

Minutes – January 15, 2014

**STUDY SESSION** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Wednesday, January 15, 2014 pursuant to notice by Mr. Vashaw, President, at 4:38 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Quintana, Mr. Quintana, Mr. Rolla, Mr. Vashaw  
Also Present: Patrick Sánchez

**Turnaround Update**—Kayla McGannon and Reilly Pharo shared information on where the district stands today, how much progress has been made but also how much more there is to do, gave background on the state’s accountability framework, shared an overview of the school options, shared information on innovation and gave examples, shared information on charter and gave examples of charters and finally also reminded and stressed the importance of keeping the students of Adams 14 at the center of the discussion.

The Study adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING SESSION** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Wednesday, January 15, 2014 pursuant to notice by Mr. Vashaw, President, at 6:35 p.m.

The Board of Education held a moment of silence in memory of Claire Davis from Arapahoe High School and also wishing Amy Buford from Hanson Elementary a speedy recovery.

Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Quintana, Mr. Quintana, Mr. Rolla, Mr. Vashaw  
Also Present: Mr. Sánchez, Mr. Kramarz

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Morton, seconded by Mr. Rolla to approve the minutes of December 10, 2013.

Mrs. Morton, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Morton, seconded by Mr. Rolla to approve the minutes of December 20, 2013.

Mrs. Morton, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mrs. Morton to approve the minutes of January 8, 2014.

Mrs. Morton, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**MOTION** was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mrs. Morton to amend the agenda to include amendments to personnel actions.

Mrs. Morton, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mrs. Morton to approve the agenda as amended.

Mrs. Morton, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

Audience Comments

Mr. Vashaw—There are no audience comments.

Responses to Prior Audience Comments

Mr. Vashaw—There are no responses to prior audience comments.

Superintendent's Report

**Finalized District UIP**—Superintendent Sánchez delivered a copy of all schools UIP reports that will be submitted to the Colorado Department of Education.

**Lester Arnold High School Presentation**—LAHS Principal Gianni Thompson presented to the Board of Education. One year ago I stood before you to talk about a plan to take LAHS from one of the worst AEC's in the state to one of the first AEC's in the state. At this time LAHS was noted as " a correctional facility type of environment." There is not evidence of student success publicly displayed throughout the building. Classroom walls do not show exemplary student work samples. Throughout the building there is minimal signage or banners that exemplify excellence or promote any type of college or career readiness. So tonight I going to show you that our past is the past and our future is bright than ever. In the past many students believe this is an alternative or last chance school. However, we are now moving on to a higher level. To accomplish Turnaround with sustainable improvement rebranding was necessary. We want you all to be part of that rebranding. LAHS also has a school crest. The symbols in the crest for LAHS represent many of our values and beliefs. The Key represents the unlocking of opportunity, followed by the Phoenix symbolizing the renewed belief in success of non-traditional students, the balance or scales stands for and have long functioned as a symbol for equality and fairness, found all over the world in diverse cultures. And finally the book representing the knowledge gained while attending LAHS. Create a Turnaround Process that will provide multiple pathways for meeting student graduation requirements, identify and develop a school model that focuses on college and career for all students, multiple pathway school's unique design provides a variety of school programs housed at one location, develop programs tailored to meet the needs of the diverse students, prepares students for a successful transition to their program or school of choice, integrated use of technology to develop 21st Century Learning skills, GED/CTE/College and extended learning day to meet all students needs. We are in the fifth month of a three year 1.5 million dollar grant that will allow implementing the changes necessary to turn LAHS around. We have implemented a blended learning model that allows students to recapture credit while completing their current course work with their peers. Evening division (Night Owls) focused on getting students the course work they need outside of traditional school hours. This is also available for drop in students. GED designed to re-engage students that are over age and under credit, GED testing center to support the community and students at home. LAHS has moved from Turnaround to Priority Improvement in the short time that I have been there. This is because of our focus on students. As we grow students. We are also growing teachers through professional development and

Driven by Data model. A model that analysis student thinking and guides appropriate re-teaching strategies for weak areas and how to continue with effective practices. We are focused on our own growth as professionals by changing our practice from the data that we receive from our students. We have also implemented Courageous Conversations field guide to achieve equity in our school. As we look back at our accomplishments we can only see how bright our students' futures are. I look forward to standing before you at this time next year to share with you how much better we have become.

**Dupont Elementary School Presentation**—Dupont Principal Pat Almeida went over the fact about Dupont Elementary. Dupont Elementary has 727 students Kindergarten through 5th Grade, 45 certified Teachers, 30 classified staff and 2 administrators. Dupont's vision is: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Ready To Learn. We aspire to create powerful students and teachers. The community events that have been hosted at Dupont are: Make a Difference Night, McTeacher Night, Fall Carnival, Parent/Teacher Home Visits, Bring Your Parent to School Day, Family Math Night, Breakfast with the Principal, DINO and Professional Learning Communities. We aspire to create a positive learning community. The culture and climate at Dupont includes: Wellness Committee, Girls on the Run, Mentoring, Book Buddies, Social Skills Groups, Student Council, Penny Harvest, Hat Day, Lunch with a Veteran, Peace For Kids and Therapy Dogs. We aspire to prepare 100% of our students for college and post-secondary workforce readiness. The Dupont Elementary mission statement is: The Dupont community embraces 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education to inspire lifelong learners in a positive atmosphere.

### Consent Items

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

#### **1.0 Personnel**

- 1.1 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Personnel Actions

#### **2.0 Grants**

- 2.1 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Accept Funding from the Western Dairy Association
- 2.2 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Apply for Funding from the American Association of University Women
- 2.3 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Participate in the Colorado Legacy Foundation Youth Career Connect Consortia
- 2.4 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Apply for Funding from the Denver Foundation

Mrs. Morton, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### Business Items

#### **1.0 Other**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mrs. Morton to approve other item 1.1.

- 1.1 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Submit Unified Improvement Plans to Colorado Department of Education for 2013-2014

Mrs. Morton, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mrs. Morton to approve other item 1.2.

- 1.2 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Purchase Meru Wireless Hardware and Software Licenses to Complete Phase II of the District Wireless Infrastructure

Mrs. Morton, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mrs. Morton to approve other item 1.3.

- 1.3 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Enter into a Community Solar Services Agreement with SunShare

Mrs. Morton, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mrs. Morton to approve other item 1.4.

- 1.4 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Enter into an Agreement with One World Translation

Mrs. Morton, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

Communications

It was consensus of the Board of Education to have a Board of Education Budget Study Session on Tuesday, January 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Vashaw reminded everyone to check out the newly launched website at [www.adams14.org](http://www.adams14.org).

Superintendent Sánchez had the pleasure of recognizing the Board of Education for School Board Recognition Month during January as proclaimed by Governor Hickenlooper.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mrs. Morton to adjourn.

Mrs. Morton, aye; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

**MOTION CARRIED**

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The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 7:39 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, January 28, 2014. The Board will convene in the Board of Education room located at 5291 East 60th Avenue.

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Monica Avina  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education

Approved and Entered into Proceedings  
January 28, 2014

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Mary Morton  
Secretary, Board of Education

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Robert Vashaw  
President, Board of Education