



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS
February 23, 2021
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Electronic Meeting
A livestream link will be available at www.sd27j.org
Dial-in phone number:720-572-1628**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Board of Education is committed to the School District’s overall success and improvement. The central focus of all meetings and discussions will be on establishing, monitoring, and supporting the District’s goals. We will actively engage all segments of our community in this ongoing focus and provide an instructional program to assure that our students meet or exceed the highest and most rigorous standards.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER President Piotraschke

All matters noticed on this agenda, in any category, may be considered for action as listed. Any item not so noticed may not be considered. Items listed on this agenda may be considered in any order, at the discretion of the chairperson.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE President Piotraschke

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

3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE President Piotraschke

The Board will govern lawfully, observing Policy Governance principles, with an emphasis on (a) outward vision rather than internal preoccupation, (b) encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, (c) strategic leadership more than administrative detail, (d) clear distinction of Board and chief executive roles, (e) collective rather than individual decisions, (f) future rather than past or present, and (g) governing proactively rather than reactively.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA President Piotraschke

Recommended motion: “Move to approve the agenda dated February 23, 2021 as presented.”

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

President Piotraschke

5. STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Fiedler

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

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler

Dr. Fiedler will report on activities throughout the District.

7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

President Piotraschke

The Board is conducting this meeting virtually, and will now hear public comment on the following topics that were submitted by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting via a submission document. A reminder that this Board meeting is a business meeting held in public not a public meeting. The Board hears public comment to learn about the preferences and concerns of our community. So, at this meeting, we will listen. We are prohibited by state law to take any action on the items because law requires formal public notice prior to any action on an agenda item. During our next meeting, if appropriate, we will consider comments in our discussion, and we will ask that the Superintendent attempt to find an answer for any of your questions by that time.

The Board welcomes the comments of our community members, but to ensure that each comment will have an opportunity to be heard, we have a few ground rules:

- Anyone submitting topics should include their name and address.
- The statements will be read in the order in which they were submitted. The submitter's comments are limited to a three-minute reading.
- If more than one person submitted comments on the same topic, new information will be provided when reading the next statement. Please avoid repeating views already expressed by other, if possible. Multiple names and addresses may be attached to the same submission.
- We ask you to refrain from making complaints or negative comments against individual students or District employees; however, we cannot prevent you from doing so. Such complaints and comments should be addressed first at the classroom or school level, and then if still unresolved, to the superintendent.

We thank you in advance for your participation tonight and submitting public-comment topics.

8. CONSENT AGENDA (Policy References: 2.C)

President Piotraschke

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are operational matters about which the Board has governing policies, implementation of which is delegated to the Superintendent. They will be enacted in one motion by category in the order listed below. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board of Directors vote on the motion, unless members of the board, staff or public, request specific items to be discussed separately and/or removed from this section.

Any member of the public who wishes to discuss consent agenda items should notify the President of the Board or the Board secretary, in writing, by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and be recognized by invitation of the President to address the Board.

Board President Greg Piotraschke – gpiotraschke@sd27j.net

Board Secretary Lynn Ann Sheats – lsheats@sd27j.net

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting and February 9, 2020 Regular and Planning Meeting (Enclosures)
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated February 17, 2021 (Confidential Enclosure)
- c. Approval of Resolution Number Seven 2020-2021 for requesting conveyance of the Southlawn property from the City of Commerce City. (Enclosure and map is a separate enclosure)

Recommended motion: “Move to approve the consent agenda items as presented.”

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

President Piotraschke

9. 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

10. 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 Academic Officer Will Pierce will present the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians. (Separate Enclosure)

Recommended motion: “Move to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations.”

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

President Piotraschke

- c. Chief Academic Office Will Pierce will present the Expectation of the Board Report on Graduation Rate, Global Goal 1.1 (Separate Enclosure)

Recommended motion: Move to accept the Expectation of the Board Report through Global 1.1 Graduation Rate as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations.”

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

President Piotraschke

d. Policy Review Schedule

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| i. February 23, 2021 | 1.1 Graduation Rate |
| | 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians |
| ii. March 9, 2021 | 3.G Compensation & Benefits |
| | 1.4 Primary Literacy |
| iii. April 27, 2021 | 3.E Asset Protection |
| iv. May 25, 2021 | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public |
| v. June 8, 2021 | 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting |
| vi. August 24, 2021 | 3.0 General Executive Constraint |
| vii. September 28, 2021 | 1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 Academic Status of School Ratings |
| | 3.J Charter Schools |
| viii. October 26, 2021 | 3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal |
| ix. November 9, 2021 | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession |
| x. December 14, 2021 | 3.D External Financial Condition & Activities |
| | 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection |
| xi. January 25, 2022 | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers |
| | 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities |

11. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| March 9, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. Study Session (Note later start time)
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting |
| March 30, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. Joint Meeting with City Council Members
Electronic Meeting
City of Brighton to Host |
| April 13, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting or Planning Session
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting |
| April 27, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. Study Session (Note later start time)
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting |

12. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The next quarterly-meeting evaluation will be presented at the March 9, 2021 meeting.

