

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS**

**September 27, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes**

A livestream link was available at www.sd27j.org

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Conn, Director Green, Director Thomas, Director Thornton, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present for the entire meeting. Note: Director Green and Director Vigil attended the meeting virtually.

3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE

President Worth 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 Thornton, seconded by Director Thomas to approve the agenda dated September 27, 2023 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITIONS

a. Dr. Fiedler, BEA President Kathy Ruybal, and the Board of Education members recognized past Board President Greg Piotraschke and Director Leon Thornton. These members were recognized for the many years of service and countless hours of commitment to the 27J Schools community. Past President Piotraschke submitted his letter of resignation last month, and Director Thornton's letter was accepted at tonight's meeting. Both members have or will be moving out of their director district boundaries which prompted each to resign his Board of Education seat as he no longer lived in the district he was elected to represent.

b. President Worth, Past Board President Piotraschke, along with the Board of Education members congratulated Director Mandy Thomas as the 2023 winner of the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) McGuffey Award. Director Thomas' nomination materials explained that Thomas is a dedicated and hardworking Board member and very deserving of this honor. The McGuffey Award is named after

William Holmes McGuffey who developed the McGuffey Readers, which were first published in 1836. After the Civil War they were standard schoolbooks in 37 states. The McGuffey Readers were a series of seven books with stories and poems that not only taught kids reading and grammar, but also helped them to develop good qualities. It was one of the most widely used and influential textbooks of its time in transferring not only knowledge but also certain virtues required to fulfill the responsibilities of citizenship in a free society. The CASB McGuffey Award was designed to honor that unique board member whose committed and passionate service is fueled by both the head and the heart.

6. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

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

A brief reception occurred to honor Past President Piotraschke, Director Thomas and Director Thornton.

Director Vigil exited the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

Reception started at: 7:51 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at: 8:06 p.m.

Director Conn left during the reception and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

7. 2022 MILL LEVY OVERRIDE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

The Board of Education was presented with the first report from the 2022 Mill Levy Override Oversight committee. Committee Chair Kristi Donovan presented the report. Ms. Donovan also introduced the committee's Vice-Chair Mikayla Zambrano, and committee members Michael Kouba and Berta Thimmig.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Thornton to accept the first report from the 2022 Mill Levy Override Oversight committee as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District.

9. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Name	In/Out of District	Topic
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Zach Leintz	In District	Lack of Transparency 27J Needs Assessments Parent Opt In/Out Options
Loralie Cole-Holmbo Melanie Woodruff	Out of District Out of District	Pennock Elementary's 20 th Anniversary Celebration
Barb Haggerty	In District	Support of Proposition H.H.
Greg Piotraschke	In District	Ascent Classical Academy Use of 27J Schools Name

A complete recording of the public comments is available at www.sd27j.org

10. 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 August 23, 2023 Study Session and Regular Meeting, and September 13, 2023 Linkage and Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated September 21, 2023

11. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Thornton and Director Vigil: Director Thornton reported on the linkage that occurred with the charter school partners. Not all schools were represented, but fabulous conversations occurred among the group.
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Conn and Director Thomas: No report
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Green: No meeting had occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Conn, Director Thornton, and Director Worth: Director Worth reported that funds are being received from the developers and building continues. No CFFF spending has occurred as the bonds are funding the current construction projects.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Thornton and Director Worth: A meeting occurred on September 18, 2023. New member Director Worth attended along with Dr. Fiedler. Fund management is going well; and no major claims are outstanding. The insurance pool is in a good position
 - iv. The 27J Believers – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas: Director Thomas reported that awards will be distributed at the December 13, 2023 meeting.
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee – Members: Director Green and Director Worth: No meeting had occurred since the last Board of

Education meeting. Terry Lucero and Dr. Fiedler met with Commerce City officials to discuss using the funds that were generated from building Stuart Middle School.

