

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
27J SCHOOLS**

**May 31, 2023  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Thornton, Director Vigil and Director Worth were present for the entire regular meeting. Director Thornton attended virtually. Director Conn and Director Green were absent from the entire regular 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 Vigil, seconded by Director Worth to approve the agenda dated May 31, 2023 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**5. BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITIONS**

- a. The Board of Education recognized members of the Blue Ribbon Commission for their commitment and dedication to the 27J Schools community. With the commission members' expertise, the district successfully passed a mill levy override for the first time in 23 years.

Members:

Lynn Baca – Adams County Commissioner

Melinda Carbajal – Simply Pizza Truck Owner and 27J Schools Parent

Gabi Chavez- Rocky Mountain Partnership Influencer and 27J Schools Alumna

Rick Doucet – Community Reach Center Chief Executive Officer

Kristi Douglas – Commerce City Councilwoman

Eric Emeterio – 27J Schools Teacher and 27J Schools Parent

Lisandra Gonzales – Rocky Mountain Partnership Chief Executive Officer

Whitney Gustin Connor – Kids First Health Colorado Executive Director  
Jeremy Leavitt – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake President  
Frank Lucero – Retired Superintendent and 27J Schools Community Member  
John Myers – Retired School Finance Consultant and Blue Ribbon Commission Chairperson  
Dominick Moreno – Colorado State Senator  
Peter Padilla – Brighton City Councilman  
Monce Portillo – Brighton Police Department Commander  
Julie Stewart – United Power Community Outreach Specialists  
Susan Sparks – Blue Ribbon Commission Facilitator

- b. The Board of Education recognized members of the Iam27J Committee for their commitment and dedication to the 27J Schools community. With the committee's expertise, the district successfully passed a mill levy override for the first time in 23 years.

Members:

David Bell – RBC Capital Markets Managing Director  
Gabi Chavez – Rocky Mountain Partnership Influencer and 27J Schools Alumna  
Kelly Corbett – Retired 27J Staff Member and Community Member  
Lisandra Gonzales – Rocky Mountain Partnership Chief Executive Director  
Michael Hall – Anser Advisory Senior Director  
Dani Jayne – West Ridge Elementary PTA President and 27J Schools Parent  
Joan Kniss – Former 27J School Board Member and Retired 27J Schools Staff Member and Community Member  
Jody Nowicki – Rocky Mountain Partnership Senior Director of Stakeholder Engagement  
Mikel Philippi – 27J Schools Communications Manager  
Jon Rosasco – Iam27J Committee Chairperson and 27J Schools Parent  
Wayne Scott – Colorado Classified School Employees Association Executive Director

- c. The Board of Education recognized Yvonne Bradford and Kathey Ruybal for their many years of dedication and advocacy to secure additional funding to benefit the 27J Schools community.
- d. The Board of Education congratulated Drama Teacher Jane Archuleta on her 30<sup>th</sup> production at Brighton High School. Drama Teacher Judd Farner assisted in honoring Ms. Archuleta.
- e. The Board of Education congratulated Brighton High School Yearbook Advisor Justin Daigle and the *Reflections* Yearbook student team for winning the prestigious Scholastic Press Association Gold Award for the 2022 yearbook. This award was given for excellence in design, photography, reporting, coverage and theme. Additionally, the yearbook won the National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker Award for the second year in a row, which is the highest honor a yearbook can be

awarded. This yearbook was also awarded the National Scholastic Press Association Best of Show first-place trophy for the third year in a row.

A reception occurred at 7:27 p.m. to celebrate the honorees. The meeting resumed at 7:44 p.m.

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

Members of the student advisory council presented information regarding end-of-school activities. The students also presented appreciation gifts to the Board of Education, Dr. Fiedler and Lynn Ann Sheats.

## **7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District.

## **8. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Name	In/Out of District	Topic
Kathey Ruybal	In District	Passage of Resolution at the CEA Delegate Assembly

## **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approval of Board of Education minutes dated April 26, 2023 Study Session and Regular Meeting, and May 10, 2023 Linkage Meeting (Enclosures)
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated May 22, 2023 (Confidential Enclosures)
- c. Approval to authorize the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate the final terms and execute all necessary documents related to the Intergovernmental Agreement for Transportation Services between School District 27J and the City of Commerce City (Enclosure and IGA is a separate enclosure)

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

- a. Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Thornton and Director Vigil - Director Thornton reported on the recent linkage meeting with 27J Schools Resource Officers. The topic of permitting staff to carry concealed weapons was discussed and all officers were against a change in current practice regarding staff carrying weapons in schools. He also stated it was a great meeting and he learned a lot.
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Conn and Director Thomas No report
- c. Board Committees

- i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Piotraschke The meeting was postponed due to attendance.
- ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Conn, Director Piotraschke, and Director Worth – No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
- iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Thornton – Director Piotraschke reported that end of year discussions and evaluations are complete of their executive director. Insurance costs are down.
- iv. The 27J Believers – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas – The next awards will be distributed in the fall of 2023.
- v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee – Members: Director Green and Director Worth – No report
- vi. 2021 Bond Oversight Committee – Members: Director Thomas and Director Thornton – Director Thornton reported that all projects are progressing nicely. A summer projects video is in production to document working taking place this summer. Approximately \$1.765 million from 2015 bond is being allocated.
- vii. 2022 Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Thornton: The first meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2023.
- viii. Brighton Youth Commission – Member: Director Worth – Director Worth reported that S.P.E.A.K Week was a successful event. The commission is in the process of selecting new commissioners to replace the 2023 graduates.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board – Director Piotraschke continues to work with the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) bylaws committee.

A complete recording of the Board reports is available at [www.sd27j.org](http://www.sd27j.org).

## 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. Deputy Superintendent Will Pierce will present the Expectation of the Board Report 3.A Treatment of Students/Public.

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

- c. Policy Review Schedule
  - i. May 31, 2023                      3.A Treatment of Students/Public
  - ii. June 14, 2023                    3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
  - iii. August 23, 2023                3.0 Global Executive Constraint
  - iv. September 27, 2023            1.3 School Academic Dashboard  
3.J Charter Schools

v. October 25, 2023	3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal
vi. November 8, 2023	3.H Emergency Executive Succession
vii. December 13, 2023	3.I Board Awareness and Support
	3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities
viii. January 24, 2024	3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers
	3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities
ix. February 28, 2024	1.1 Graduation Rate
	1.2 Post Secondary Readiness (3E's)
	3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
x. March 13, 2024 (Good Humans)	1.4 School Social Emotional Learning Dashboard
	3.G Compensation & Benefits
xi. April 24, 2024	3.E Asset Protection

Director Thomas left the meeting at 8:57 p.m. and returned at 9:02 p.m.

## 12. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET

Finance Director Stacey Yoshimoto presented information concerning the 2023-2024 proposed budget. No action was needed by the Board of Education at this time.

## 13. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

June 7, 2023	5:30 p.m. Planning Session with Intervention Services Staff Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room 1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120 Brighton, CO 80601
June 14, 2023	5:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room 1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120 Brighton, CO 80601
July 24, 2023	MONDAY 6:00 p.m. Linkage meeting with 27J Schools Principals The location will be announced, possibly Discovery Magnet or Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room 1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120 Brighton, CO 80601
July 29, 2023	6:00 p.m. Social Event with the Student Advisory Council Top Golf 16011 Grant Street Thornton, CO 80023

## 14. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

Director Thomas will present the quarterly meeting evaluation at the June 14, 2023 meeting.

**15. CLOSING COMMENTS:** None

**16. ADJOURNMENT:** 9:07 p.m.