

Minutes – December 12, 2017

REGULAR MEETING of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, December 12, 2017 pursuant to notice by Mr. Archuleta, President, at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Archuleta, Dr. Hyde, Mrs. Quintana, Mr. Rolla

Also Present: Dr. Javier Abrego

Excused: Mr. Thomas

MOTION was made by Mr. Archuleta, seconded by Mrs. Quintana to approve the minutes of November 28, 2017.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION was made by Dr. Hyde, seconded by Mrs. Quintana to amend the agenda to correct the resolution to state the correct date, it is to read: ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 2017.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Audience Comments

Dominic Moreno

Issue: Update from the Senator—Senator Moreno congratulated Dr. Hyde on his recent election and Mrs. Quintana on her re-election. He also gave a brief update on legislation and regarding the budget. Senator Moreno mentioned that everyone at the capitol worked very hard to pass the seal of biliteracy to make sure the diploma shows that they bring more talents and more skills than regularly available on a high school diploma.

Adrienne Pere

Issue: Science Fair Invitation—Ms. Pere personally invited the Board of Education to attend the Adams 14 Science Fair on Friday at Adams City High School in the Eagles Nest gym. Ms. Pere mentioned this would be a great opportunity to meet with the students to talk about their research. There will be an award ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

Alisa Mavrotheris

Issue: Resignation—Ms. Mavrotheris shared her teaching history and expressed school climate concerns.

Jorge Garcia

Issue: Bilingual Students Education Communication—Mr. Garcia expressed concern regarding vacations, conferences, and attendance. Mr. Garcia also referenced the English Language Development clarification letter from Dr. Abrego.

Daniel Sullivan

Issue: Bike Program in Adams 14—Mr. Sullivan spoke about Lake Arbor Optimists by Steve Selle who offers programs that provide bicycles to children whose parents aren't able to afford to buy bikes for their children and programs that provide information and training on how to walk and ride your bike to school safely. Mr. Sullivan informed the Board of Education that to date Steve Selle, a retired

principal, has provided bikes to children at Rose Hill Elementary, Dupont Elementary, Alsup Elementary, and plans to give bikes to Kearney Middle School as well.

Kathy Escamilla

Issue: Literacy Squared—Dr. Escamilla raised concerns about the manner in which Literacy Squared is being implemented in Adams County. Dr. Escamilla requested a full and public commitment to the program by January 9, 2018 and requested an opportunity to present the findings from this project to the Board of Education.

Jody Slavick

Issue: Literacy Squared—Ms. Slavick requested clarification on your commitment to the Literacy Squared program and its full implementation through grade 5 as originally agreed by the next board meeting. Ms. Slavick also asked for an opportunity to share findings thus far with the Board of Education.

Stephanie Levine

Issue: Clarification of my Audience Comment—Ms. Levine wanted to clarify her previous audience comments and expressed that the leadership choices have such unique consequences on students and she has been able to see these consequences after being at Adams City High School alongside the students.

Tania Hogan

Issue: Biliteracy—Ms. Hogan was present on behalf of parents and staff who continue to voice their concerns and questions about what is happening in the district around biliteracy. Ms. Hogan also questioned practices in the district regarding substitute coverage and student testing.

Joy Kemna

Issue: Biliteracy—Ms. Kemna shared some triumphs she has seen over the past three years in her first grade biliteracy classroom at Monaco Elementary.

Barb McDowell

Issue: CTA Issues—Ms. McDowell spoke on behalf of the Classroom Teachers' Association. Ms. McDowell shared that on December 6 the CTA hosted the first meeting with the community. Over 15 parents showed up representing six school sites. The information gathered will be shared later. Ms. McDowell also expressed concern regarding fear and distrust throughout the district.

Dolores Bodkin

Issue: Biliteracy Program/Teacher Retention—Ms. Bodkin expressed concern regarding teacher retention, treatment of staff, student rights, and native language.

Guillermo Serna

Issue: Biliteracy Program/Teacher Retention—Mr. Serna suggested that the Board of Education should create an empowered committee to talk about and discuss current concerns or issues in the district.

Responses to Prior Audience Comments

Superintendent Abrego—There were responses to audience comments made on November 28, 2017. I am pleased to say that Adams 14 is a leader in the state in this area. Last year approximately 46 seniors earned this distinction. I personally feel we should strive to have more than 100 seniors earn the Seal of Biliteracy each year, which would make us the #1 district in the state. Various individuals stated for Adams 14 to keep the Seal of Biliteracy. We could not agree more. We totally support the Seal of Biliteracy and want to offer this to every student who can master any second language. Whenever students are truly bilingual, and have attained English proficiency, they will have the tools and knowledge to succeed. We fully support bilingual education as a model to help our limited English proficient (LEP) students attain English proficiency, develop high levels of academic attainment in English, and meet the same challenging state academic content and student achievement standards as all children are expected to meet. Adams 14 is committed to providing materials and resources to all classrooms, and professional development to ALL teachers to support the development of our limited

