

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes**

A livestream link was available at www.sd27j.org

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Green, Director Piotraschke, Director Thomas, Director Thornton, Director Vigil, and Director Worth were present for the entire meeting. Director Conn was absent from 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 Worth, seconded by Director Thornton to approve the agenda dated January 25, 2023 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

5. BOARD RECOGNITIONS

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

Classified:

Melissa Fonseca - Campus Supervisor - Quist Middle School
Stacey Kruse - Preschool Group Leader - Second Creek Elementary
Sherry Primus - Benefits Specialists - Human Resources Department

Certified:

C.J. de Dios - Substitute and PEBC Resident - Quist Middle School
Christina Holden - School Psychologist Intern - Prairie View High School
Crystal Stone - Instruction Guide - Southlawn Elementary

Internal Groups:

Tracy Servies, Kari Sims, and Elisabeth Patch - At-Risk Interventionists at 27J Online Academy

Angie Suazo, Angie Casady, Annette Medina and Hayley Hicks - Affective Needs Center Based Paraprofessionals at Henderson Elementary

Rachelle Duran, Sheila Kubiak, and Melissa Birch - Nutrition Services Manager and Staff at Foundations Academy and Oksana Dunkum, Lisa Meraz, and Maricela Olivas - Nutrition Services Manager and Staff at Landmark Academy

External Individuals or Groups:

Stacey Baca - Retired Journalist and 27J Schools Supporter
Danielle (Dani) Jayne - 27J Parent and Mill Levy Campaign Supporter
Denae and Matt Holladay - Parent Volunteers at Quist Middle School
The Rocky Mountain Partnership - 27J Student Advocate Group
Heritage at Todd Creek - Kathy Hoff - 27J Family Resource Center Supporter

A brief reception at 7:45 p.m. occurred to honor the winners.
The meeting resumed at 7:57 p.m. All Board members that were present remained present.

6. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

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

7. 2021 BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Board of Education was presented with a report from the 2021 Bond Oversight committee.
Chairperson Troy Whitmore presented the report.

Motion by Director Thornton, seconded by Director Vigil 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. This report included the reading of Governor Jared Polis’ proclamation of declaring January as School Board Recognition Month.

9. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Name	In/Out of District	Topic
Stacy Baca	In District	Communications team accolades. Encouraged a statewide superintendent search (Provided a copy of her verbal statement)
Diana Hernandez	In District	Letter submitted and read by Piotraschke

10 EXPECTATIONS OF THE BOARD (Previously Item Number 12b, all items renumbered accordingly)

12b. External Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D – Financial Conditions and Activities.
Partner Rodney Rice and Manager Max Haberkorn, both from RubinBrown LLP, presented the Independent Auditors’ Report.

Motion by Director Thomas seconded by Director Vigil to acknowledge receipt of the 2021-2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

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 December 14, 2022 Study Session and Regular Meeting, and January 11, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated January 18, 2023
- c. Per Policy Governance 3.0 Executive Limitations – Approval per Colorado Revised Statutes 24-6-402(2) (c), designating the Edwin C. Harshbarger Educational Service Center, 18551 E. 160th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601, to be the official location where the Board will post notices to the public of the date, time, place, and agenda items of the regular and special Board meetings. A recommendation of the Continuity of Operations Plan (Coop) an alternative location of Riverdale Ridge High School, located at 13380 Yosemite Street, Thornton, CO 80602 is designated should the Educational Service Center be unavailable.
- d. Per Policy Governance 3.0 Executive Limitations – Approval per Colorado Revised Statutes 24-70-101 and 24-70-102, designating the Edwin C. Harshbarger Educational Service Center, 18551 E. 160th Avenue, Brighton, CO 80601 to be the official location where legal notices are posted and received. A recommendation of the Continuity of Operations Plan (Coop), an alternative location of Riverdale Ridge High School, located at 13380 Yosemite Street, Thornton, CO 80602 is designated should the Educational Service Center be unavailable.

12. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Thornton and Director Vigil: No report
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Conn and Director Thomas : No report
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Piotraschke: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting. Next meeting will occur on February 1, 2023
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Conn, Director Vigil and Director Worth
Director Piotraschke is an alternate member.: No report
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Members: Director Piotraschke and Director Thornton: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - iv. The 27J Believers – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas: Director Thomas reported that awards were distributed at tonight’s meeting, and thanked Lynn Ann Sheats for coordinating the logistics.
 - 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: The Board accepted a report at tonight’s meeting.
 - vii. Brighton Youth Commission – Member: Director Worth: Director Worth reported that the commission is organizing SPEAK Week during April 2023.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: Director Piotraschke reported that the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) legislative resolution committee has convened. He also attending the National Association of School Boards (NASB) conference and was able to speak with senators and other influences. He also reported that he will serve on the CASB Bylaws Committee.

