

Minutes – December 9, 2014

**SPECIAL MEETING** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, December 9, 2014 pursuant to notice by Mr. Vashaw, President, at 4:32 p.m.

Executive Session

**MOTION** was made by Mrs. Morton, 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, **C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e)**—Contract Negotiations; Superintendent’s Contract and Rosemary/Ulster Property, and **C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f)**—Personnel; Updates.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Board of Education adjourned executive session at 5:30 p.m.

**STUDY SESSION** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, December 9, 2014 pursuant to notice by Mr. Vashaw, President, at 5:35 p.m.

**UIP Review**—Janell Sueltz, Director of Student Achievement shared information about Unified Improvement Planning with the Board of Education. Local school boards are responsible: for accrediting their schools, and for overseeing that academic programs meet or exceed state and local performance expectations on the state’s four key Performance Indicators (achievement, growth, closing gaps, and postsecondary/workforce readiness). Local school boards also are responsible: for creating, adopting and implementing a Performance, Improvement, Priority Improvement, or Turnaround plan, whichever is required by the Department, and for ensuring that schools create, adopt and implement the type of plan required by the State Board.

**Human Resources Policy Review**—The Adams 14 Human Resources Department shared and reviewed a variety of hiring practice policies that need to be updated or removed from the policy manual with the Board of Education.

The Board of Education adjourned the study session at 6:09 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING SESSION** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, December 9, 2014 pursuant to notice by Mr. Vashaw, President, at 6:31 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 Mrs. Morton to approve the minutes of November 24, 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 amend the agenda to include amendments to personnel actions and reclassification to Range 13 instead of 12 on Routine consent item 1.3.

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**

Recognitions & Celebrations

**Superintendent Sanchez**—On Thursday, November 13, Adams 14 held its third-annual Youth Resource Fair at Adams City High School. The Youth Resource Fair provides all Commerce City youth – ages 16 to 25 – with resources, and the opportunity to speak with experts in the following arenas: education counseling, workforce centers, immigration law, financial aid, food and housing aid, medical assistance, services for youth with physical, or other challenges. More than 300 Adams 14 students attended this incredible event that was organized and hosted by the following members of Team Adams 14: Mary Ann Mosquera, Title 10 Liaison; Jan Edwards, SWAP Coordinator; Allison McNa, SWAP Specialist; José Guardiola, Family Engagement Coordinator; Chris Duran, Adult Education Coordinator; Celia Reyes-Martinez, Community Engagement Coordinator; Maria Zubia, Director of Community Outreach; and Kids First Health Care. Maria Zubia administered a survey to students to determine what they needed most at the upcoming Resource Fair. More than 80 percent of students said that they were in need of food, so the team met that need, accordingly. They created a mini-grocery store, thanks to a \$1,400 donation from Swift Transportation, where students could get essential grocery items to take home. Thanks to a \$1,500 donation from Suncor, every student walked away with a backpack filled with hygiene items, socks, undergarments, hats, gloves, scarves and blankets! Student feedback on the event was overwhelmingly positive. They appreciated the food, resources and support from Adams 14. Adams 14 would like to thank the Youth Resource Fair planning team for their incredible commitment to our District students. Your exemplary hard work does not go unnoticed, and on behalf of the entire District, we want to say thank you for your unwavering dedication in support of our mission to inspire, educate and empower every student to succeed. We also want to thank Ruben Chacon, director of teaching and learning, as well as Janell Sueltz, director of student achievement, for their leadership and oversight of this event. We invite Mary Ann, Jan, Allison, José, Chris, Celia and Maria to step forward to be recognized!

Superintendent's Report

**Lester Arnold High School**—Principal Gionni Thompson presented information regarding Lester Arnold High School to the Board of Education. Lester Arnold's High School's mission is; LAHS will empower our students to achieve their full potential as life-long learners and successful leaders. Lester Arnold's High School's vision is; LAHS is committed to providing an exceptional educational experience by creating an inclusive environment, strengthening our community relationships, and offering multiple pathways for success. Lester Arnold is not the typical advisory class. Every staff member in the building has "adopted" a family of students. Families meet once a month on an adjusted class schedule. "Family time" is used to prioritize both emotional and academic needs of the students through activities such as: goal setting, personal data analysis of STAR and interim data, reflecting on choices regarding attendance/grades/academic progress, teambuilding, and collaborating on school-wide events. LAHS is connected with the community this year when they celebrated Commerce City by providing refreshments during the annual Derby Days, had our largest turnout for the homecoming parade in history, collaborated with Adams City High School for the "El Grito" presentation, hosted a Fall and Spring Fling annual community events, and also held friendly competition with Rose Hill Elementary in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

**Integrated Services Presentation**—Director of Integrated Services Dawn Loge presented to the Board of Education. Integrated Services goals are student achievement, parent and community Engagement, and communication through the lens of equity that line up with the Board of Education goals. Dr. Loge also shared information and data related to integrated services.

**1st Quarter Financial Report**—Eduard Storz, Director of Finance shared the first quarter financial reports with the Board of Education.

Audience Comments

**Mr. Vashaw**—There are no audience comments this evening.



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 policy item 2.2.

2.2 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Resolution Number 14-023  
A Resolution Modifying Resolution NO. 14-121 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**

Communications

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

President Vashaw reminded the Board of Education members for a retreat/training in February to Monica.

President Vashaw reminded the Board of Education members to give their donation to Monica as soon as possible for the Holiday Dinner with some of our community families on Thursday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m.

It was consensus of the Board of Education to donate the use of the Adams 14 small sound system to Community Enterprise for their upcoming winter-fest.

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.

**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**

The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, January 13, 2015. 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 13, 2015

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Mary Morton  
Secretary, Board of Education

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Robert Vashaw  
President, Board of Education