

Minutes – November 12, 2014

SPECIAL MEETING of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Wednesday, November 12, 2014 pursuant to notice by Mr. Vashaw, President, at 5:07 p.m.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mr. Quintana to move into executive session pursuant to ***C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b)**– Legal Advice; for the Board to discuss and receive legal advice on specific pending legal matters and questions, chartering authority, and public comment policy.

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Education adjourned executive session at 6:20 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING SESSION of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Wednesday, November 12, 2014 pursuant to notice by Mr. Vashaw, President, at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Quintana, Mr. Quintana, Mr. Rolla, Mr. Vashaw

Also Present: Patrick Sánchez, Walter Kramarz

MOTION was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mr. Quintana to approve the minutes of October 14, 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 Mr. Quintana to amend the agenda to include amendments to personnel actions and also amendments to routine item under other 3.7.

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 Mr. Quintana to approve the agenda as amended.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Recognitions & Celebrations

Veterans Day—Superintendent Sánchez was proud to have the opportunity to honor those who have served our country, and expressed appreciation for their incredible commitment and sacrifices

to protect our freedom. As President Harry S. Truman once said, “Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid, they have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices.” On behalf of the entire District, I want to thank all military service men and women for their contributions to our country. Superintendent Sánchez asked all retired and active service men and women to please stand and be recognized.

ARC Educational Professional of the Year—Superintendent Sánchez was pleased to recognize Adams 14’s Director of Integrated Services, Dr. Dawn Loge, who was recently recognized by ARC of Adams County as the Educational Professional of the Year. The ARC of Adams County has been around since 1957, and offers advocacy services, public education awareness, trainings and more. ARC of Adams County is a part of a nationwide voluntary organization whose members are devoted to improving the lives of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, without regard to race, creed, geographical location or degree of disability. The ARC Educational Professional of the Year Award recognizes Dr. Loge’s exemplary dedication to students with disabilities and their families. Dr. Loge is family and student centered, and truly enables genuine collaboration between Adams 14, the families and students they serve and Arc of Adams County. Adams 14 is absolutely thrilled to recognize Dr. Loge for her exemplary commitment to our students and families, and for establishing rapport and nurturing relationships with organizations that help the District in its mission to inspire, educate and empower all students to succeed.

ARC Hero of the Year —Superintendent Sánchez was honored to announce Adams 14’s own Emma Sánchez was recently recognized by ARC of Adams County as an ARC Hero of the Year awardee. The ARC of Adams County has been around since 1957, and offers advocacy services, public education awareness, trainings and more. Emma received this high-caliber award for her hard work and dedication to the ARC Thrift Shop where she is currently employed. She was honored at the Born to be Me Gala in Denver on September 15, where she performed a dance to the song Timber, and enjoyed dinner, dancing and a silent auction. Only three ARC employees in the entire state receive this incredible recognition It has been the unwavering support of Emma’s Adams 14 support network that has empowered her to be able to thrive in her job with Arc, including: Dr. Dawn Loge, Allison McNa, Tracy McDonald, Jan Edwards, Jane Duggan, Annie Bernacki, Dorian Vigil, Laticia Leon, Beverly Guyer, Catalina Guerrero, Greta Johnson, Dawn Chastain, Michelle Mascarenas, Cindy Phelps and Nancy Tanguay. Emma was recently interviewed about her award and her job at Arc, and said that her favorite part of her job is...EVERYTHING!

Audience Comments

Carolina Ortiz, 4440 E. 66th Avenue, Commerce City, CO 80022

Issue: Thank You—Ms. Ortiz commented on how proud she was of recognitions and how she is seeing all of the positive changes in Adams 14 and thanked the Board for the support and change.

Guillermo Serna, 14122 E. 102nd Place, Commerce City, CO 80022

Issue: Future—Mr. Serna expressed the challenges that the students will be facing in their future and how the STEAM system is one of the best things for Adams 14. He also expressed that we need to listen to a child who is a genius saying don’t give up, don’t quit and keep trying!

Beatrice DeLuna, 6145 Porter Way, Commerce City, CO 80022

Issue: Comment—Ms. DeLuna commented on personal personnel issues and was asked to speak offline with Dr. Duran regarding her issues.

Barb McDowell, 303 Brigitte Drive, Northglenn, CO 80260

Issue: Courageous Conversation Summit—Ms. McDowell thanked the Board and leadership for the opportunity to attend the Courageous Conversation Summit in New Orleans and expressed the great experience and now looks forward to the work in Adams 14 along with Dr. Duran.

Responses to Prior Audience Comments

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

Superintendent's Report

Alsup Elementary School—Principal Michael Abdale presented information regarding Alsup Elementary to the Board of Education. Mr. Abdale spoke about Alsup's vision, at Alsup Elementary, we will provide a challenging and safe learning environment that develops the whole child. Through individualized instruction in all content areas, we will ensure that every child reaches his or her maximum potential and will be well equipped to meet the challenges of future education, work and life. At Alsup Elementary the team meets the needs of each individual student, gives students real life experiences, provides safety patrol, works with Junior Achievement, works with community organizations, and most importantly involves parents as partners in education. Mr. Abdale shared a variety of data and the variety of teaching models used at Alsup to help students be successful in all areas.

