

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
27J SCHOOLS**

**April 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

Chamber Musicians from Riverdale Ridge High School started the meeting with a performance of several music selections. Band Teacher Michael Paulez directed and performed with the group.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** 7:10 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Conn, Director Green, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Thornton, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present for the entire meeting.

**3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE**

President 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 Thomas, seconded by Director Vigil to approve the agenda dated April 26, 2022 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**5. BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

a. The Board of Education presented The 27J Believers Awards to the following staff and community members. The topic for this award was “Spring Into Action”.

Classified:

Tonya Hindman - Human Resources Technician  
Karen Mayfield - Transportation Bus Driver  
Eileen McDonald - Thimmig Elementary Registrar

Certified:

Rachel Baldwin - 7th Grade Language and Literature Teacher at Overland Trail Middle School  
Artis Jacobsen - 3rd Grade Teacher at Reunion Elementary

Sarah Rickauer - 4th Grade Teacher at South Elementary

Groups:

Henderson Custodial Team - Audrey Monge, Sandy Foos, and Lorena Torres

Quist Middle School Mental Health Team - Rachel Muniz, Steven Miller, Daniel Bonomo, and Jennifer Hirsch

Prairie View High School Sunshine Committee - Jill Nguyen, Rachel Bilardi, Sam Morris, and Laura Watling.

External: Susana Lopez-Baker - Brighton Housing Authority

At 7:44 p.m., a brief reception occurred to honor the winners.

The meeting resumed at 7:59 p.m. All Board members present remained present.

## **6. STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP MONTHLY REPORT**

Members of the student advisory group presented information regarding school activities.

## **7. S.P.E.A.K. WEEK PROCLAMATION**

The Board of Education considered approving Proclamation Number Three 2021-2022 declaring the Week of May 1, 2022 through May 7, 2022 as Suicide Prevention, Education, Awareness and Knowledge (S.P.E.A.K) week.

Director Worth read proclamation.

Motion by Director Worth, seconded by Director Green to approve Proclamation Number Three 2021-2022 declaring the week of May 1, 2022 through May 7, 2022, as S.P.E.A.K week. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

## **8. 2021 BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Board of Education was presented with the first report from the 2021 Bond Oversight Committee. Vice-Chairperson Blaine Nickeson presented the report.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Thornton to accept the first report from the 2021 Bond Oversight committee as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

## **9. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Name	Address	Topic
Kathy Mohr	11862 Altura Street Commerce City, 80022	Encouraged the Board to adopt a Parent's Bill of Rights and a Transparency Policy

Shawna Hirter

305 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Brighton, 80601

Opt out forms vs.  
permissions slips

A recording of the public comments is available on the district website. (sd27j.org)

## **10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District.

## **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of Board of Education minutes dated March 8, 2022 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated April 19, 2022 and Resolution Number Eleven 2021-2022 Non-Renewal of Contracts of Probationary Teachers
- c. Approval of Resolution Number Twelve 2021-2022 to designate the district attendance officers and to authorize the attendance officers to represent the district in truancy court proceedings.

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

- a. Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Thornton and Director Vigil – The dates scheduled for linkage meetings are being used for Board orientation. Linkage meetings will occur when the orientations are complete.
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Conn and Director Thomas – A list of potential topics was created during tonight's study session. Dr. Fiedler will compile the list and Board leadership will review, and prioritize.
- c. Board Committees
  - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Piotraschke: Director Piotraschke reported that the committee is discussing the elementary school site located in the Willowbend neighborhood and reviewing middle school boundaries due to growth. They are collecting data to make a recommendation.
  - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Conn, Director Vigil and Director Worth – Director Worth reported that the foundation has agreed to a three-year process for selecting an auditing firm. The current auditing firm is thorough, unbiased, and separate from the district's auditing firm. The group continues to review growth numbers for predicting space needs. Kerrie Monti, who facilitates the CFFF group, is a master of collecting and analyzing growth data. Director Thomas suggested this group's work be a future education topic.
  - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Thornton: Director Piotraschke reported that they have a new applicant. They are smaller

than 27J, and participating in a BOCES is new to them. Agreements are being negotiated. Risk management claims remain low. Evaluations of staff/team will occur.

- iv. The 27J Believers – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas. Director Green thanked the committee members: Director Thomas, Director Green, Kathey Ruybal, Jamie Bell, and Lynn Ann Sheats.
- v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee – Members: Director Green and Director Worth – No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
- vi. 2021 Bond Oversight Committee – Members: Director Thomas and Director Thornton – The Board accepted the first report from this committee at tonight’s meeting.
- vii. Brighton Youth Commission – Member: Director Worth – Director Worth reported that the Board approved a proclamation at tonight’s meeting honoring SPEAK week, and encouraged participation in their 5K walk on May 7, 2022.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: Director Piotraschke and Dr. Fiedler participated in the Colorado Business Round Table. The group discussed what skills business owners would like to see from graduates. An additional topic included Board members educating the public on school finance. Dr. Fiedler was chosen as the president-elect for the Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE). The state legislature’s long bill dropped, and in it, the budget stabilization factor was reduced - as the state is issuing refunds to taxpayers, and the state tax rate may be reduced. Director Vigil suggested this be a future education topic.

### **13. 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 Operations Officer Terry Lucero presented the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.E Asset Protection.

Motion by Director Worth, seconded by Director Conn to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.E Asset Protection as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- c. Policy Review Schedule

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| i.   | April 26, 2022     | 3.E Asset Protection                                 |
| ii.  | May 24, 2022       | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public                     |
| iii. | June 14, 2022      | 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting                     |
| iv.  | August 23, 2022    | 3.0 Global Executive Constraint                      |
| v.   | September 27, 2022 | 1.3 School Academic Dashboard<br>3.J Charter Schools |
| vi.  | October 25, 2022   | 3.D Financial Conditions & Activities Internal       |
| vii. | November 8, 2022   | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession                   |

viii	December 13, 2022	3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities 3.I Board Awareness and Support Internal & Direct Inspection
ix.	January 24, 2023	3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities
x.	February 21, 2023	1.1 Graduation Rate 1.2 Post Secondary Readiness (3E's) 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
xi	March 14, 2023	1.4 School Social Emotional Learning Dashboard (Good Humans) 3.G Compensation & Benefits

**14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

May 10, 2022	5:30 p.m. Board Orientation Technology and Finance Departments Presentations Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room 1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120 Brighton, CO 80601
May 24, 2022	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
May 31, 2022	6:00 p.m. 5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Joint Meeting with City Council Members Commerce City To Host 7887 E. 60 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Commerce City, CO 80022

**15. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION**

The next quarterly meeting evaluation will be on June 14, 2022.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Education considered conducting an Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (a) for the purpose of discussing the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest. This session is for discussing potential school site(s).

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Vigil to approve an Executive Session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (a) for the purpose of discussing the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest. This session is for discussing potential school site(s). Roll Call Vote: all ayes

Dr. Chris Fiedler, Terry Lucero, and Will Pierce were asked to attend the executive session.

The Executive Session started at 10:17 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded at 10:45 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:46 p.m. and all Board members that were present remained present.

**17. CLOSING COMMENTS:** Director Piotraschke thanked the Board members and staff for their attention during this lengthy and late meeting.

**18. ADJOURNMENT:** 10:47 p.m.