- vi. 2021 Bond Oversight Committee – Members: Director Thomas and Director Thornton: Director Thornton and Director Thomas reported that two projects would be built next summer. The committee received a report on projects and funds that are still available to spend.
 - vii. 2022 Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee – Members: Director Thomas and Director Thornton: The Board accepted the first report from the committee this evening.
 - viii. Brighton Youth Commission – Member: Director Worth: Director Worth reported that the commission voted on officers. The group is applying to go to the National League of Cities conference in Atlanta. Mayors, council members, city managers and youth leaders each have a specific strand of sessions that they’ll attend. Brighton’s Youth Commission group is nationally known and distinguished attendees of the event.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: none

12. 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. Deputy Superintendent Will Pierce along with Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Karla Reider presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 1.3 School Academic Dashboard.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Green to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 1.3 School Academic Dashboard as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- c. Charter Liaison Kenlyn Newman presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.J Charter Schools.

Motion by Director Thornton, seconded by Director Thomas to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.J Charter Schools as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- d. Policy Review Schedule

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| i. September 27, 2023 | 1.3 School Academic Dashboard
3.J Charter Schools |
| ii. October 25, 2023 | 3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal |
| iii. November 8, 2023 | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession |
| iv. December 13, 2023 | 3.I Board Awareness and Support |

v. January 24, 2024	3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities
	3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers
vi. February 28, 2024	3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities
	1.1 Graduation Rate
	1.2 Post Secondary Readiness (3E's)
vii. March 13, 2024 (Good Humans)	3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
	1.4 School Social Emotional Learning Dashboard
viii. April 24, 2024	3.G Compensation & Benefits
ix. May 22, 2024	3.E Asset Protection
x. June 12, 2024	3.A Treatment of Students/Public
xi. August 28, 2024	3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
	3.0 Global Executive Constraint

13. RESOLUTION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Board of Education considered Resolution Number Two 2023-2024 supporting the voter registration of 27J Schools High School Students.

The resolution was read by Director Thornton.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Thornton to approve Resolution Number Two 2023-2024 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

14. BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Per Colorado Revised Statutes 22-31-129 (c) A school director office shall be deemed to be vacant upon the occurrence of the following event prior to the expiration of the term of office: c. If the person who was duly elected or appointed submits a written resignation to the Board of Education and such resignation has been duly accepted by the Board of Education. A written resignation was received from Director Leon Thornton, indicating his resignation will be effective at midnight on Saturday, September 30, 2023.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Green to accept the resignation of Board Member Leon Thornton effective at midnight on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

October 2, 2023	7:00 p.m. SPECIAL Virtual Meeting
October 11, 2023	7:00 p.m. 27J Schools Board of Education Candidate Forum Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room 1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120 Brighton, CO 80601

Note: This forum will be facilitated by the Student Advisory Council

October 25, 2023 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

16. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

The meeting evaluating was postponed until the October 25, 2023 meeting. Director Vigil will present the evaluation at that time.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

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; except that no executive session shall be held for the purpose of concealing the fact that a member of the local public body has a personal interest in such purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale. This session is for discussing school site sale statuses of Capstone/National Heritage Academy and Ascent Classical Academy/Performance Charter Development.

Motion by Director Thornton, seconded by Director Thomas to approve 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; except that no executive session shall be held for the purpose of concealing the fact that a member of the local public body has a personal interest in such purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale. This session is for discussing school site sale statuses of Capstone/National Heritage Academy and Ascent Classical Academy/Performance Charter Development. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler, Deputy Superintendent Will Pierce, and Chief Operations Officer Terry Lucero were asked to join the executive session.

The Executive Session started at 9:46 p.m.

Topic #1 – Capstone/National Heritage Academy discussion started at 9:48 p.m.
Capstone/National Heritage Academy discussion concluded at 9:53 p.m.

Topic #2 – Ascent Classical Academy/Performance Charter Development discussion started at 9:53 p.m.
Ascent Classical Academy/Performance Charter Development discussion concluded at 10:25 p.m.

The Executive Session concluded at 10:24 p.m.

18. CLOSING COMMENTS: None

19. ADJOURNMENT: 10:26 p.m.