment, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Compensation. Exhibit 1 to Exhibit B of the Agreement is replaced with the new Exhibit 1.A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and sets forth the Compensation for Services during the first Extension Term.

2. Term: The parties hereby exercise the first Extension Term of the Agreement through July 31, 2022.

3. Remainder of Agreement in Full Force and Effect. Except as otherwise provided by this Amendment, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect and shall apply to this Amendment.

4. Authority. The parties represent and warrant that they have taken all actions necessary to legally authorize the undersigned signatories to execute this Amendment on behalf of the parties and to bind the parties to its terms.

5. Counterparts; Execution. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each deemed to be an original, and, taken together will constitute one and the same instrument. Signature pages may be executed via “wet” signature or electronic mark and the executed signature pages may be delivered using pdf or similar file type transmitted via electronic mail, cloud based server, e-signature technology or other similar electronic means.

6. Headings. Paragraph headings used in this Amendment are for convenience of reference and shall in no way control or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this First Amendment as of the Effective Date.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY

Roger Tinklenberg, City Manager
City Manager's Office

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk

Matt Hader, Deputy City Attorney

Recommended for approval:

Melissa Barber, Special Counsel, Caplan & Earnest
Brighton School District 27J

BRIGHTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J

Dr. Chris Fiedler, Superintendent
[**must be notarized**]

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing Agreement was acknowledged before me on _____,
201____, by _____ (Name), _____
(Title), of _____.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: _____

EXHIBIT 1.A

**2021
Commerce City Salary Table**

Pay Grade:

POLICE OFFICER (P120)	
STEP	
Hourly Rate	\$44.6677
Salary	\$92,908.84

POLICE SEREANT (P130)	
STEP	
Hourly Rate	\$57.8530
Salary	\$120,334.31

Board of Education Agenda Item

Board Meeting of: June 22, 2021

Subject: Designated Election Official for the November 2, 2021 Coordinated Election

Status of Item: Consent

Time Needed: Consent

PERTINENT FACTS:

- The Board of Education must appoint a designated election official.
- The administrative assistant to the superintendent has traditionally been appointed to serve in this capacity, and facilitate the coordinated elections with the Adams, Broomfield, and Weld Counties' election officials.
- The Designated Election Official is authorized, with the approval of the superintendent or his designee, to execute any documents required to facilitate the coordinated elections with the above mentioned election officials. This will include, but is not limited to standardized intergovernmental agreements, ballot certification documents, candidate petitions, and election cancellations documents.

Originator: Dr. Chris Fiedler

Board of Education Agenda Item

Board Meeting of: June 22, 2021

Subject: Approval of a Draw Request to the Capital Facility Fee Foundation

Status of Item: Action

Time Needed: 10 Minutes

PERTINENT FACTS:

- Enrollment projections indicate a continuing need for elementary student space in the West and South Planning Areas of the District.
- The District is currently holding unallocated funds in excess of \$18,000,000 remaining from the 2015 School Construction Bond.
- The Capital Facility Fee Foundation (CFFF) is currently holding funds in excess of \$5,000,000.
- Staff believes that significant funds exist from the two funding sources to design, construct and furnish the first phase of an elementary school.
- Based on the recently received Guaranteed Maximum Price proposal received from the general contractor a total budget of \$20,000,000 needs to be established to proceed with the project.
- The Bond Oversight Committee recently increased their share of the project budget to \$16,000,000 the CFFF had previously approved an amount up to \$750,000 for the project leaving an unfunded balance of \$3,250,000
- The preliminary schedule for Phase 1 anticipates the school will be open and ready to serve students in the fall of 2022.
- Staff is recommending that the Board of Education seek funding from the Capital Facility Fee Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$3,250,000 to complete the funding for the construction of the school.
- Staff continues to explore additional funding sources that if received would reduce the contribution from both the 2015 School Construction Bond and the CFFF.
- This request is in compliance with the bylaws established by the CFFF.
- The CFFF Draw Request is attached for your review.

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

- Asset Protection – Policy 3.E.7 – The Superintendent will not engage in design, construction or any other aspect related to the development of real property ... without obtaining comparative prices through a fair bidding process with supporting documentation.

Originator: Terry Lucero, Chief Operating Officer



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

(Accepted 8-24-10)

Management Limitations 3.F
Financial Planning and Budgeting

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Chris Fiedler, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Expectations of the Board Report – 3.F Financial Planning and Budgeting

I hereby present my Expectations of the Board Report on our Financial Planning and Budgeting Executive Limitations 3.F, 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: June 22, 2021

Dr. Chris Fiedler
Superintendent, 27J Schools

Board of Education Agenda Item

Board Meeting Of: June 22, 2021

Item: Fee Schedules for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Time Needed: 10 minutes

Relevant Information:

The following fees were added, removed or revised:

ADD

- STEM Virtual Lab (PLTW, Engineering, CTE Art) - \$10
- CTE Prostart - \$75
- PLTW Biomedical Science & Biomedical Science Pathway - \$35

INCREASED

- CTE Certified Nursing Program – increased from \$80 to \$100
- CTE Phlebotomy – increased from \$20 to \$30
- CTE Construction – increased from \$25 to \$35
- CTE Health Careers: Certified Nursing Program – increased from \$80 to \$100
- CTE Health Careers: Phlebotomy and EKG – increased from \$20 to \$30
- CTE Welding – increased from \$25 to \$35
- Transcripts – changed from \$5 to \$5-25 based on method of delivery (paper or electronic)
- Parking Permit – increased from \$20 to \$30 per semester

DELETED

- CTE Automotive Beginning & Intermediate – moved to CTE Automotive ALL courses

REVISED

- Art Courses revised to Art & CTE Multimedia Courses
- CTE Catering changed to CTE Hospitality: Culinary Essentials, Nutrition, and Wellness
- CTE STEM: TEC Lab revised to CTE STEM: Computer Science Pathway all classes

Nutrition Services Meal Prices

- All meals will be free for the FY21-22 school year

Facility Usage Fees

- No changes.