13. CLOSING COMMENTS

14. ADJOURNMENT

Date of Notice: February 18, 2021

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS
January 26, 2021
Regular Meeting Minutes
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: 7:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Green, Director Kerber, Director Nickeson, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present for 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 Thomas to approve the agenda dated January 26, 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. Co-chairpersons Coby Clemons and Gaby Chavez read the State of Colorado Proclamation proclaiming January 2021 as School Board Appreciation Month.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District.

7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of the Board of Education minutes dated December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting

- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated January 19, 2021 and approval of Resolution Number Three 2020-2021 Non-Renewal of Contracts of Probationary Teachers

9. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Kerber and Director Vigil – Director Kerber noted that there is no report since the Board has not been conducting linkage meetings.
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Kerber and Director Thomas – Director Thomas mentioned that the committee will provide topics for the February and March 2021 regular meetings. Possible topics could include a presentation on the quarter-schedule at the high schools and curriculum frameworks and common assessments.
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Nickeson – Director Nickeson reported that the group continues to meet remotely. The meeting was much like the previous presentation that Chief Operations Officer Terry Lucero gave to the Board. Topics included space planning, charter schools, and needs for growth on the west side of the district.
 - 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 presented that things are going well with the pool. Current member consists of Westminster School District, Mapleton School District and 27J School being the largest member. With the reduction of in-person working, workers’ compensation claims are down. The pool has concerns that several insurance companies may cease to provide coverage due to the summer’s wildfires. The pool is waiting on the status of those decisions. They are continuing to look for additional members that have the same criteria as existing members, to avoid an increase in claims.
 - iv. Reaching Out/In – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas – Director Thomas reported that the virtual presentations went well in December 2020, and they will be looking at the same format, but evaluating some changes for the April 27, 2021 awards.
 - 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 heard the same information from Chief Operations Officer Terry Lucero, and the committee continues to validate potential items with the remaining 2015 bond funds and earnings. Elementary 14 ranked high on the list of considerations.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: None

10. 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 Human Resource Officer Michael Clow presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Kerber to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- c. Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented the Internal Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Condition and Activities

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Worth to accept the Internal Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Condition and Activities as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- d. Policy Review Schedule

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3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities |
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3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection |

11. ADOPTION OF THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 2021 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Approval of Resolution Number Four 2020-2021 regarding the Adoption of the Revised Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget and Appropriations. Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek presented information concerning the revised fiscal year budget and appropriations.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Kerber to approve Resolution Number Four 2020 - 2021 regarding the Adoption of the Revised Fiscal Year Budget and Appropriations as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

12. CAPITAL FACILITY FEE FOUNDATION REQUEST

Chief Operations Officer Terry Lucero presented information regarding approving a request for a draw from the School District 27J Capital Facilities Fee Foundation for funds related to the construction of a new elementary school.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Green to approve a request for a draw from the School District 27J Capital Facilities Fee Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 for the design services related to 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

13. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSPENSION OF 2020-2021 STATE TESTING

The Board of Education considered approval of Resolution Number Five 2020-2021 for the support of suspending the 2020-2021 state testing.

The resolution was read by Director Piotraschke.

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Thomas to approve Resolution Number Five 2020-2021 supporting suspension of the 2020-2021 state testing. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

February 9, 2021	6:00 p.m. Planning Session Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting
February 23, 2021	6:00 p.m. Study Session – note later start time 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting
March 9, 2021	6:00 p.m. Study Session – note later start time 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room or Electronic Meeting

15. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The next quarterly-meeting evaluation will be presented at the March 9, 2021 meeting.

16. CLOSING COMMENTS: Director Piotraschke thanked everyone for their due diligence and appreciate everyone’s time for the support we are providing to our students. There was also an acknowledgement of Mr. Green’s artwork that he provided as his background during this electronic meeting.

