

SPECIAL MEETING of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, July 29, 2014 pursuant to notice by Mr. Vashaw, President, at 5:04 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; discuss specific pending legal matters/questions, ***C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e)**—Contract Negotiations; strategy and direction of BOCES and possible settlement of employment claim, ***C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a)**—Real Estate; Rosemary Ulster Property.

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Education returned from executive session at 6:10 p.m. and resumed the special meeting.

Roll Call

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

Also Present: Patrick Sánchez, Walter Kramarz

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Business Items

1.0 Discussion

1.1 Capital Bond and Operating Override

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Kandy Steel introduced the We Believe group who consists of active and involved community members of Adams 14. Their motto is “We Believe! Our Children. Their Future.” Why break with tradition? Dr. Kandy Steel says, “We cannot expect different results by doing the same things over and over again.” The group gave an overview of the school system that we currently have in Adams 14. Adams City High School and Lester Arnold High School serve grades nine through twelve. Adams City Middle School and Kearney Middle School serve grades six through eight. Alsup Elementary, Dupont Elementary, and Monaco Elementary serving grades kindergarten through fifth. Kemp Elementary, Central Elementary, and Hanson Elementary serving grades limited preschool, kindergarten through fifth grade. Adams 14 also has the Stars Early Learning Center and Sanville Preschool. What we would need in Commerce City is the two high schools, a new Science Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Middle School, Adams City Academy and Kearney Academy which would serve grades fourth and fifth. Alsup, Dupont, Kemp, Rose Hill, Central, Hanson and Monaco would become Early Learning Universities serving preschool through third grade. It is a fact that a child’s potential is determined and shaped by the education they receive and the opportunities they experience during their developing years. It is also a fact that over 600 of our three and four year olds in Commerce City currently do not have access to preschool. This is simply a need for the children of Commerce City. Early childhood education needs to be an option for all 3 and 4 year olds in Commerce City. Educators and leaders know that the earlier children start learning the

better they are able to read and comprehend by third grade, offering a variety of courses. Children need more hands on learning because every child learns differently. The population in Adams 14 has increased but our school buildings have remained the same since the 1950's. More educational space is needed. The classrooms are too crowded as some storage areas are now classrooms. Other classrooms are divided by curtains. Current school buildings are in need of major repairs, including updated technology. Besides the high school, all other buildings are being maintained as best they can with what is available, yet they are old buildings that need more than a band-aid fix. Preschool is important to prepare our three and four year old students during their developing years to be successful learners. Full-day, engaging instruction is important to teach all children in kindergarten through third grade. Education is much different than it was ten years ago and in order to keep up with changing times, our learners are needing to learn more at an earlier age. Having a fourth and fifth grade academy is a new and exciting way for children to learn. It would provide unique opportunities for amazing learning experiences. It would also give students more building space, which provides them with the opportunity to experience more hands on science, music and other fun electives. The STEAM Middle School Campus would be a state of the art school with robotics, advanced technology, engineering, competitive mathematics, extended art and music programs! The school would have adaptable spaces for varied learning experiences. The classrooms would be designed as neighborhoods that promote student engagement and project based team learning. The Steam Middle School Campus would prepare all students for high school and college. A ten year projection shows that the twenty fastest growing occupations projected for 2014, fifteen of them require significant mathematics or science preparation. This plan can happen if two ballot initiatives are approved by our community. A bond to provide the funding to construct the new STEAM Middle School Campus and provide additional funds needed to renovate and/or repair each of our other older schools. Remember (B = Bond = Buildings) the bond would cover project costs of \$95.7 million. An override to provide the funds needed to operate the pre-schools, the 4th and 5th Grade Academies, and the STEAM Middle School Campus. Remember (O = Override = Operating) amount set at \$4.9 million. The impact to taxpayers is as follows:

- Residential Market Value
(per \$100,000) – Less than a cup of coffee at our local cafe,
32¢ per day
- Commercial Market Value
(per \$100,000) – **\$35.83 per month**

In moving our community forward it happened once and it could happen again. Thanks to all of you in the community for believing in our Adams City High School students! There is no question that a child's true potential is determined and shaped by the opportunities they experience in their formative, primary and secondary educational years. Adams 14 Superintendent Pat Sánchez frequently quotes Gandhi, "The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members." The kids of Adams 14 are now asking the community to believe in each and every one of them and their dreams for the future.

1.2 2014-2015 Board of Education Meetings

It was consensus of the Board of Education to not hold a board meeting on October 28, 2014 due to a conflict with the Courageous Conversation Summit that all members will be attending. It was consensus of the Board of Education to move the November 11, 2014 board meeting to Wednesday, November 12, 2014 due to the observance of Veterans Day. It was consensus of the Board of Education that all future meetings will no longer have dinner provided but instead just have drinks and snacks available.

2.0 Other

MOTION was made by Mr. Rolla, seconded by Mrs. Morton to approve other item 2.1.

2.1 Superintendent's Recommendation
Approval to Enter an Agreement with Adams County BOCES

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

MOTION CARRIED

Communications

President Vashaw informed the Board of Education that Community Enterprise requested the donation of the small sound system in addition to the large sound system for Derby Daze on Saturday, August 2.

It was consensus of the Board of Education to loan the sound system to Community Enterprise.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

The Board adjourned the special meeting at 7:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Tuesday, August 12, 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
August 12, 2014

Mary Morton
Secretary, Board of Education

Robert Vashaw
President, Board of Education