

Minutes – February 13, 2018

**SPECIAL MEETING** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, February 13, 2018 pursuant to notice by Mr. Archuleta, President, at 4:36 p.m.

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Mr. Rolla to go into executive session under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b)-Legal Advice; Board to conference with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific matters.

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

Executive session commenced at approximately 4:37 p.m. with Board of Education Members Archuleta, Hyde, Quintana, Rolla, Thomas, and Attorney Jonathon Fero present. The Board received legal advice.

Executive session adjourned at approximately 5:23 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, February 13, 2018 pursuant to notice by Mr. Archuleta, President, at 5:31 p.m.

**Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Grant**—Eduard Storz, Director of Finance; Gianni Thompson, Chief Operating Officer; and Sheila Burke, Director of Federal Programs presented information regarding the application process of the Building Excellent Schools Today Grant. **Budget Goals**—Dr. Javier Abrego, Superintendent and Eduard Storz, Director of Finance shared goals with the Board of Education.

The study session adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, January 23, 2018 pursuant to notice by Mr. Archuleta, President, at 5:15 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, February 13, 2018 pursuant to notice by Mr. Archuleta, President, at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Archuleta, Dr. Hyde, Mrs. Quintana, Mr. Rolla, Mr. Thomas  
Also Present: Dr. Javier Abrego

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Quintana to approve the minutes of January 23, 2018.

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION** was made by Dr. Hyde, seconded by Mrs. Quintana to approve the minutes of February 8, 2018.

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the agenda.

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Thomas to modify consent items to pull the two certified transfers and one resignation.

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve the agenda as amended.

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

Recognitions & Celebrations

Dupont Elementary presented recognitions to Commerce City community local barbers and hair stylists. Individuals recognized were:

- Dawn McCarter – Box State Barbers
- Lorenzo Robledo – Box State Barbers
- Tim Gonzalez – Box State Barbers
- Deidre Villagomez – Box State Barbers
- Jovan Chavarria – Box State Barbers
- Vanessa Ybarra – Scissorhand Design Studio
- Dominique De La Torre – Scissorhand Design Studio
- Carlos Vigil – Carlos Barbershop
- Graciela Rocha – Cielas Hair Studios
- George Guereca – Cielas Hair Studios
- Jasmine Garcia – Cielas Hair Studios

The local barbers and hair stylists provided haircuts to Dupont Elementary students prior to the holiday break.

Kemp Elementary presented recognitions to Vets Helping Vets, Inc., Vietnam Veterans of America, Daughters of the American Revolution, and American Legion Post 22. Individuals recognized were:

- Captain Tommy Shaw
- George Horgan
- Steve Newton

Students

- Miguel Botello Osuna
- Rosa Martinez-Ceballos
- Victor Garcia-Limas
- Jennefer Flores-Hernandez

Bob Child  
Leonard Sandoval  
Jose Gonzales  
Janet Beiner  
Morgan Anne Meader

Freya Archuleta  
Devin Avery  
Neveah McDonald  
Shelby Harris  
Yadira Machorro  
Joseph Greenmeier  
Aubrey Welling  
Nataleigh Kimrey

These organizations provided Kemp Elementary with the knowledge of the proper way to utilize the flagpole and made repairs to the Kemp pole to get it up to code, provided a Memorial Flag, and provided flag protocol informational brochures. Kemp Elementary is eternally grateful for the sacrifices all individuals made for our country and for passing their knowledge on to the staff and students at Kemp Elementary.

Kearney Middle School presented recognition to Josh Polly, KMS 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher. Josh was recognized for mentoring and effectively training new teachers, goes above and beyond expectations when providing strategies and interventions, exemplifies classroom management and knows how to move students to the next level of proficiency, recruits students out of his classrooms to publish the Kearney Chronicles, and meets with students during lunch to either provide more support in reading, or a variety of clubs.

#### Audience Comments

##### **Angelica Gutierrez**

Issue: Current Issues at Adams City High School

##### **Esther Hall**

Issue: Commerce City Historical Society Second Grade Coloring Book Program

##### **Jorge Garcia**

Issue: Education and Equity in Adams 14, view Exhibit A

##### **Jose Silva**

Issue: Slanderous Email Sent from Abrego

##### **Tania Hogan**

Issue: Equity and Advocacy

#### Superintendent's Report

**Uncommon Schools Training Presentation**—The leadership team from Monaco Elementary presented conference information to the Board of Education.

**Turnaround Update**—Lisa Medler from the Colorado Department of Education provided an update for the Board of Education.

#### Consent Items

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the consent items as amended.

