

BOARD Meeting Activity January 9, 2019

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GOOD THINGS

GT Facilitator Earns National Recognition

For her work in gifted identification in the talent areas, **Kristin Balsick** earned national recognition at the National Association of Gifted Children conference.

SPECIAL REPORTS

School Board Recognition Month

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.

The 2019 School Board Recognition Proclamation was read by Councilmember Tom Strand.

Board Member Reports

Board members reported on their various activities.

Superintendent’s Report to the Board: Policies

The following policies were reviewed by the Board's Policy Committee, and there are no significant revisions recommended at this time:

- GCS, Professional Research and Publishing
- ILBA, District Program Assessments
- ILBB, State Program Assessments
- LC, Research Projects, Studies, Experiments and Surveys
- DM, Cash in School Buildings
- DO, Reporting Employee Misconduct Involving District Resources
- Regulation DKA-R, Compensation Administration

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 12, 2018 regular board meeting. All minutes are available in BoardDocs through the Board of Education District website, after approval by the Board of Education.

Personnel Recommendations

The Board of Education approved the January 9, 2019 Personnel Recommendations, as submitted by administration.

ACTION ITEMS

Contract Awards

There were no Contract Awards.

Priority Improvement/Turnaround schools' Unified School Improvement Plans

The 2018 Priority Improvement Schools are:

Galileo School of Math and Science

Mitchell High School

Swigert Aerospace Academy

The Priority Improvement Plan and Turnaround 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 June 4 and 5, 2018, identifying key areas of concern and performance, as indicated by School Performance Frameworks and assessment results. This work was reviewed when schools received School Performance Frameworks in August 2018. Root causes were derived from this work, and the comprehensive improvement plans were then collaboratively developed, with input from staff and school SAC members. District leadership reviewed the plans to check for alignment with the District Business Plan, district goals, and 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 24, 2018. On October 8, 2018, plans were presented to the District Accreditation Subcommittee for review and input.

The Board of Education adopted the Priority Improvement Unified Improvement Plans of Galileo School of Math and Science, Swigert Aerospace Academy, and Mitchell High School for submission to the Colorado Department of Education per C.R.S. 22-11-405 and C.R.S. 22-11-406.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Mid-Year Modifications to the 2018-19 Adopted Budget

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.

For FY18/19 there are 12 incremental budget requests for funding in the mid-year budget. The total amount of the incremental budget requests comes to \$794,500. Five requests are recurring and 2.6 additional FTE are requested.

The Board of Education agreed to move this item to the Action agenda on the January 23, 2019, regular board meeting.

Designation of Official Posting Location for Board of Education Meetings & 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.

It was agreed that the Board of Education designate 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 2019.

The Board of Education agreed to move this item to the Consent agenda on the January 23, 2019, regular board meeting.

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 agreed to move this item to the Consent agenda on the January 23, 2019, regular board meeting.

Proposed School Year Calendar 2019-2020

The 2019-2020 School Year Calendar was recommended for approval. The calendar included the following highlights:

- First day of school for students - Wednesday, August 14, 2019

- Thanksgiving Break - Monday, November 25, 2019 - Friday, November 29, 2019
- Winter Break for students - December 23, 2019 - January 7, 2020
- Winter Break for teachers - December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020
- Graduation Dates - May 19 and May 20, 2020
- Last day of school for students:
 - Elementary - May 19, 2020
 - Middle and High School - May 22, 2020

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.

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Policy BDF, Advisory Committee

Policy BDF, Advisory Committees, discusses the various Advisory Committees in the District.

BDF was recommended for revisions to include the addition of the Facilities Advisory Committee, as well as the scope, charge and composition of this committee.

The Board of Education agreed to move this item to the Consent agenda on the January 23, 2019, regular board meeting.

Policy DB, Annual Budget

Policy DB, Annual Budget, discusses the adoption of the annual budget.

DB was recommended for revisions to include the deletion of the following language: The budget shall specify...Appropriate notations indicating the amount of moneys transferred to each fund, program and account during the current and last completed fiscal year after the budget for each such fiscal year was adopted. This was recommended for deletion since it is logistically impossible.

The Board of Education agreed to move this item to the Consent agenda on the January 23, 2019, regular board meeting.

Policy DC, Taxing and Borrowing

Policy DC, Taxing and Borrowing, discusses short-term borrowing, state interest-free loan programs, and tax anticipation notes.

DC was recommended for revisions that include the addition of the following statement: Such loan shall meet the requirements of the TABOR restrictions for Multiple Fiscal Year Obligations (referencing short-term borrowing loans). This was added because short-term borrowing has to meet the stipulations with TABOR.

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Policy DAB, Business Operations Responsibilities

Policy DAB, Business Operations Responsibilities, discusses the task of operating the business management program in the District.

DAB was recommended for repeal. The contents of the policy fit more in a job description, rather than in a Board policy.

The Board of Education agreed to move this item to the Consent agenda on the January 23, 2019, regular board meeting.

Policy GBEB, Staff Dress Code

Policy GBEB, Staff Dress Code, establishes the Board's philosophy pertaining to the professional dress of staff.

GBEB was recommended for the following revisions: adding religious, cultural and medical related items to items considered acceptable professional appearance, moving the last five paragraphs of the policy to the first page of the policy to help with the flow of the policy, adding denim to examples of professional attire, and removal of sleepwear, headwear and sunglasses from the list of unacceptable attire, since those items are often worn by employees in various settings.

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FUTURE MEETING/WORK SESSIONS

The Board of Education will meet on the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 16, 2019, Work Session, 4:00 PM; Board Room
- Wednesday, January 23, 2019, Board Meeting, 6:30 PM; Exec. Session at 5:30 PM; Board Room
- Wednesday, January 30, 2019, Work Session, 4:00 PM; Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.