

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
27J SCHOOLS**

**January 26, 2021  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Electronic Meeting**

**A livestream link was available at [www.sd27j.org](http://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 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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| i. January 26, 2021      | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers<br>3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities                     |
| ii. February 23, 2021    | 1.1 Graduation Rate<br>3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians  |
| iii. March 9, 2021       | 3.G Compensation & Benefits<br>1.4 Primary Literacy  |
| iv. April 27, 2021       | 3.E Asset Protection   |
| v. May 25, 2021          | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public   |
| vi. June 8, 2021         | 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting   |
| vii. August 24, 2021     | 3.0 General Executive Constraint   |
| viii. September 28, 2021 | 1.2 Composite SAT Scores/1.3 Academic Status of<br>School Ratings<br>3.J Charter Schools                         |
| ix. October 26, 2021     | 3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal  |
| x. November 9, 2021      | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession   |
| xi. December 14, 2021    | 3.D External Financial Condition & Activities<br>3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct<br>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.