Preschool Fees

- No changes.

Childcare Fees

- Child Care Breaks & Summer: Full Day Care \$35 per day
- Child Care Program – deleted drop in fee (no longer allowing drop-ins)
- Child Care Summer Camp Activities: Changed language to state “charge will be determined by activities offered on a year by year basis”.

Originator: Lori Schiek

27J SCHOOLS
 BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION NUMBER TEN 2020-2021
 FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the School District 27J that the fiscal year 2021-2022 Adopted Budget for all funds as submitted to the Board by the Superintendent on June 22, 2021 be Adopted as the budget of revenues and expenditures for the School District for the ensuing fiscal period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in the following amounts.

Fund	Recommended 2021-22 Appropriations
General Fund	\$ 191,666,378
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,589,486
Risk Management Insurance Fund	\$ 3,691,098
Colorado Preschool Program Fund	\$ 3,037,682
Transportation Fund	\$ 7,661,749
Governmental Designated Grants Fund	\$ 28,569,184
Pupil Activity Fund	\$ 5,717,096
Growth Impact Fund	\$ 44,050
Other Special Programs Fund	\$ 6,762,082
Bond Redemption Fund	\$ 101,724,465
Building Fund	\$ 26,867,143
Nutrition Services Fund	\$ 7,208,649
Child Care Program	\$ 1,591,303
Print Shop fund	\$ 139,652
Dental Insurance Fund	\$ 1,659,097
Trust Fund	\$ 26,954

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that amounts which were authorized to be expended in the Building Fund, Designated-Purpose Grants Fund, and Capital Reserve Fund for various purposes and projects by Board action prior to June 30, 2021 and which are incomplete at the time be, and hereby are, ratified and reappropriated for the 2021-2022 fiscal year for such purposes and projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adoption of this Appropriation Resolution shall be deemed to include the irrevocable pledging of present cash reserves for future fiscal years' payments of any multiple-fiscal year financial obligations authorized or approved by the Board of Education subsequent to November 3, 1992; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budgets for the following funds include the use of beginning fund balance as shown below.

Fund	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenditures Transfer Allocations	Ending Fund Balance and Reserves
General Fund	\$ 20,500,000	\$ 171,166,378	\$ 182,774,020	\$ 8,892,358
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 1,384,246	\$ 1,042,413	\$ 1,593,096	\$ 833,563
Risk Management Insurance Fund	\$ 1,284,134	\$ 2,406,964	\$ 2,441,525	\$ 1,249,573
Colorado Preschool Program Fund	\$ -	\$ 3,037,682	\$ 2,950,440	\$ 87,242
Transportation Fund	\$ -	\$ 7,661,749	\$ 7,661,749	\$ -
Governmental Designated Grants Fund	\$ 1,080,000	\$ 27,489,184	\$ 28,569,184	\$ -
Pupil Activity Fund	\$ 2,483,993	\$ 3,233,103	\$ 5,717,096	\$ -
Growth Impact Fund	\$ 44,000	\$ 50	\$ 44,050	\$ -
Other Special Programs Fund	\$ 1,305,265	\$ 5,456,817	\$ 6,762,082	\$ -
Bond Redemption Fund	\$ 55,070,011	\$ 46,654,454	\$ 25,118,793	\$ 76,605,672
Building Fund	\$ 26,837,143	\$ 30,000	\$ 26,867,143	\$ -
Nutrition Services Fund	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 5,808,649	\$ 7,208,649	\$ -
Child Care Program	\$ 260,303	\$ 1,331,000	\$ 1,591,303	\$ -
Print Shop Fund	\$ -	\$ 139,652	\$ 139,652	\$ -
Dental Insurance Fund	\$ 689,971	\$ 969,126	\$ 1,659,097	\$ -
Trust Fund	\$ 26,704	\$ 250	\$ 26,954	\$ -

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adoption of this Budget and Appropriation Resolution shall be deemed to include the exercise of the School District's rights, if any, to renew for the 2021-2022 fiscal year all leases, lease purchase agreements, lease agreements with an option to purchase, installment purchase agreements, and other agreements in accordance with their terms, which have been authorized or approved by the Board of Education subsequent to November 3, 1992; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that designation "Adopted Budget," the name of the School District 27J, the date of adoption and the signature of the President of the Board of Education be entered upon the Adopted Budget and that the Adopted Budget, together with the Appropriation Resolution, be placed on file at the principal administrative office of the School District, where both shall remain throughout the 2021-2022 fiscal year and be open for inspection during reasonable business hours.

Adopted this 22nd day of June, 2021.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 27J
BRIGHTON, COLORADO

BY: _____
Greg Piotraschke, President
27J Schools Board of Education

ATTEST:

Lynn Ann Sheats, Secretary
27J Schools Board of Education

	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 – 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 (Moved to 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