

## **THE BOARD REPORT** **November 8, 2017**

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### **GOOD THINGS**

#### **Bristol Recognized for Excellence in STEM Education**

Bristol Elementary School received a Colorado Succeeds prize of \$15,000. They were awarded this prize for excellence in STEM education.

#### **Palmer's Softball Team Academic State Champions**

This year's Palmer Varsity Softball Team was the winner of the Les Schwab CHSAA 5A Academic Team Championship Award. They won the highest overall GPA of all other 5A softball teams in the state of Colorado, with an average GPA of 3.76. Members of the team are: **Katelyn Brossett, Leticia Velasco, Mollie Martinez, Emma Popkin, Ashley Webster, Shelby Pick, Nia Erbaugh, and Rebecca Olson**; their coach is **Randy Teschner**.

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **Board Member Reports**

Board members reported on their various activities.

#### **Superintendent's Report: FY16-17 CAFR Presentation**

State statutes require an annual audit by a certified public accounting firm of the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This audit is required to be received by the Board of Education by November 30 of each year. The CAFR was delivered to the Board of Education on October 31. This is a follow-up presentation of the CAFR. The District's auditor, RSM US LLP, has given the District an unmodified opinion (the highest assurance) on the District's FY17 CAFR. The District's CAFR is available to the public at the following link: <https://www.d11.org/Page/325>. This link will not be active until Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 9 a.m.

The District's financial statements are prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for school districts. The CAFR contains district-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements, as well as auditor's opinions, management discussion and analysis, and supplemental information about the District. This presentation is for information only. No formal action is required.

### **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 October 25, 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 November 8, 2017 Personnel Recommendations, as submitted by administration.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Resolution 2018-11: American Education Week, November 13-17, 2017**

American Education Week, November 13-17, 2017, presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

The Board of Education endorsed Resolution 2018-11: American Education Week, November 13-17, 2017.

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

#### **District Review New Charter School Application: Spacious Skies Charter School**

Spacious Skies Charter School (SSCS) is proposing a K-8 school opening school year 2018-19. Their application proposes to open with grades K-3 at 226 students growing to 438 at full build out (K-8, year 6). They are projecting 20 students per classroom, grades K-2, and 23-26 students for grades 3-8 at full build out. They are proposing a Project Based Learning (PBL) educational program emphasizing integration and teamwork in problem solving. Their target population is to serve all racially, culturally, economically, and ethnically diverse students as well as those students in special education and gifted and

talented programs. While they highly desire to be located on the west side of the District's boundaries (I-25 corridor), the Founding SSCS Board is looking at other locations within D11 boundaries.

BACKGROUND: The Charter School Act is intended to encourage innovation in education. C.R.S. 22-30.5-104 identifies the requirements and authority of a charter school. C.R.S. 22-30.5-106 lists the contents that the application must minimally address. These are the 18 areas that the district evaluation team's rubric evaluates to determine the quality of the application. This application was received by the September 1 deadline. C.R.S. 22-30.5-107(1)(c) requires the district accountability committee to independently evaluate the application and provide their report and recommendation to the District Board of Education. The District Board of Education has 90 days from September 1 to vote, by resolution, to approve, conditionally approve, or deny the application. The action meeting for this vote is scheduled for November 29, 2017.

Attachments: SSCS Application, the Evaluation Team Summary Report, the Rubric Evaluation Score Sheet and the DAC Report

### **FUTURE MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS**

A Board of Education regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m., at the administration building, 1115 N. El Paso St., in the Board Room.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.