

**BOARD Meeting Activity  
August 12, 2020**

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**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Career and Technical Education’s Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year**  
Congratulations to Andrea Friesema, the Consumer and Family Studies teacher at Odyssey Early College and Career Options, and the Career Pathways program. Ms. Friesema has been selected as the Colorado Association for Career and Technical Education’s Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year. This award recognizes the finest career and technical teachers at the middle/secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.

Since 1917, CACTE has been the largest state organization supporting Colorado Career and Technical Educators in their efforts to prepare students for career and life success. CACTE’s members include teachers, administrators, teacher educators, career counselors, teacher candidates, business partners and other career tech professionals.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Michael J. Thomas provided an update on the Return to Learn plan. K-12 Executive Directors Sherry Kalbach, Dan Hoff, Bryan Relich and Jennifer Harris presented a sample fall classroom schedule for the elementary, middle and high 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. The cost of copying will be borne by the requester, per Board Policy BEDG.

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the June 24, 2020, regular board meeting and the July 29, 2020, special 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 August 12, 2020, Personnel Recommendations, as submitted by the administration.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Contract Awards - Election IGA

Executive Director of Procurement and Contracting Kris Odom provided the following information:

The IGA for the November 3, 2020, 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 election question, specifically to de-TABOR, or exempt the District from Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado constitution, on the ballot. The IGA must be executed by August 25, 2020 along with a 50% deposit (\$127,179.47) of the estimated cost for participation in the election. Estimated total cost as calculated by the County Clerk is \$254,358.94 which is subject to change based on proportional share of actual costs of the election. This is within the approved budget (as amended) amount set aside.

The Designated Election Official is Ms. Phoebe Bailey 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 2020 Coordinated Election to be held on November 3, 2020 at a total estimated cost of \$254,358.94 to allow for the District's election question to exempt the District from the constraints of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution.

### Budget Transfers, Appropriations, and FTE Approvals

Deputy Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Mr. Glenn Gustafson provided the following information:

The workload of the stimulus grants (CRF/ESSR/FEMA), and now another stimulus package coming, is overwhelming. The CFO is devoting almost 50% of his time to stimulus grant management just to help the department.

The workload in Grants has been steadily rising over the last several years. We also have several more large grants in the pipeline including a large Social-Emotional grant.

The Stimulus Grants come with approximately \$500,000 of indirect cost allocation. These funds are intended for grant management to include compliance, documentation, and transaction processing. We are only asking for part of the indirect cost funding, the rest will be released back to direct expenses of the grants.

The Board of Education approved the request for FTE Authorization.

Budget Transfers, Appropriations, and FTE Approvals - Election GF Contingency Transfer  
Deputy Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Glenn Gustafson provided the following information:

The District normally budgets \$30,000 each year in order to have sufficient funding for the Board of Education director election in odd-numbered years. In the event that the Board of Education decides to place an additional election question (like a bond, MLO or DeTabor), the District must supplement that budget.

In Colorado, the local county is the statutorily required entity to conduct the coordinated election. The county uses a complex formula based on the number of elected office to be filled, election questions and number of precincts for each entity's officials/questions to calculate each local government's share of the coordinated election.

For general election years, the cost to each entity is usually smaller due to the large number of elected official elections.

D-11's estimated cost to participate in the 2020 general election is currently estimated between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Since it is difficult to go back to the Board after the fact, this General Fund Contingency Transfer is for an additional \$200,000, which will give us a total budget of \$230,000. Any unused funds will be returned to the General Fund Contingency.

The Board of Education approved the request for a General Fund Contingency Transfer to cover the costs of the Intergovernmental Agreement with El Paso County to conduct the 2020 coordinated election.

Resolution 2021-01, FY 20/21 Legislation Liaisons

Deputy Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Mr. Glenn Gustafson provided the following information:

District 11 Board of Education policy BJA requires employees representing District 11 in legislative matters to have prior approval by the Board of Education. This resolution identifies those employees authorized to represent the District in legislative matters. Representation may be in the form of testimony at the capitol, attendance at meetings, advocacy discussions with elected officials, or information venues that involve legislative or governance matters.

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 levels.

The Superintendent or designee will be responsible for the coordination and communication of these types of activities between the designated representatives and the Board of Education.

The Board of Education approved Resolution 2021-01, Authorization of Legislation Liaisons.

Resolution 2021-02, Defining “Actively Engaged in the Educational Process” and Student Attendance for the 2020-2021 School Year

Director of Policy and Archival Resources, Katherine Ritchie Rapp presented and provided the following information:

Resolution 2021-02 Defining “Actively Engaged in the Educational Process” and Student Attendance for the 2020-2021 School Year, is put forth with the intention of allowing remote learning on a continuous basis in Colorado Springs School District 11. The intent of this Resolution meets all parameters of Colorado Department of Education guidelines and instructional priorities of Colorado Springs School District 11.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2021-02, Defining “Actively Engaged in the Educational Process” and Student Attendance for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Student Device Technology Fee

This item was added to the agenda.

The Board of Education waived for the 20-21 school year, the \$50 annual student device technology fee (and lesser fees for free and reduced lunch students) as specified in Exhibit JS-E-4. All other components of JS-E-4 and JS-E-2 will remain valid, including the deductible costs for stolen devices or accidental damage and full replacement costs for abused or misused devices.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements

Director of Policy and Archival Resources, Katherine Ritchie Rapp provided the following information:

Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements, Regulation IKF-R-1, Regulation IKF-R-2, and Exhibit IKF-E, provide the information necessary to become a graduate of high school in Colorado Springs School District 11. The state of Colorado’s new graduation guidelines were scheduled to be implemented for the first time for the class of 2021. However, the menu of options for demonstrating readiness for graduation includes the SAT, ACT, Accuplacer and IB assessments, some of which were canceled or limited last spring because of the pandemic.

On July 8, 2020, the state board of education granted districts flexibility with the state’s graduation options because of the disruption to learning and the cancellation or limited availability of several of the tests last spring. This flexibility allows schools and districts to use local assessments or grades to confirm students’ readiness for graduation in the 2020-21 school year. Full implementation of the state’s college and career ready graduation benchmarks for students are anticipated to continue for the 2021-22 school year.

On April 8, 2020, the Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education adopted the state graduation requirements when approving the revised policy IKF, Graduation Requirements (and regulation IKF-R-1, Graduation Requirements (For Students Enrolled in High School Beginning

with the 2017/2018 School Year and Thereafter).

In order to align with the state, the revisions involve changing the start of the new graduation requirements to begin with students starting high school in 18/19, rather than 17/18.

The Board's Policy Committee recommended that the Board adopt the revised IKF series, Graduation Requirements.

The Board agreed to move the item over to the consent agenda for the Aug. 26 regular board meeting.

#### Resolution 2021-03, De-TABOR Election Question

Deputy Superintendent/Chief Financial Officer Mr. Glenn E. Gustafson provided the following information:

In order for the District to place a ballot question on the El Paso County coordinated election, the Board of Education must approve an election question resolution containing the exact language of the ballot question. A copy of the resolution and a separate TABOR talking points document were provided to the Board.

The District's Designated Election Official (DEO) is Ms. Phoebe Bailey.

In the event that the Board of Education approves this resolution, or some variant of this resolution, the administration will work cooperatively with the El Paso County Elections Department to ensure the matter is placed on the ballot for the November 3, 2020 general election.

The Board agreed to move the item to the action agenda on the Aug. 26 regular board meeting.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Board members reported on their various activities.

### **FUTURE MEETING/WORK SESSIONS**

The Board of Education will meet on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 19, Work Session, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26, Regular Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.