17. ADJOURNMENT: 9:27 p.m.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS
February 9, 2021
Regular and Planning Meeting Minutes
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: 6:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Director Nickeson, seconded by Director Vigil to approve the agenda for the regular and planning meeting dated February 9, 2021 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

3. STATE TREASURER’S INTEREST-FREE LOAN PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

The Board of Education considered approval of Resolution Number Six 2020-2021 authorizing the participation by the District in the State Treasurer’s Interest-Free Loan Program.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Nickeson to approve Resolution Number Six 2020-2021 authorizing the participation by the District in the State Treasurer’s Interest-Free Loan Program as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

4. PLANNING SESSION

The Board of Education members discussed the following topics:

- a. Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Conference
- b. Board Goals
- c. Bond and Mill Levy

5. ADJOURNMENT: 8:02 p.m.

Board of Education Agenda Item

Board Meeting of: February 23, 2021

Subject: Approval of Resolution Requesting Conveyance of Property

Status of Item: Action

Time Needed: Consent Agenda

PERTINENT FACTS:

- District staff is recommending the Board of Education request conveyance of a previously dedicated school site from the City of Commerce City.
- The 10.6-acre site is bound by four public streets (Southlawn Parkway, Uravan Street, East 100th Avenue and Walden Street) and is described as Reunion Filing #17, Tract E in Commerce City. (An exhibit identifying the location is attached.)
- The site is currently owned by the City of Commerce City and was dedicated by the developer of the property.
- The Property is designated as a future school site by 27J Schools and the City of Commerce City's comprehensive plan.
- The Commerce City Charter requires school districts to adopt a resolution establishing the need for the school to the satisfaction of the city prior to the conveyance of the property to the district.
- The District intends to build a school on the site with construction anticipate in the fall of 2021.
- Staff is requesting the approval of the attached resolution for this purpose.

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

C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(a) – Board of Education –Specific Duties – To take and hold in the name of the District real property...

Originator: Terry Lucero

27J SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION NUMBER SEVEN, 2020-2021
REQUESTING CONVEYANCE OF CITY PROPERTY TO 27J SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, 27J Schools is desirous of building a new school on the real estate described as Tract E, Reunion Subdivision Filing #17, (the “Property”) to alleviate overcrowding in other District schools located in Commerce City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City owns the Property; and

WHEREAS, 27J Schools is requesting the transfer of the Property for the construction of a new school; and

WHEREAS, the Property is designated as a future school site by 27J Schools and the City of Commerce City’s comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, conveyance of the Property as herein authorized is, and will be, in the best interests of the students and citizens of 27J Schools; and

WHEREAS, approval of the conveyance of the Property must be given by a resolution of the City Council in accordance with Section 4.14 of the City Charter of the City of Commerce City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 27J Schools Board of Education that it is requesting the conveyance of the Property to 27J Schools.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

BRIGHTON, COLORADO

27J Schools
By

Greg Piotraschke,
President, Board of Education

(SEAL)
Attest:

Lynn Ann Sheats
Secretary, Board of Education



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

(Accepted 8-24-10)

Management Limitations 3.B
Treatment of Parents/Guardians

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Chris Fiedler, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Expectations of the Board Report – 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians

I hereby present my Expectations of the Board Report on our Treatment of Parents/Guardians, Executive Limitations 3.B, 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: February 23, 2021

Dr. Chris Fiedler
Superintendent, 27J Schools



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

(Accepted 8-24-10)

Global Goal 1.1
Graduation Rate

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Chris Fiedler, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Expectations of the Board Report – Global Goals 1.1 Graduation Rate

I hereby present my Expectations of the Board Report on our Graduation Rate, Global Goal 1.1, 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: February 23, 2021

Dr. Chris Fiedler
Superintendent, 27J Schools

	METHOD	FREQUENCY	SCHEDULE
3.D - Financial Condition & Activities	Internal	Semi - Annually	January & October
	External	Annually	December
3.C - Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers	Internal	Annually	January
1.1 - Graduation Rate	Internal	Annually	February
3.B - Treatment of Parents/Guardians	Internal	Annually	February
3.G - Compensation & Benefits	Internal	Annually	March
1.4 – Primary Literacy	Internal	Annually	March
3.E - Asset Protection	Internal	Annually	April
3.A - Treatment of Students/Public	Internal	Annually	May
3.F - Financial Planning/Budgeting	Internal	Annually	May
3.0 - Global Executive Constraint	Internal	Annually	August
1.2 - Composite SAT Scores	Internal	Annually	September
1.3 - Academic Status of 27J Schools	Internal	Annually	September
3.J - Charter Schools	Internal	Annually	September
3.H - Emergency Executive Succession	Internal	Annually	November
3.I - Board Awareness & Support	Internal	Annually	December
	Direct Inspection	Annually	December