

THE BOARD REPORT

August 23, 2017

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GOOD THINGS

Palmer Girls' Golf and Tennis Teams 2017 CHSSA 5A Academic State Champions

Palmer High School's girls' golf team and tennis team have been named 5A Academic State Champions, receiving the highest overall team GPA in their classification. This is the first year the Palmer girls' golf team has earned this honor. Congratulations to girls' golf team members: **Lily Bauer, Charlotte Cliatt, Chloe Mason, and Tatum Shive** and to the girls' tennis team members: **Annaliese Bronner, Maya Branch, Bailey Downs, Leslie Estrada, Rabecka Jimenez, Emma McAnulty, Grace Meluso, Marcy Schuler, Emma Stoner, Abby Timmins, and Lucy Timmins.**

Steele Teacher Named Colorado 2017 History Teacher of the Year

Christy Howard, a teacher at Steele Elementary, has been named the 2017 STATE History Teacher of the Year, an award presented annually by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The History Teacher of the Year Award highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional American history teachers from elementary school through high school. The award honors one K-12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools, and US Territories.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Board Member Reports

Board members reported on their various activities.

Superintendent's Report: First Days of School

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 August 9, 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 August 23, 2017 Personnel Recommendations, as submitted by administration.

ACTION ITEMS

Contract Awards: Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) – El Paso County 2017 Coordinate Election

The IGA for the November 7, 2017 Coordinated Election between the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners, the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder, and Colorado Springs School District 11 is required in order to place the District's Mill Levy Override question and the Candidate Names for Board of Education Directors on the ballot. The IGA must be executed by August 29, 2017, along with a 50% deposit (\$40,300.85) of the estimated cost for our participation in the election. Our estimated total cost as calculated by the County Clerk is \$80,601.70 which is subject to change based on proportional share of actual costs of the election. This is within the approved budget amount set aside.

The Designated Election Official is Dr. Mary Thurman who is the primary liaison between the County Clerk and the District.

The board of Education authorized the Executive Director of Procurement and Contracting to execute the IGA for the 2017 Coordinated Election, to be held on November 7, 2017, at a total estimated cost of \$80,601.70 to allow for Board of Education Elections and Mill Levy Override Questions.

Contract Awards: Approve Two-Year Contract Extension: Lease Whittier School Building to Mountain Song Charter School

On April 24, 2013 the Board of Education approved a five year lease of the Whittier school site located at 2904 West Kiowa to Mountain Song Community School (MSCS). MSCS received a two year charter school contract extension by the Colorado Charter School Institute through June 30, 2020 with an opportunity to add two additional years. The charter school is

asking the District 11 Board of Education for a two year extension to their current lease. The school has agreed to the contract schedule rate increase for each year and all other contract terms and conditions remain unchanged. If approved the lease term would change from ending June 30, 2018, to ending June 30, 2020.

The Board of Education approved the two-year extension to continue the lease of Whittier School site to Mountain Song Charter School.

Resolution 2018-3: 2017 Mill Levy Override Election Question

The District 11 Board of Education began a discussion nearly 2 years ago to gather input and consider placing a mill levy override election question on the ballot for November 2016. Unfortunately, that Mill Levy Override (MLO) failed. The District then began the process with staff and community for feedback on the unsuccessful election. Numerous meetings were held in the community and the schools and feedback was solicited using a feedback form. The consensus of the feedback is that there was a general unawareness of the matter, uncertainty around the ballot language and hesitation about the combined cost of the bond and MLO election questions.

Based on this feedback, the D-11 Board of Education expressed a desire to immediately move forward with just a MLO election question. The District updated the detailed MLO plan identifying all of the needed operational requirements. In order to accommodate the lack of capital funding, a separate spending plan item for the facilities renovations was updated and improved.

The format of the election question is critically important in order to comply with the election provisions of the TABOR constitutional amendment and the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder's ballot requirements. As a result, the election question has been developed utilizing the legal services of both Dee Wisor and Kim Crawford with Butler Snow.

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2018-3: Mill Levy Override Election Question.

Resolution 2018-4: Arts in Education Week

The District 11 Board of Education wishes to express their support for and designation of September 10-16, 2017, as Arts in Education Week and calls on all district employees and families to observe the week with appropriate activities.

The Board of Education endorsed Resolution 2018-4, supporting Arts in Education Week, September 10-16, 2017.

2017-18 Revised Student Fees, Fines, and Charges

Board of Education Policy JQ calls for a fair mechanism by which students pay reasonable fees to help defray the cost of such programs, activities, and amenities to the school district without making them prohibitively expensive.

Resolution 2017-51 set the student and parent fees and charges for the 2017-2018 school year, adopted by the Board of Education on June 14, 2017. Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 22-32-117 Miscellaneous Fees, a list of fees collected shall be approved by the Board of Education in resolution authorizing the collection of such fees. The District's resolution provides for amendment to the fees, fines, and charges as necessary. Item number two states "the District may take further actions during the FY17/18 school year, with reasonable discretion of the Superintendent, to make recommended changes to the student fee schedules to reflect any revised fees; and".

Once the school year commenced, a single item of the adopted fees needed to be added. Below are the details for the requested fee. This additional fee requires Board of Education approval.

Reference: Policy JQ, JQ-E-4 High School Student Fees

Section: Physical Education Fees

Fee: Lifeguard Training - \$65/semester

School: General William J. Palmer High School

Palmer High School finalized the decision to add this course after the budget adoption process and as a result it was not part of the approved fees for 2017-18. At this time, 60 students are registered for the class. The fee aligns to fees charged by other district high schools.

The Board of Education approved an additional high school fee for the 2017-18 school year.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

2017 Mill Levy Override Governance Plan

The District 11 Board of Education began a discussion about two years ago to gather input and consider placing a mill levy override (MLO) election on the ballot for November 2017. Numerous meetings were held in the community and the schools and feedback was solicited using a feedback form. The overwhelming consensus of the feedback is that District 11 has lost significant ground in terms of its operational needs and we desperately need a mill levy override election to improve our delivery of quality education.

Once the District decided to move forward, the District developed a detailed MLO plan identifying all of the needed operational requirements. This list of items is identified in a separate agenda item called the Mill Levy Override Spending Plan. Once the requirements were identified, a committee of citizens was commissioned to identify the most urgent and critical items. The committee's recommendation was for the Board of Education to seek voter approval for a \$42,000,000 MLO election.

The MLO Governance Plan details the following items:

- Use of funds
- Overview of the MLO plan
- District comprehensive performance plan

- Governance and composition of the citizens' oversight committee
- Spending plan amendment process

The 2017 MLO Governance Plan has taken the governance plan from 2000 and updates it to accommodate the 2017 MLO program.

2017 MLO Spending Plan and Program Implementation Plans

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The Mill Levy Override Spending Plan details the expenditures of the 2017 MLO election proceeds. It also includes Program Implementation Plans (PIPs) for each spending plan item detailing line item allocations.

FUTURE MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS

A Board of Education work session is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, at 4 p.m., at the administration building, 1115 N. El Paso St., in the Board Room.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.