Monaco Elementary School—Principal Ari Gerzon-Kessler presented information to the Board regarding Monaco Elementary. Monaco's new vision is; Monaco Elementary instills a passion for life and learning, inspiring all to achieve their personal best in a positive, empowering, collaborative community. Mr. Gerzon-Kessler shared a variety of data with the Board. Monaco's top priorities are building a strong sense of community and collaboration in our staff; effective leadership: strong communication, trust, relationships, PD, and setting the bar high with support; creating clear school-wide structures, systems, and expectations; developing a clear Vision Statement and ensuring that all our efforts and decisions connect back to this vision; engaging and empowering families; strengthening our PBIS system with new citizenship traits and several new reinforcing structures; implementing Social and Emotional Learning practices and Kagan structures for teaching to the whole child and increasing engagement and achievement; using Driven by Data where assessments drive instruction, and student data guides our priorities; studying the best practices of the 90/90/90 schools and others that are erasing the Achievement Gap; expanding our toolbox with Sheltered Instruction strategies to increase student engagement and learning; ensuring that the Master Schedule provides at least 2 hours for Literacy; using Science Notebooks to dramatically increase the amount of non-fiction writing students do; and setting the stage with students that every minute matters with a strong start and end to our school day.

Adams City Middle School—Director of Teaching and Learning English Language Development Patricia Hurrieta presented information to the Board of Education regarding English Language Development. Ms. Hurrieta shared the current Adams 14 ELD plan: The Adams 14 English Language Development and Support Plan is a guide for the development of academic and social language by providing specialized instruction and support so that English Language Learners will achieve at rigorous levels of instruction. The vision for ELD is for English learners become competent in academic, cultural and social language and functions, English learners attain academic, social and cultural knowledge to achieve bi-literacy and post-secondary opportunities providing students with choice, and teachers use research-based teaching strategies for English learners using: EL Achieve, SIOP, QTEL-WestEd, Literacy Squared strategies, and GLAD strategies. The Adams 14 philosophy is that second language acquisition follows developmental stages, and is a process. Research indicates that EL's may require 5 to 8 years of support in order to achieve the same levels of proficiency in academic English as native speakers. EL's participating in a thoughtfully designed, well-implemented, consistent program of instruction remain in school longer and retain significantly higher rates of academic achievement in comparison with students without this type of program. Maintaining and developing a student's native language is beneficial for their academic achievement and self-esteem. Maintaining and developing a student's native language is beneficial for their academic achievement and self-esteem. Language is valued as an asset. Bi-literacy is the goal. English Language Learners are capable of tackling cognitively complex, rigorous subject matter when appropriate and intentional scaffolds are provided. The Colorado Department of Education defined English learners as a student whose dominant language is not English is defined as a public school student whose academic achievement is impaired due to his/her inability to comprehend or speak English adequately. English language proficiency is

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determined by his/her school district through the use of instruments and tests approved by CDE. The new ELD program will continue to support schools refine the district ELD Plan with a committee of outside and district experts including Kathy & Manuel Escamilla from CU BUENO Center and teachers representing primary, middle and high schools.

Consent Items

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

1.0 Personnel

- 1.1 Superintendent's Recommendation
Personnel Actions

2.0 Grant

- 2.1 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Accept Colorado School Counselor Corps Grant from the Colorado Department of Education
- 2.2 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Apply for Funding from a Colorado Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Grant

3.0 Other

- 3.1 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval for Appointment of Candidates to Serve on the District Accountability Advisory Committee and Charge for 2014-2015 School Year
- 3.2 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Contract with Denver Syrup to Provide 100% Fruit Juice Frozen Drinks
- 3.3 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Contract with Northern Colorado Paper/Am San
- 3.4 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Contract with Maintenance Chef for Preventative Maintenance and On-Call Maintenance of Kitchen Equipment
- 3.5 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Contract with Tropical Paradise to Provide 100% Fruit Snacks
- 3.6 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Contract with Meadow Gold Dairies for Milk in the Nutrition Program
- 3.7 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Accept Replacement of Adams 14 Warehouse Roof
- 3.8 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Accept Purchase of Computer Lab Furniture

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

MOTION CARRIED

Business Items

1.0 Policy

MOTION was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mr. Quintana to approve policy item 1.1.

- 1.1 Superintendent's Recommendation
Policy KBBA and KBBA-R – New 2nd Reading/Adoption
Custodial and Noncustodial Parent Rights and Responsibilities

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 Mr. Quintana to approve policy item 1.2.

- 1.2 Superintendent's Recommendation
Policy KDB – Revised and KDB-R – New Discussion/1st Reading
Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information

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 Mr. Quintana to approve policy item 1.3.

- 1.3 Superintendent's Recommendation
Policy BEDH – Revised Discussion/1st Reading
Public Participation at Board Meetings

Mrs. Morton, no; Mrs. Quintana, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Rolla, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye

MOTION CARRIED

2.0 Resolution

MOTION was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mr. Quintana to approve resolution item 2.1.

- 2.1 Superintendent's Recommendation
Resolution Number 14-020
Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Audit Report

Chief Financial Operations Officer Sandy Rotella and representatives from RubinBrown gave a presentation on the 2013-2014 CAFR.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mr. Quintana to move Resolution item 2.2 to the end of the agenda and proceed with communications due to a need for an executive session regarding that specific resolution.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Communications

Each Board member shared a highlight of their last two weeks.

President Vashaw reminded everyone that the next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on, Monday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m.

President Vashaw reminded everyone to look at the screens for upcoming events and also to view the Adams 14 website for all upcoming school events.

It was consensus of the Board of Education to have their annual end of year dinner with families at the ESS building on Thursday, December 18.

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Education adjourned executive session at 10:18 p.m.

MOTION was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mr. Quintana to approve resolution item 2.2.

- 2.2 Superintendent's Recommendation
- Resolution Number 14-021
- Approval of Resolution Rescinding Establishment of Institute Charter School within Adams 14's Geographic Boundaries

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 Mr. Quintana to adjourn.

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 10.23 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday, November 24, 2014. The Board will convene in the Board of Education room located at 5291 East 60th Avenue.

Monica Avina
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education

Approved and Entered into Proceedings
November 24, 2014

Mary Morton
Secretary, Board of Education

Robert Vashaw
President, Board of Education