

BOARD Meeting Activity
April 24, 2019

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GOOD THINGS

Four Schools Named Capturing Kids Hearts Showcase Schools

The Flippen Group awarded Wilson Elementary, Adams Elementary, Stratton Elementary, and Jenkins Middle School *Capturing Kids’ Hearts National Showcase Schools* awards for the 2018-2019 school year. This is the second year Jenkins Middle School has earned this distinction.

The staff at Wilson, Adams, Stratton, and Jenkins began an initiative to transform their campuses into an emotionally safe and relationally connected place for students, staff, and parents. After researching programs used by some of the nation’s most successful schools, school leaders at these four schools chose to join hands with the Flippen Group to bring *Capturing Kids’ Heart[®]* to their campuses. Teachers and staff learned processes to increase students’ connectedness with both peers and adults on campus. They learned how to create a classroom environment where students are excited to enter and learn every day.

Through the *Capturing Kids’ Hearts National Showcase Schools* awards, the Flippen Group recognizes and celebrates campuses that go the extra mile each day, building an environment where students and staff feel safe and connected. *Capturing Kids’ Hearts* campuses across the country were considered for these awards based on the following criteria: 1) nomination based on observation by Flippen Group personnel; 2) level of implementation of *Capturing Kids’ Hearts* processes by all staff as measured by online surveys; and 3) data demonstrating that *Capturing Kids’ Hearts* made a significant improvement in attendance, discipline, climate/culture, or academics.

A Flippen Group team visited each nominated campus to gather additional quantitative and qualitative data, and to interview students, teachers, administrators, and parents. They used a matrix of key measurements to gather information during the campus walk-through. Finally, an additional survey was conducted to collect feedback regarding the perceived climate and culture of the campus and its conduciveness to learning. Following this visit, the selection team reviewed all accumulated data and selected the campuses to receive the *Capturing Kids’ Hearts National Showcase Schools* awards.

District 11 Colorado State Reflections Winners

Designed to enhance rather than replace a quality arts education, the Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts. "Heroes Around Me" was the theme for the 2018-19 Reflections program.

PTA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in several different areas. For 50 years, the program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to create works of art. The Reflections Program was started in 1969 by then Colorado PTA President Mary Lou Anderson.

Congratulations to these State Reflections winners (*Indicates entries receiving gold medals; these students will continue on to the National PTA Reflections Program. All others receive silver medals.): Dance: *Gurman Singh- Goraya, Chipeta Elementary School; *Bayli Reschke, Russell Middle School; Summer Anderson, Russell Middle School; and Olivia Bell, Russell Middle School; Photography: *Bryson Miller, Chipeta Elementary School; Literature: *Gurman Singh-Goraya, Chipeta Elementary School.

District 11 Students Succeed at Colorado Science and Engineering Fair

Three District 11 students are recent winners at the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair (CSEF). The Colorado State Science Fair, Inc. honors excellence in science, technology, engineering and mathematics; providing opportunities for students from all regions of the state to create and present their research in environments that nurture interest in science and technology; promoting professional skills, high ethical standards, diversity and continuing intellectual development. Projects were on display from students in grades six through twelve.

Each year, the CSEF hosts over 375 students from around the state and hands out over 400 individual awards to these students. District 11 winners are:

Mark Bloomfield – Coronado High School – 11th grade

- Second place – Senior Division Energy Category
- Adams State University - \$5000 scholarship

Kathryn Kummel – Palmer High School – 10th grade

- Second place – Senior Division Plant Sciences Category
- Excellence in Forestry Research Award

Jenna Salvat – Coronado High School – 12th grade

- Third place – Senior Division Earth & Space Sciences
- Adams State University - \$5000 scholarship
- Geological Society of America Award in Environmental Geology
- Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists – Excellence in Earth Sciences Award
- Society for Mining, Metallurgy, & Exploration Award for Excellence
- Association for Women Geoscientists – Outstanding Achievement Award

SPECIAL REPORTS

Board Member Reports

Board members reported on their various activities.

Legislative Update

Dr. Thomas introduced the topic and turned the presentation over to Deputy Superintendent/ Chief Financial Officer Mr. Glenn Gustafson. Mr. Gustafson briefed the Board of Education of new legislative matters affecting K-12 education. Key bills for discussion included:

- School Finance Update
- Immunization Bill (HB 19-1312)

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 April 15, 2019, 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 April 24, 2019, Personnel Recommendations, as submitted by the administration.

Instructional Materials and Secondary Course Approval

The Board of Education approved the instructional materials, new and/or amended secondary courses.

Policy EEAFB, Use of School Buses by Community Groups

The Board of Education adopted the revised version of EEAFB, Use of School Buses by Community Groups.