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.

Director Green exited the meeting at 9:43 p.m. and returned at 9:44 p.m.

See Above for Item Number 10 (Previously 12b)

- 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 Green to accept the Internal Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Condition and Activities as conveying reasonable interpretation.
Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- d. Chief Human Resource Officer Michael Clow presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Thornton 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 aye

- e. Policy Review Schedule

i. January 25, 2023	3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers 3.D External Financial Conditions & Activities 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities
ii. February 22, 2023	1.1 Graduation Rate 1.2 Post Secondary Readiness (3E's) 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
iii. March 8, 2023	1.4 School Social Emotional Learning Dashboard (Good Humans) 3.G Compensation & Benefits
iv. April 26, 2023	3.E Asset Protection
v. May 24, 2023	3.A Treatment of Students/Public
vi. June 14, 2023	3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
vii. August 23, 2023	3.0 Global Executive Constraint
viii. September 27, 2023	1.3 School Academic Dashboard 3.J Charter Schools
ix. October 25, 2023	3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal
x. November 8, 2023	3.H Emergency Executive Succession
xi. December 13, 2023	3.I Board Awareness and Support

Director Vigil left the meeting at 10:02 p.m. and returned at 10:04 p.m.

13. ADOPTION OF THE REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2022 – 2023 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

The Board of Education considered approval of Resolution Number Ten 2022-2023 regarding the Adoption of the Revised Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget and Appropriations. Chief Financial Officer Lori Schiek will present information concerning the revised fiscal year budget and appropriations.

Motion by Director Thornton, seconded by Director Worth to approve Resolution Number Ten 2022 - 2023 regarding the Adoption of the Revised Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget and Appropriations as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

14. 2022 MILL LEVY OVERRIDE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS SELECTION AND INTERVIEW PROCESS AND TIMELINE

The Board of Education considered approval of the process and timeline for interviewing and selecting the members for the 2022 Mill Levy Override Oversight committee.

Motion by Director Green, seconded by Director Vigil to approve the 2022 Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee Member Selection and Interview Process and Timeline as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

15. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS AND TIMELINE

The Board of Education considered approval the process and timeline for conducting a superintendent search.

Motion by Director Vigil, seconded by Director Thomas to approve the Superintendent Job Description, Job Posting, Qualifications, Applications Materials, and Search Timeline for the purpose of selecting a Superintendent to begin service July 1, 2024 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Director Green, no, Director Piotraschke, aye, Director Thomas, aye, Director Thornton, aye, Director Vigil, aye, Director Worth, aye, motion passed by majority.

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; 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 was for discussing potential school sites for Ascent Classical Academy and National Heritage Academy. This session also included potential sites for cell tower leases with AT & T and T-Mobile.

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 potential school sites for Ascent Classical Academy and National Heritage Academy. This session will also include potential sites for cell tower leases with AT & T and T-Mobile. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

Superintendent Dr. Chris Fiedler, Deputy Superintendent Will Pierce and Chief Operation Officer Terry Lucero were asked to participate in the Executive Session.

Executive Session started: 10:30 p.m. Director Green took a personal break and arrived at the Executive session at 10:32 p.m.

Time on Topic #1 – AT & T Lease: 10:32 p.m. to 10:36 p.m.

Time on Topic #2 – T-Mobile Lease: 10:36 p.m. to 10 40 p.m.

The Board took a personal break from: 10:40 p.m. to 10:44 p.m.

Time on Topic #3 – Capstone Academy School Site: 10: 44 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.*

Time on Topic #4 – Ascent Classical Academy School Site: 10:44 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.*

*Note these topics were discussed concurrently due to the similarities of the discussion.

Executive Session ended: 11:31 p.m.

Regular Meeting reconvened:11:31 p.m.

17. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

January 31, 2023 6:00 p.m. 5th Tuesday Joint Meeting with City Council Members
Commerce City Council to host.

Civic Center
7887 E. 60th Avenue
Commerce City, CO 80022

February 8, 2023 6:00 p.m. Linkage Meeting or Planning Session
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120
Brighton, CO 80601

February 22, 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

March 8, 2023 5:30 p.m. Study Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
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18. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

Director Conn will present the next quarterly meeting evaluation at the March 8, 2023 meeting.

19. CLOSING COMMENTS: Director Piotraschke thanked the Board members and staff for their participation during the long and late meeting.

20. ADJOURNMENT: 11:32 p.m.