

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
27J SCHOOLS**

**October 23, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Carbajal, Director Conn, Director Green, Director Thomas, Director Trujillo, and Director Wilhelm were present for the entire regular meeting.

3. COMMITMENT TO GOVERNING STYLE

Director Green 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 Carbajal, seconded by Director Wilhelm move to approve the agenda dated October 23, 2024 as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITIONS

- a. Director Conn, along with the Board of Education members congratulated Director Tom Green as the 2024 winner for the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) McGuffey Award. Director Green is a dedicated and hardworking Board member and very deserving of this honor. The McGuffey Award is named after 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 has been designed to honor that unique board member whose committed and passionate service is fueled by both the head and the heart.
- b. The Board of Education recognized the following staff and community member as recipients of the 27J Believer Award – Best Treats in the Building:

Classified Staff:

Leslie Baca – Executive Assistant Communications Department
Pedro Delgado – Custodian at Innovations & Options
Katrina Lincoln – Special Education Paraprofessional at West Ridge Elementary
Jaylene Maes – Health Paraprofessional/Aide at Northeast Elementary

Certified Staff:

Kevin Levitt – School Counselor at Innovations & Options
Joshua Kellison – STEAM Teacher at Southeast Elementary
Judd Farner – Teacher/Program Lead at Riverdale Ridge High School
Sarah Mooney – School Psychologist at Padilla Elementary School
Autumn Hartley – Media Arts Teacher at Prairie View High School
Katelyn Ryan – 1st Grade Teacher at Southeast Elementary School

Group:

Prairie View High School Campus Monitors – Marissa Serna, Erika Reyes-Minora,
Nicholas Rutherford, Mason Ursetta, Josh Kelley, Ayden Grace

Volunteer:

Fernanda Gallegos – Parent Volunteer at Southeast Elementary

A reception occurred at 7:32 p. m.to honor the winners.

The meeting reconvened at 7:42 p.m. The Board members that were previously present remained present.

6. 2021 BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

The Board of Education was presented with a report from the 2015/2021 Bond Oversight committee. Chairperson Troy Whitmore presented the report.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Trujillo to accept the report from the 2015/2021 Bond Oversight committee as presented. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

7. 2022 MILL LEVY OVERRIDE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

The Board of Education was presented with the report from the 2022 Mill Levy Override Oversight committee. Co-Chairperson Michael Kouba presented the report.

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

8. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MONTHLY REPORT

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

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Will Pierce reported on activities throughout the District.

10. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Name	In/Out of District	Topic
Janine Runfola	In District	Dyslexia
Jamie Dodero	In District	Dyslexia

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of Board of Education minutes dated September 25, 2024 Study Session and Regular Meeting, and October 9, 2024 Linkage and Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of personnel items on memorandum dated October 16, 2024

12. GOVERNANCE PROCESS THAT SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL GOALS

- a. Ownership Linkage – Members: Director Carbajal and Director Conn: Director Carbajal reported that the meeting with the 27J Community Partners was a great meeting, and well attended. The committee is excited about the next meeting in January 2025. The potential group may be families that are new to 27J.
- b. Board Education – Members: Director Conn and Director Thomas: No report
- c. Board Committees
 - i. Facility Planning Advisory Committee – Member: Director Green: Director Green reminded the group about the Talon Ridge groundbreaking ceremony on November 2, 2024.
 - ii. Capital Facility Fee Foundation – Members: Director Conn, Director Green, and Director Trujillo: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - iii. Rocky Mountain Risk – Member: Director Carbajal: No report
 - iv. The 27J Believers – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas: Director Thomas reported that awards were distributed at tonight’s meeting to a great group of winners. The committee is planning the next topic.
 - v. Commerce City and School District 27J Use Tax Committee – Members: Director Green and Director Wilhelm: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
 - vi. 2015/2021 Bond Oversight Committee – Members: Director Green and Director Thomas: The Board received a report at tonight’s meeting. Director Green enjoyed the presentation.
 - vii. 2022 Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee – Members: Director Thomas and Director Wilhelm: The Board received a report at tonight’s meeting.

- viii. Brighton Youth Commission – Member: Director Trujillo: No meeting has occurred since the last Board of Education meeting.
- d. Other Matters of Information for the Board: Director Thomas provided a report about the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Fall Conference. Some topics included a possible tight budget for next year, the funding for universal preschool is still being negotiated, and 80% of students rely on schools for their mental health resources. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend.

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 Financial Officer Stacey Yoshimoto presented the Expectation of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Condition & Activities.

Motion by Director Trujillo, seconded by Director Wilhelm to accept the Expectations of the Board Report through 3.D Financial Condition & Activities as conveying reasonable interpretation of the executive limitations. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

- c. Policy Review Schedule
 - i. October 23, 2024 3.D Financial Condition & Activities Internal
 - ii. November 13, 2024 3.H Emergency Executive Succession
 - iii. December 11, 2024 3.I Board Awareness and Support
 - 3.D External Financial Condition & Activities
 - iv. January 22, 2025 3.C Treatment of Faculty/Staff/Volunteers
 - 3.D Internal Financial Condition and Activities
 - v. February 26, 2025 1.1 Graduation Rate
 - 1.2 Post Secondary Readiness (3E’s)
 - 3.B Treatment of Parents/Guardians
 - vi. March 12, 2025 1.4 School Social Emotional Learning Dashboard
 - (Good Humans)
 - 3.G Compensation & Benefits
 - vii. April 23, 2025 3.E Asset Protection
 - viii. May 28, 2025 3.A Treatment of Students/Public
 - ix. June 11, 2025 3.F Financial Planning/Budgeting
 - x. August 27, 2025 3.0 Global Executive Constraint
 - xi. September 24, 2025 1.3 School Academic Dashboard
 - 3.J Charter Schools

14. RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO 2024 PROPOSED COLORADO AMENDMENT 80

The Board of Education considered approving Resolution Number Four 2024-2025 in opposition to proposed Colorado Amendment 80.

The motion was read by Director Thomas.

Motion by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Trujillo to approve Resolution Number Four 2024-2025 as presented. Director Carbajal, yes, Director Conn, no, Director Green, yes, Director Thomas, yes, Director Trujillo, yes, and Director Wilhelm, yes. Motion passed by majority.

15. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Canceled - October 29, 2024 5:30 p.m. 5th Tuesday – Joint Meeting with City Council Members

27J Schools to Host
Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120
Brighton, CO 80601

November 6, 2024 6:00 p.m. Director District 6 Candidate Interviews
(Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Interviews will start at 7:00 p.m.)

Lois Lesser Board and Conference Room
1850 Egbert Street, Suite 120
Brighton, CO 80601

November 13, 2024 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

**Note: Only regular meeting of the month due to fall break.

December 5-8, 2024 Colorado Association of School Boards Conference (CASB)
The Broadmoor
1 Lake Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

December 11, 2024 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

**Note: Only regular meeting of the month due to winter break.

16. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION

Director Conn presented the quarterly meeting evaluation.

Note: The June meeting evaluation was presented in August, so this presentation now aligns the quarterly evaluations.

17. CLOSING COMMENTS: None

18. ADJOURNMENT: 9:18 p.m.