Policy JFBA/JFBB, School Choice-Open Enrollment and Transfer

The Board of Education adopted the revised Policy JFBA/JFBB, School Choice-Open Enrollment and Transfer.

ACTION ITEMS

F.2 Contract Awards - Approve a One Year Contract Extension: Lease Whittier School Building to Mountain Song Community 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). On August 23, 2017, the Board approved MSCS's request for a two year contract extension. MSCS received a two year charter school contract extension from the Colorado Charter School Institute through

June 30, 2021. MSCS is requesting that this Board approve a one year lease extension to coincide with their charter contract term.

The school has agreed to the contract schedule rate increase. The lease term would change from ending June 30, 2020 to ending June 30, 2021.

The Board of Education approved a one year contract extension on the current Mountain Song Community School lease of the Whittier elementary school building. This extension will end, if fully executed, June 30, 2021.

F.3 Budget Transfers, Appropriations, and FTE Approvals

There were no Budget Transfers, Appropriations, and FTE Approvals.

F.4 One-Time Employee Incentive Program 2018-2019

Colorado Springs School District 11 is offering a special one-time incentive program to its employees.

The Board of Education approved the One-Time Employee Incentive Program 2018-2019.

F. 5 Resolution 2019-30, National Teacher Appreciation Week

America's greatest strength has always been an educated citizenry, and that citizenry is directly attributable to our system of free and universal public education. Annually teachers are recognized for their efforts in educating the youth of our nation during National Teacher Appreciation Week, which this year is May 6-10, 2019.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2019-30, recognizing May 6-10, 2019 as National Teacher Appreciation Week.

F. 6 Resolution 2019-31, Climate Change Action

Public schools are a central focal point for communities and must be at the forefront of issues impacting the next generation of citizens. Climate change is one of those issues impacting our present and our future. The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education recognizes the importance of this subject and the need to take local action on this global issue.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2019-31, Climate Change Action as amended.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Proposed Board Meeting Dates for FY 2019-2020

Per Board policy BE, School Board Meetings, the board meets in regular session on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The Board of Education agreed to move this item to Consent Items on May 8, 2019, regular board meeting.

Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements

Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, provides that all students graduating from a District 11 high school should be postsecondary and workforce ready. The regulations to IKF specify what requirements must be met in order for a student to receive a high school diploma in District 11.

IKF was recommended for the following revisions: an added paragraph providing for an exception for Odyssey ECCO students who have attained an Associate's Degree or its equivalent. Students earning a postsecondary credential or completing sixty hours toward a postsecondary credential will be considered as having met graduation requirements, and will be awarded a high school diploma. These students are considered postsecondary or workforce ready, and will not be required to earn the exact number of high school credits as a traditional high school student.

The Board of Education agreed to move this item to Consent Agenda for May 8, 2019, regular board meeting.

Policy JJF, Student Activities Funds

Policy JJF, Student Activities Funds, directs the handling of money by teachers/sponsors collected through School and Student Activities (SSA).

JJF was recommended for revisions that include: 1) deletion of language about not maintaining equipment purchased with SSA funds that is not intended to become District property. That sentence was recommended for deletion because equipment purchased with SSA funds is District property, and will be maintained by the District; 2) deletion of language addressing what happens to residual funds from a previous school year. The process is covered in the Accounting and Procedures Manual, and requires a decision by the SAC and building.

The Board of Education agreed to move this item to Non-Action Item for May 8, 2019, regular board meeting.

Policy DBJ, Budget Transfers

Policy DBJ, Budget Transfers, provides instruction in relation to when a budget transfer may be made in the District.

DBJ was recommended for the following revisions: the policy currently states that all capital reserve project appropriations must be approved by the Board. The policy was revised to allow for transfers from the capital reserve fund contingency accounts if approved by (1) the Superintendent up to a maximum of \$300,000, (2) the Chief Financial Officer up to a maximum of \$200,000, and (3) the Executive Director of Financial Services up to a maximum of \$100,000. These revisions allow for construction projects to be expedited over the summer months when the Board is not in session. In addition, recommended additional language was added to the policy allowing for any remaining funds from a completed capital reserve project to be swept back into the capital reserve fund contingency accounts if approved by the Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, Capital Program Manager or Executive Director of Financial Services.

The Board of Education agreed to move this item to Non-Action Item for May 8, 2019, regular board meeting.

FUTURE MEETING/WORK SESSIONS

President Mason reviewed the following calendar and upcoming events:

- Wednesday, May 1, Board Work Session, 4:00 p.m., Boardroom
- Wednesday, May 8, Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Boardroom
- Wednesday, May 15, Board Work Session, 4:00 p.m., Boardroom
- Graduations, May 21-24
- Wednesday, May 29, Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Boardroom

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.