

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS**

**April 26, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes**

A livestream link was available at www.sd27j.org

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:15 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Conn, Director Green, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Thornton, and Director Worth attended the entire meeting. Director Vigil was absent from the entire meeting.

A moment of silence was observed to honor the students that were recently lost in the district and recent tragedies nationwide.

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 Thomas, seconded by Director Worth to approve the amended agenda dated April 26, 2023 moving item # 15 Schedule of Meetings, prior to the executive session. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

The Board recognized Lynn Ann Sheats in honor of Administrative Assistant Day.

5. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

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

6. S.P.E.A.K. WEEK PROCLAMATION

The Board of Education considered approving Proclamation Number Three 2022-2023 declaring the week of May 1, 2023 through May 6, 2023 as Suicide Prevention Education Awareness and Knowledge (S.P.E.A.K) Week. This is the 12 annual S.P.E.A.K. week.

The proclamation was read by Director Thornton.

Motion by Director Worth, seconded by Director Green to approve Proclamation Number Three 2022-2023 declaring the week of May 1, 2023 thru May 6, 2023 as S.P.E.A.K. week. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

7. 2021 BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Board of Education was presented with a report from the 2021 Bond Oversight committee. Committee Member Kevin Kerber presented the report.

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

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fiedler reported on activities throughout the District.

9. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

10. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of Board of Education minutes dated March 8, 2023 Study Session and Regular Meeting, and April 12, 2023 Linkage Meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated April 18, 2023, and Resolution Number Thirteen 2022-2023 Non-Renewal of Contracts of Probationary Teachers

11. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Thornton and Director Vigil: Director Thornton reported that on April 12, 2023 the Board conducted a linkage meeting with the Student Advisory Council members and their family members. He stated it was a great linkage meeting.
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Conn and Director Thomas: Director Thomas suggested conducting a planning session with the Intervention Services staff. A tentative date of June 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. was proposed.
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Piotraschke: Director Piotraschke attended the last committee meeting and provided a report. Growth numbers are increasing, as construction is slowing a bit.
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Conn, Director Piotraschke, and Director Worth – Director Worth reported that the group approved a new audit firm, but they experienced a reduction in staff, so the Foundation is looking

at the other firms that submitted bids. They received a new contract from a new builder. Lower priced homes are selling well, but sales of homes priced over \$550,000 are slowing.

- iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Thornton: Director Piotraschke reported that insurance rates did increase, but the increase was much less than other providers are experiencing. School safety is topic of discussion. Director Thornton reported that legislation to revise workers’ compensation impairment percentages failed to make it through the legislature. The BOCES is doing great things to keep cost down with preventative training.
 - iv. The 27J Believers – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas: Director Green reported that 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 Thomas reported that the Board received a report at tonight’s meeting. She also mentioned that these are historic amounts of instrumental projects occurring at this time, and staff are managing very well.
 - 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 about the upcoming S.P.E.A.K week. He encouraged other Board members to attend the events if possible.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: Director Piotraschke reported that he serves on the Colorado Association of School Boards Bylaws Taskforce. The group is meeting this week to send updates for next week’s reporting. They are collecting data on the bylaws that may need to be re-written, and presented in August 2023. The school finance bill passed the State Senate, and is proceeding to the State House. This bill includes a buy- down of the budget stabilization (B.S.) factor, and supplemental funding for special education.

Director Green left the meeting at 8:51 p.m. and returned at 8:56 p.m.

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

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. Chief Operations Officer Terry Lucero presented the Expectation of the Board Report 3.E Asset Protection.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Thornton to accept the Expectations of the Board Report 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, 2023 | 3.E Asset Protection |
| ii. May 24, 2023 | 3.A Treatment of Students/Public |
| iii. June 14, 2023 | 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting |
| iv. August 23, 2023 | 3.0 Global Executive Constraint |
| v. September 27, 2023 | 1.3 School Academic Dashboard |
| | 3.J Charter Schools |
| vi. October 25, 2023 | 3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal |
| vii. November 8, 2023 | 3.H Emergency Executive Succession |
| viii. December 13, 2023 | 3.I Board Awareness and Support |
| | 3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities |
| ix. January 24, 2024 | 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers |
| | 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities |
| x. February 28, 2024 | 1.1 Graduation Rate |
| | 1.2 Post Secondary Readiness (3E's) |
| | 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians |
| xi. March 13, 2024 | 1.4 School Social Emotional Learning Dashboard
(Good Humans) |
| | 3.G Compensation & Benefits |

Director Conn left the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

13. CITY OF THORNTON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR INTENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY – HARVEY BROWN PARCELS

The Board of Education considered approving the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Thornton and School District 27J concerning the intent to purchase property for a future school site and authorize the Superintendent or his designee to execute all required documents.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Worth to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Thornton and School District 27J concerning the intent to purchase property for a future school site and authorize the Superintendent or his designee to execute all required documents. Roll Call Vote: all ayes. Director Conn was absent from this roll call vote. Motion passed by majority.

Director Conn returned at 9:35 p.m.

14. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| May 10, 2023 | 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting or Planning Session
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120
Brighton, CO 80601 |
| May 30, 2023 | CANCELLED - 5 th Tuesday Joint Meeting with City Council Members |

May 31, 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
Note: This meeting was moved from May 24, 2023

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

A brief break occurred from 9:35 p.m. to 9:41 p.m.

15. 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 potential school sites for High School #4, Middle School #6, Talon Pointe, and Second Creek Farms. This session will also include potential sites for cell tower leases with AT & T and T-Mobile.

The Board of Education considered conducting an executive session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (d) for specialized details of security arrangements or investigations, including defenses against terrorism, both domestic and foreign, and including where disclosures of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purposes of committing, or avoiding prosecution for, a violation of law.

Motion by Director Thornton, seconded by Director Conn 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 potential ** sites for High School #4, Middle School #6, Talon Pointe and Second Creek Farms. This session will also include potential sites for cell tower leases with AT & T and T-Mobile. And also move to approve conducting an executive session per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (d) for specialized details of security arrangements or investigations, including defenses against terrorism, both domestic and foreign, and including where disclosures of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purposes of committing, or avoiding prosecution for, a violation of law. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

**The word “school” was inadvertently omitted from the motion. This omission did not alter the legal intent or purpose of the executive session. This word was part of explaining the executive session purpose, and not part of any required statute reference.

Executive Session Convened at 9:45 p.m.

Start time of High School #4 site discussion: 9:47 p.m.

End time of High School #4 site discussion: 9:58 p.m.

Start time of Middle School #6 site discussion: 9:58 p.m.

End time of Middle School #6 site discussion: 10:26 p.m.

Start time of Talon Pointe discussion: 10:26 p.m.

End time of Talon Pointe discussion: 10:41 p.m.

Start time of Second Creek Farms discussion: 10:41 p.m.

End time of Second Creek Farms discussion: 10:42 p.m.

Start time of AT & T and T-Mobile discussion: 10:42 p.m.

End time of AT&T and T-Mobile discussion: 10:45 p.m.

Start time of Security discussion: 10:45 p.m.

End time of Security discussion: 11:30 p.m.

Executive session concluded at: 11:31 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at: 11:31 p.m.

16. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

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

17. CLOSING COMMENTS: None

18. ADJOURNMENT: 11:33 p.m.