

**BOARD Meeting Activity**  
**January 15, 2020**

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**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Steele Teacher Receives National Council for Geographic Education Award**

At a recent National Council for Geographic Education conference, Christy Howard, first grade teacher at Steele, was awarded the Brunn Creativity Award for outstanding teaching of geography. This award honors outstanding elementary, middle, and high school teachers who have demonstrated great creativity, originality, and innovation in their teaching of geography. This applies to their approaches to content and teaching techniques employed.

**CIVA Receives the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award**

CIVA received the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award for 2019, this is the third time CIVA has received this award. The Governor’s Distinguished Improvement Awards are given to schools that demonstrate exceptional student growth. On the school performance framework used by the state to evaluate schools, these schools "exceed" expectations on the indicator related to longitudinal academic growth and "meet or exceed" expectations on the indicator related to academic growth gaps.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Michael J. Thomas’ Mission Matters report highlighted Columbia Elementary 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 December 11, 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 the January 15, 2020, Personnel Recommendations, as submitted by the administration.

Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee Membership and Charge

The Board of Education approved the member names of the 2019-2020 Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee, to reflect the change of the committee chair and co-chair.

Policy DFG, Revenues Generated from Activities and Fundraisers, and Policy JJF, Student Activities Funds

The Board of Education adopted the revised version DFG, Revenues Generated from Activities or Fundraisers, and repealed Policy JJF, Student Activities Funds.

Policy FE, Educational Facilities Remodeling and New Construction

The Board of Education approved the revised version of Policy FE, Educational Facilities Remodeling and New Construction.

Policy ADD, Safe and Secure Schools

The Board of Education adopted the revised version of Policy ADD, Safe and Secure Schools.

District Wide Closure Due to Inclement Weather

The Board of Education approved the closure of District 11 schools and sites on Monday, December 16, 2019.

DAC Accreditation Committee Membership & Charge Revised

The Board of Education approved the revised member names, to include the new Chair for the DAC Accreditation Subcommittee, along with the revised charges for the 2019-2020 school year, as submitted by the DAC Committee.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Contract Awards

There were no Contract Awards.

Budget Transfers, Appropriations and FTE Approvals

There were no Budget Transfers, Appropriations and FTE Approvals.

2000 and 2017 Mill Levy Override Plan Amendment

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

House Bill HB 19-1262 was introduced and passed in the spring of 2019 and signed by the governor. This legislation funds full-day kindergarten in Colorado and has been incorporated into the School Finance Act. The District's 2000 mill levy override (MLO) includes PIP item 14, which funds full-day kindergarten in District 11. This funding is no longer needed, since the state will now fully fund this item.

The District would like to re-purpose the funds in 2000 MLO item 14 in two phases. The first phase implemented in May 2019, allocated \$750,000 on a non-recurring basis into 2000 MLO PIP 2B: Class Size Reduction. This first phase allowed us to hire ten additional teachers to keep the District in full compliance with unusual variations and hot spots for the beginning of the 19/20 school year. The second phase of the MLO plan amendment, will allocate the remaining amount of \$1,650,550 on a non-recurring basis into 2017 MLO PIP 8: Capital Improvements, to be used for capital funding related to air conditioning/cooling at an elementary school site. The

reoccurring MLO plan amendment will come at a later date for implementation in FY 20/21, once a plan is finalized.

The Board was reminded that the plan amendment process calls for plan amendment approval from the District's administration, the Mill Levy Override Oversight Committee, the District Accountability Committee, and a two-thirds majority vote from the Board of Education.

The Board of Education approved the MLO Plan Amendment, to allocate \$1,650,550 on a non-reoccurring basis into 2017 MLO PIP 8: Capital Improvements, to fund air conditioning/cooling an elementary school site.

#### 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.

The Board of Education designated 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 2020.

#### Legislative Agenda

District 11 Board of Education policy BJA states that the Board of Education annually shall adopt a legislative agenda describing legislative positions and objectives that it supports.

The District believes 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 approved the Legislative Agenda.

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

#### Proposed School Year Calendar 2020-2021

Assistant Superintendent-Personnel Support Services Phoebe Bailey presented the following information:

The calendar included the following highlights:

- First day of school for students - Monday, August 17, 2020
- Thanksgiving Break - Monday, November 23, 2020 - Friday, November 27, 2020
- Winter Break for students - December 21, 2020 - January 5, 2021
- Winter Break for teachers - December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021
- Graduation Dates - May 18 and May 19, 2021
- Last day of school for students:
  - Elementary - May 21, 2021
  - Middle and High School - May 26, 2021

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.

The Board approved to move this item to the Consent agenda for the January 29, regular meeting.

#### Mid-Year Modifications to the 2019-20 Adopted Budget

Executive Director of Financial Services Ms. Laura Hronik and Deputy Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Mr. Glenn Gustafson presented the following information:

Each year, in order to update the adopted budget based on the most current information, the District prepares a mid-year budget modification document. 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 FY 19/20 there are 18 incremental budget requests for funding in the mid-year budget. The total amount of incremental budget requests comes to \$4,743,289. Nine requests are recurring and 2.1 additional FTE are requested.

The purpose of the mid-year budget is to correct the June adopted budget for the following:

- Final total program funding from the Colorado Department of Education
- Final pupil count
- Final staffing
- Final payroll spread, based on raises given at the beginning of the year
- Final property taxes
- Final audited fund balance
- New funding requests supported by the Superintendent
- Anything else new or updated

The Board approved to move this item to the Action agenda for the January 29, regular 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:

- Wed., January 22, Work Session, 4:00 pm, Boardroom
- Wed., January 29, Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Executive Session, regular meeting will begin at 6:30 pm, Boardroom

Meetings are held at the Administration Building, 1115 N. El Paso St., in the boardroom, unless otherwise noted.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.