

THE BOARD REPORT **January 10, 2018**

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GOOD THINGS

Seven District 11 Schools Earn State Awards

Seven of our schools have earned state awards, due to their performance on the CMAS assessments. The work that our staff members do each and every day to help District 11 students reach their potential is greatly appreciated!

Here is a list of the schools that earned awards and the awards received: Edison Elementary School, Henry Elementary School, and Carver Elementary School each earned the Center of Excellence Award; CIVA Charter Academy and Buena Vista Elementary School each earned the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award; Chipeta Elementary School and the Academy for Advanced and Creative Learning each earned the John Irwin School of Excellence Award.

SPECIAL REPORTS

School Board Recognition Month: January 2018

As citizens who serve children and represent their communities, school board members face complex and demanding challenges. All Coloradans should recognize the vital contributions these elected public officials play in the education of our children. They are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts.

School board members come from all walks of life. They are farmers, secretaries, doctors, lawyers, homemakers, teachers, architects, truck drivers, professors, business owners and real estate agents, to name just a few. While they wear many hats in the workday world, school board members put on a collective hat when they get down to the business of leading their school districts. Board members must pull together as a team toward a common goal—helping students achieve. While they may individually disagree on certain issues, their role as a board is to consistently strive toward that goal. The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours school board members devote to leading their districts. They also work hard at seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities, and spend many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events.

Board Member Reports

Board members reported on their various activities.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Certified copies of the Board of Education's official minutes may be obtained from the Records Management Center. Cost of copying will be borne by the requester, per Board Policy BEDG.

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the December 6, 2017 special meeting and the December 13, 2017 regular board meeting. All minutes are available on the District website, after approval by the Board of Education.

Personnel Recommendations

The Board of Education approved the January 10, 2018 Personnel Recommendations, as submitted by administration.

Policy JLCC: Communicable/Infectious Diseases

Policy JLCC, Communicable/Infectious Diseases, discusses the exclusion and readmission of students suffering from communicable or infectious diseases.

JLCC is recommended for revisions to align with state law. If a student is required to be excluded from school beyond ten days, the Superintendent or designee, rather than the school principal, shall be required to make that decision. The regulation, JLCC-R, was also reviewed and no revisions are recommended at this time.

The Board's Policy Committee recommends that the Board adopt the revised version of JLCC: Communicable/Infectious Diseases.

The Board of Education adopted the revised version of JLCC: Communicable/Infectious Diseases.

Policy HA: Negotiation Goals/Priority Objectives

Policy HA, Negotiations Goals/Priority Objectives, establishes the goals of the negotiation process with the Colorado Springs Education Association (CSEA). Policy HB, Negotiations Legal Status, recognizes the CSEA as the organization representing the teaching staff. Because these two policies are so brief, and are so similarly situated, the recommendation is to merge the two into one policy, HA, Negotiation Goals/Priority Objectives/Legal Status.

The Board's Policy Committee recommends that the Board adopt the revised Policy HA: Negotiation Goals/Priority Objectives/Legal Status.

The Board of Education adopted the revised Policy HA: Negotiation Goals/Priority Objectives/Legal Status.

Policy HB: Negotiations Legal Status

Policy HB, Negotiations Legal Status, recognizes the CSEA as the organization representing the teaching staff. Because this policy is so brief, and so similarly situated to Policy HA, Negotiations Goals/Priority Objectives, the recommendation is to repeal HB and merge it into Policy HA.

The Board's Policy Committee recommends that the Board vote to repeal Policy HB, Negotiations Legal Status.

The Board of Education repealed Policy HB: Negotiations and Legal Status.

Policy LBD: Relations with Charter Schools

Policy LBD, Relations with Charter Schools, establishes the Board's policy surrounding efforts by interested persons wishing to submit proposals for the establishment of charter schools within the District. This policy provides information regarding the application process as well as applicable state laws.

LBD is recommended for revisions that include adding language regarding the August 1st date being the earliest date to submit an application for a new charter school, and added language regarding the process to request the release of exclusive chartering authority (also with added dates and timelines for submitting requests). This added information provides further guidance to possible charter applicants. Regulation LBD-R, Exhibit LBD-E-1 and Exhibit LBD-E-2 are also revised to align with policy revisions (and attached for reference).

The Board's Policy Committee recommends that the Board adopt the revised Policy LBD: Relations with Charter Schools.

The Board of Education adopted Policy LBD: Relations with Charter Schools.

District 11 Naming Committee Recommendations for the Early College High School

Per Board Policy, FF, Naming of District Facilities, Properties and Assets, the District naming committee was convened on November 15, 2017 to consider bringing forward a recommendation to the Board of Education for the purpose of reassigning a school name to the Early College High School. The D11 naming committee, made up of staff, parents, and community members, reviewed the name submitted by Aurora Umana-Arko, Principal, and Sean Norman, Dean of Students, Early College High School.