#### **1.0 Personnel**

- 1.1 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Personnel Actions

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

Business Items

**1.0 Other**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve other item 1.1.

1.1 Superintendent's Recommendation

Approval of Out of State Travel to Minneapolis, MN to Attend Responsive Classroom on March 8-9, 2018

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, no; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, no

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve other item 1.2.

1.2 Superintendent's Recommendation

Approval of the Revised 2018-2019 Student Calendar with Updates

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Rolla to approve other item 1.3.

1.3 Superintendent's Recommendation

Approval of Out of State Travel to Participate in the Relay 2018-2019 Program

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, no; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve other item 1.4.

1.4 Superintendent's Recommendation

Approval for a 1.0 Table of Authorized Personnel Increase for an Early Childhood Coach

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve other item 1.5.

1.5 Superintendent's Recommendation

Approval to Increase the Contract Amount with Kaitlin Lombardi, Teacher of the Visually Impaired and Orientation/Mobility Specialist, to Provide Services for Students with a Visual Disability for the Remainder of the 2017-2018 School Year

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Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve other item 1.6.

- 1.6 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval for Overnight Travel to Vail, Arizona for Site Visit

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, no; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Mr. Rolla to approve other item 1.7.

- 1.7 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval of Out of State Travel to San Antonio, TX for Quality Teaching for English Learners on July 23-27, 2018

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Thomas to table item 1.7 for the next regular meeting.

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Dr. Hyde, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve other item 1.8.

- 1.8 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Purchase Hardware for Internal WAN Upgrade

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve other item 1.9.

- 1.9 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Obtain Services from TreanorHL Formerly H+L Architecture for Adams City Middle School and Alsup Elementary School BEST Grant Assistance

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve other item 1.10.

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- 1.10 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval for In State Overnight Travel to Keystone, CO to Attend the Transition Leadership Institute June 14-16, 2018

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve other item 1.11.

- 1.11 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval for Out of State Travel to San Diego, CA for the Positive Behavior Support Conference March 28-30, 2018

Mr. Archuleta, aye; Dr. Hyde, no; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Thomas, Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

Communications

Board of Education members shared events and activities they attended.

The Board of Education will hold an executive session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2018 and a study session on the same night at 8:30 p.m.

It was consensus of the Board of Education to have President Archuleta and Treasurer Hyde as representatives from the Board on the Commerce City Education Commission.

Public Comments  
February 13, 2018  
Adams 14 Board of Education

Members of the board, my name is Jorge Garcia, executive director of the Colorado Association for Bilingual Education which conducts business in this district. I want to reaffirm for you that the issues and concerns that I speak of here relate to this district and this community and have been brought to our organization by our members, who live and work here in Adams 14 and by concerned parents of Adams 14 students. I must address statements made to this board by the superintendent in a Feb. 5, 2018 memo that relate specifically to me. In that memo, the superintendent states, and I quote, "Finally, Mr. Jorge Garcia belittled the superintendent and continues to spread information that is not true. Specifically, he stated the superintendent does not support bilingual education and that the district is out of compliance with the Office for Civil Rights Agreement." I acknowledge that I made comments that, no doubt, were embarrassing to the superintendent stating that he is violating Colorado law by failing to register his vehicle and pay those taxes on the vehicle and I stated that his last position prior to becoming superintendent here was that of physical education teacher. I can prove these statements. And am willing to do so if given more than 3 minutes. The superintendent states that I "continue to spread information that is not true". That statement, in writing, is libelous and deserves a response. Please refer to the public statements that I have made including the Jan 9<sup>th</sup> document entitled Questions and Answers about Adams 14 School District. Quote, "This means that he is not supporting bilingual education in grades 4-12." That is my statement and would be very happy if he made that statement publicly. He hasn't. The district is out of compliance with the Office for Civil Rights agreement. I have stated that and will stand by that statement. If the district fails to implement the plan for biliteracy in grades K-5, the plan provided by the district to the office for civil rights, the district is out of compliance, in my opinion. I heard Director Thomas request a report on the district's civil rights compliance. We have not seen such a report and, if the board has received such a report from the administration I would urge that it be made public. If my claim is proven wrong, I will come before you and publicly apologize to the superintendent and to this board but until then I will stand by my statements and will continue to urge this board to take not just ordinary but extra ordinary efforts to ensure that history is not repeated for the sake of the students and staff of this district.

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The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, February 27, 2018. The Board will convene in the Board of Education room located at 5291 East 60th Avenue.

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Monica Aviña  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education

Approved and Entered into Proceedings  
February 27, 2018

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Harvest Thomas  
Secretary, Board of Education

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President, Board of Education