

BOARD Meeting Activity
January 29, 2020

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

West Middle School Students State Winners in Samsung Solve For Tomorrow Contest

West Middle School has been named a Colorado State Winner in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest for its proposed plan to address damaging, costly impact of hail. West’s entry was selected from thousands of entries nationwide. The Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest encourages teachers and students to solve real-world issues in their community using classroom skills in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

West Middle School is among the nation’s 100 State Winners (at least one school from all 50 states) and will receive \$15,000 in technology for its achievement. In addition, the school will also receive a Samsung video kit for students to create and submit a three-minute video that showcases their project development and how it addresses the issue. The video will be used for the chance to advance to the next phase of the contest and win additional prizes and educational opportunities.

Members of the award-winning team are: Julian Soberanis, Seth Plant, Nolan Wright, Caleb Regner, Alexa Brickell, Conner Madere, Jonas Crolley, Devin Tanner, Leinis Diaz Perez, Malachi Cosby, and Cambria Zelonis-Stewart.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Michael J. Thomas’ Mission Matters report highlighted Mann Middle School.

School Board Recognition Month: January 2020

City Councilmember Mr. Tom Strand read the School Board Appreciation Month proclamation.

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 Colorado Springs City Council recognizes the Board of Education each year in January by proclaiming January as School Board Appreciation Month.

Superintendent's Report to the Board - D11 Foundation

Mr. Wayne Hutchison, with The Foundation for School District 11, spoke about the vision and mission of the Foundation and read the 2019 grant awards recipients.

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 January 15, 2020, 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 29, 2020, Personnel Recommendations, as submitted by the administration.

Draft School Year Calendar 2020-2021

The Board of Education approved the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar, as submitted.

ACTION ITEMS

Contract Awards

There were no Contract Awards.

Budget Transfers, Appropriations and FTE Approvals

There were no Budget Transfers, Appropriations and FTE Approvals.

Mid-Year Modifications to the 2019-2020 Adopted Budget

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 were 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 were 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 of Education adopted the mid-year modifications to the 2019-2020 adopted budget.

Resolution 2020-23, African American History Month

During National African American History Month, we honor the heritage and accomplishments of African Americans and recognize their extraordinary contributions to the United States.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2020-23, recognizing February as African American History Month in District 11.

Resolution 2020-24, Career and Technical Education Month

The Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) designates February as Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month.

Leaders from business and industry nationwide report increasing challenges related to the skills gap and connecting qualified professionals with available career fields. Career and Technical Education continues to partner, design, innovate, and deliver applicable educational models that meet these industry demands.

CTE Month 2020 recognizes the ongoing leadership and excellence from classrooms across the country, and raises awareness around the crucial role that CTE has in readying our nation for economic success and workforce competitiveness. CTE classrooms are modern-day laboratories, where students and educators alike are developing the skills that will power the future of postsecondary and workforce readiness (PWR) success.

The Board of Education adopted Resolution 2020-24, designating February 2020, as Career Technical Education Month in District 11.

Resolution 2020-25, Census

A short video on Census information was presented.

The Board of Education adopted Census Resolution 2020-25.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

There were no Non-Action items.

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, February 5, Work Session, 4:00 p.m., Boardroom
- Wednesday, February 12, Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Boardroom
- Wednesday, February 19, Work Session, 4:00 p.m., 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 8:20 p.m.