The School District 11 Early College High School opened in August 2013 as the "Early College High School." As written in the justification for the naming submission, submitters feel this name is a designation, similar to "elementary," "middle," or "high school." Submitters feel a need to have a name that makes the school stand out from others, and prevent confusion with another school by a similar name in the city. As part of the process to determine a possible name submission, staff at the Early College High School solicited name ideas from students, parents/guardians, community members and alumni. Everyone was invited to vote on the name ideas, and the one with the most votes, Odyssey Early College and Career Options (Odyssey ECCO) was submitted to the naming committee. The naming committee respectfully requests that the Board of Education discuss the naming committee's work and the name recommendation submitted. Other names that were submitted for the Early College community to vote on, but did not receive as many votes as Odyssey ECCO were:

- Ascend High School
- Pikes Peak High School
- Dorothy Johnson Vaughan High School
- Beyond Early College
- Accolade High School
- Blossom High School
- ECCO (Early College & Career Options) of Phoenix
- Unity High School
- Mountain Climbers High School
- Expedite High School

Naming Committee from November 15, 2017: Sean Rogers, ESP; Daniella Ewen, Personnel Support Services; Jan Rennie, DAC; Anthiya Adams, ICSS; Elisa Villarruel, ESP; Pauline Stinchcomb, IT; Kevin Vick, teacher; Katherine Ritchie-Rapp, Records; Zach Alarcon, teacher; Lottie Fairbanks, student; Luna Victorino, student; Lorie Fairbanks, student; Aurora Umana-Arko, principal; Sean Norman, executive professional; Joseph Mezzotante, DAC; Gretchen Bitner, teacher; Devra Ashby, superintendent designee/chair

The Board of Education

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 2018-19: TABOR Reserves and Designations Applied to Fiscal Year Spending (Amended)

As one of the four school districts in Colorado that has not "de-TABOR-ed", District 11 must annually comply with the revenue and spending limitations of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution. This resolution allows the Board of

Education to adjust the annual reserves and designations in order to properly calculate the revenue and spending for TABOR (Taxpayers Bill of Rights) purposes.

This calculation of revenue and spending for TABOR purposes is a complex process, like a third basis of accounting, that is prepared for the District's annual financial report and annual independent audit. Generally speaking, the District's revenues and spending are only allowed to grow by a factor of inflation plus (or minus) pupil growth. Exceeding the limits is a violation of the state constitution and is subject to penalties and refunds to taxpayers as described in the constitution language. Each year we go through a complex and timely calculation to demonstrate compliance. This compliance is then audited by the District's independent auditors.

Resolution 2018-20: Student Fees, Fines, and Charges – Food Services Pricing Adjustment to Board Policy Exhibit JQ-E-1

The Food and Nutrition Services Department is requesting an adjustment to several fees for 2017-2018 which were approved by the Board of Education through resolution on June 14, 2017. The fees in this request are found in the Food and Nutrition Services portion of board policy exhibit JQ-E-1.

Requirements from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and new attention to this requirement by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) have changed pricing for adult breakfast and lunch in District 11. The FY17/18 meal prices for students remains unchanged.

The attached revised board policy exhibit JQ-E-1 reflects the changes presented. All changes are presented in font color red on the document.

Priority Improvement and Turnaround School Improvement Plans

2017 Priority Improvement Schools:

- Adams Elementary
- Galileo School of Math and Science
- Madison Elementary
- Mann Middle School
- Mitchell High School
- Monroe Elementary
- Rogers Elementary
- Swigert Aerospace Academy

2017 Turn Around Schools:

- North Middle School
- Sabin Middle School
- West Elementary

The Priority Improvement Plan and Turn Around School Improvement Plan is required by state statute. The schools have met required elements of statute and have engaged in a comprehensive planning process to develop each School Improvement Plan. Schools participated in a district led data analysis on September 9, 2017, identifying key areas of concern and performance as indicated by School Performance Frameworks (received 8/25/2017) and assessment results. Root causes were derived from this work and the comprehensive improvement plans were then collaboratively developed with input from staff and school SAC members. The plans were reviewed by district leadership for alignment with the District Business Plan, district goals and for quality plan components. Public input meetings were held at each school in September and October as per statute. The Board of Education held the required public hearing during the regular board meeting on October 25, 2017.

Plans were presented to the District Accreditation Subcommittee on October 9, 2017 for review and input. A summary of the plans was made available for review by the District Accountability Committee (DAC). Upon approval by the Board of Education, plans will be submitted to CDE as required by January 15, 2017.

Legislative Agenda

District 11 Board of Education policy BJA states that the Board of Education (the Board) annually shall adopt a legislative agenda describing legislative positions and objectives that it supports.

The District believes that it is advantageous to take an active role in the development of K-12 education legislation at the national, state, and local level.