English proficient population as well as all other students. Adams 14 does not support the English only model as a method to elevate our Limited English Proficient (LEP) students. However, Adams 14 will respect the request of parents who choose the “English only model” as it is their right under the law. Adams 14 clearly understands that English learners must have unique supports for this to learn English and have success in our classrooms. We are committed to providing these supports. I have just stated that Adams 14 is committed to having an outstanding English Language Acquisition program that supports and meets the needs of our Limited English Proficient (LEP) students. We agree that having the involvement and input from our principals, teachers, staff, parents, and community is very important to the success of our bilingual, ELD, and Biliteracy programs. We also understand that each school has a unique community of learners. Therefore, I have instructed principals to meet with all stakeholders to meet the needs of their Limited English Proficient (LEP) students and develop the best program possible for their particular school. Each school’s program must; meet legal requirements; Title I, Title III; have input from all the stakeholders mentioned above; ensure they meet the needs of their students with high quality teachers; implement their program with fidelity. The district will support each school with materials, resources, and professional development. All parents value having a relationship with their child’s teacher. That is why we have developed options of how to connect parents and teachers any times throughout the year. Parents can still connect face to face, PLUS they can email or call their teacher and/or they can access information such as grades, attendance, behavior, and homework online at any time. In closing, some individuals were concerned that Adams 14 may be violating the OCR Agreement. I can honestly say that we have been monitoring and honoring this Agreement faithfully. We have processes in place to assure we are complying with all components of the Agreement. In addition, we have also secured the assistance of a third party expert in response to these allegations. To assure we are complying with the Agreement we have invited the Colorado Department of Education to perform an audit of our English Language Acquisition program and to guide us through modification in our Turnaround Plan for Limited English Proficient students. Dr. Abrego finished with sharing the video created to show and explain the new way of conducting conferences.

Superintendent’s Report

CHSAA Fall Leadership Conference Presentation— Student Council participants from Adams City High School informed the Board of Education that the CHSAA Fall Conference is where student councils from all around Colorado meet to share ideas and events that their school’s plan. The conference is held at a different location every year, this year it was in Grand Junction. Students learn about what being a leader in schools and communities really means. The group learned new ideas and methods on how to run student council in a more successful manner, new leadership skills that can be applied in daily life as well as in school, and ideas for successful school and community events.

Budget/Finance Presentation—Sandy Rotella, Chief Financial Operations Officer presented an update on the 2017-2018 budget.

National Gifted and Talented Conference Presentation—Robert Frantum-Allen, Director of Integrated Services and Katie Coggin, Gifted and Talented Coordinator shared models and gadgets used for learning.

Consent Items

MOTION was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mrs. Quintana to approve the consent items as amended.

1.0 Personnel

- 1.1 Superintendent’s Recommendation
Personnel Actions

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

MOTION CARRIED

Business Items

1.0 Grant

MOTION was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve grant item 1.1.

- 1.1 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Apply for the ESSA School Improvement Grant (EASI) from the Colorado Department of Education

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

MOTION CARRIED

2.0 Resolution

MOTION was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve resolution item 2.1.

- 2.1 Superintendent's Recommendation
Resolution 17-014
Certification of Amounts to be Raised from Tax Levies for 2018

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

MOTION CARRIED

3.0 Other

MOTION was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve other item 3.1.

- 3.1 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval of In-State Overnight Travel to Colorado Springs, CO by Kearney Middle School Band Teacher

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve other item 3.2.

- 3.2 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval of Out-of-State Travel to Sioux Falls, SD by Kearney Middle School Physical Education Teacher

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve other item 3.4.

- 3.4 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval for a Table of Authorized Personnel Increase for the Adult Learning Center

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve other item 3.5.

- 3.5 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval of Partial Roof Replacement at Dupont Elementary

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve other item 3.6.

- 3.6 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval of Partial Roof Replacement at Kemp Elementary

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Dr. Hyde to approve other item 3.6.

- 3.6 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Enter into Investment Banking Agreement with RBC Capital Markets, LLC as Underwriter for Adams 14

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

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 Discussion

- 4.1 Superintendent's Recommendation
National Association of School Boards

Discussion was held regarding attendance to the National Association of School Boards conference in San Antonio, Texas this coming April. It was consensus of the Board of Education members not to attend due to the costs associated for membership, registration and travel.

Communications

It was consensus of the Board of Education to try and schedule a professional development and training with the Colorado School Districts Self Insurance Pool on either December 19 or December 20 at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Quintana, seconded by Dr. Hyde to adjourn.

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018. The Board will convene in the Board of Education room located at 5291 East 60th Avenue.

Monica Aviña
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education

Approved and Entered into Proceedings
January 9, 2018

Harvest Thomas
Secretary, Board of Education

Timio Archuleta
President, Board of Education