The Board of Education approved the legislative agenda.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Designation of Official Posting Location for Board of Education Meetings and Notices

Colorado law and the Board of Education bylaws require that the Board designate a public place or places for posting notices of Board meetings each year at the Board's first regular meeting during the calendar year.

Recommendation: That the Board of Education designates the bulletin board immediately outside the boardroom at the School District 11 Administration Building, located at 1115 North El Paso Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, as the official location for posting notices of Board meetings for 2018.

This item will move to Consent for the January 24 meeting.

DAC Budget Subcommittee Membership Update

The District Accountability (DAC) committee has the responsibility of submitting to the Board for approval, members of the DAC Budget Subcommittee and the Budget Subcommittee charge for the 2017-2018 school year. "The final approval for the Budget and Accreditation Subcommittees will be by the Board and will be submitted to the Board no later than October 1 of each academic year." The Board may add members or remove members as needed in coordination with the DAC."

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the membership changes of the 2017-2018 District Accountability Committee (DAC) Budget Subcommittee and charge, as submitted by the DAC Committee.

This item will move to Consent for the January 24 meeting.

Policy ADF: District Wellness

Policy ADF, District Wellness, promotes a healthy culture for District employees and students.

Policy ADF is recommended for revisions that align the policy with federal and state laws such as the federal Smart Snacks in Schools regulations, the Colorado Competitive Food Service regulations, and the Colorado Healthy Beverage Policy. The revisions also include calling attention to the offering of food and beverages after the school day. Although it is encouraged that healthy items be offered at concessions, school fundraisers, or other events, it is not required by law.

The Board's Policy Committee recommends that the Board adopt the revised version of ADF, District Wellness.

This item will move to Consent for the January 24 meeting.

Policy BDFH: Nutrition and Physical Activity Advisory Committee

Policy BDFH, Nutrition and Physical Activity Advisory Committee, establishes the charge, role, committee composition, organization and operation of the Nutrition and Physical Activity Advisory Committee.

BDFH is recommended for revisions that align the policy with federal and state laws such as the federal Smart Snacks in Schools regulations, the Colorado Competitive Food Service regulations, and the Colorado Healthy Beverage Policy.

The Board's Policy Committee recommends that the Board adopt the revised policy BDFH, Nutrition and Physical Activity Advisory Committee.

This item will move to Consent for the January 24 meeting.

Policy EF: Food and Nutrition Services

Policy EF, Food and Nutrition Services, establishes the District's contract with the CDE to provide a school lunch program in all District schools.

Policy EF is recommended for revisions that align the policy with federal and state laws such as the federal Smart Snacks in Schools regulations, the Colorado Competitive Food Service regulations, and the Colorado Healthy Beverage Policy.

The Board's Policy Committee recommends that the Board adopt the revised Policy EF, Food and Nutrition Services.

This item will move to Consent for the January 24 meeting.

Proposed School Year Calendar 2018-2019

The 2018-2019 School Year Calendar is being recommended for approval. The calendar includes the following highlights:

- First day of school for students - Wednesday, August 15, 2018
- Thanksgiving Break - Monday, November 19, 2018 - Friday, November 23, 2018
- Winter Break for students - December 20, 2018 - January 4, 2019
- Winter Break for teachers - December 20, 2018 - January 2, 2019
- Graduation Dates - May 21 and May 22, 2019
- Last day of school for students:
 - Elementary - May 21, 2019
 - Middle and High School - May 24, 2019

Each year the District's Calendar Committee develops a school year calendar and after review and approval of Joint Council recommends the School Year Calendar to the Board of Education for final approval. The recommended calendar has been presented to Joint Council.

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the 2018-2019 School Year Calendar, as submitted.

2017-18 Mid-Year Budget Modifications

Each year the District prepares a mid-year budget modification document in order to update the adopted budget based on the most current information. The mid-year revision incorporates the final certified pupil count, property tax revenues based on the county's final assessed valuations, the audited beginning fund balances for each fund, final staffing numbers, and other

revenue and expenditure adjustments as needed. This year the passage of the 2017 mill levy override has necessitated accounting for its program implementation plans in the mid-year budget.

For FY17/18 there are 28 incremental budget requests for funding in the mid-year budget. The total amount of the incremental budget requests comes to \$3,624,708 with all requests in the general fund, no additional FTE requests, and only two of the requests recurring.

Remember, the purpose of the Mid-Year budget is to correct the June Adopted Budget for the following:

- Final Total Program Funding from CDE
- Final Pupil Count
- Final staffing
- Final Payroll spread based on raises given at the beginning of the year
- Final Property Taxes
- Final Audited Fund Balance
- Anything else new or updated

FUTURE MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS

A Board of Education work session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, at 4 p.m., at the administration building, 1115 N. El Paso St., in the Board Room.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.