

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting – October 12, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President David Illingworth II at 6:01 p.m. with the following members present: Chris Austin, Cassie Kimbrell, Suzanne Patterson, David Rusterholtz (via phone), and Mr. Illingworth II.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF STATE OF COLORADO, MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by siblings Landon and Skyler Lamb (they attend Columbine Elementary, where Landon is a 5th grader and Skyler is a 2nd grader). The Pledge was followed by reading The Preamble to the Constitution of State of Colorado, and a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Patterson, second Kimbrell, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Austin, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

DISTRICT/COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Information on the Middle School S.T.E.A.M. program was presented to the Board of Education. Enrichment Teacher Benjamin Honeycutt, along with Library Media Specialist Kelly Bradley, provided an overview of the program and led the presentations from students: Paige Bissue, Brynlee Havens, Quinn Morris, Bella Regester, Tristen Tisdall, and Ryder Vergenz who shared information about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math, and showed samples of items they have created. A 'Maker Space' S.T.E.A.M. room was created over the summer and they thanked Miles Tuttle and Ron Stone for their hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following list of people (name and topic they listed when signing up to speak) made public comment to the Board of Education listed in the order in which they signed up: Gary Brovetto, Vo-Tech High School; Khurshid Rogers, DAC.

CONSENT CALENDAR/Blanket Motion

MOTION Kimbrell, second Patterson, to accept administrative recommendation and approve action on the following items:

V.a. Minutes – September 7, 14, 28, 29, 2022

V.b. Financial Reports (Addendum A)

V.c.1. Personnel – **New Contracts – Certified:** *Michelle Swanson*, MS Family & Community Liaison (OYO), effective September 21, 2022; *Laura Killian*, MS Special Education (AN), effective October 12, 2022. **Classified:** *Savannah Skelton*, MS Special Education SSN Paraeducator, effective September 15, 2022; *Joshua Crowther*, HS Athletic/Activities Events Custodian, effective September 26, 2022; *Angela Calhoun*, GES .66 FTE Special Education PLACE Paraeducator, effective September 23, 2022; *Paige Helm*, CES .5 FTE Special Education (AN) Paraeducator, effective October 4, 2022; *Mary Dorris*, District Desktop Support, effective October 12, 2022; *Mary Ward*, MS .5 FTE Campus Monitor, effective October 13, 2022; *Jill*

Connolly, GES Special Education PLACE Paraeducator, effective October 13, 2022; *Kimberly Splinter*, GES .5 FTE PLACE Preschool Paraeducator, effective October 3, 2022. **Transfers – Classified:** *Kathryn Fries*, GES 1.0 FTE Early Childhood PLACE Paraeducator to GES .5 FTE Early Childhood PLACE Paraeducator, effective October 3, 2022; *Caitlin Paul*, SES .5 FTE Building Paraeducator to SES 1.0 FTE Building Paraeducator, effective October 3, 2022. **Guest Teacher List:** *Brenda Adams, Eliana Cruz, Ann Louise LaGreco, Bobette Faux, Dana Cutts, Karissa Schacher, Lori Arment.*

V.c.2. Personnel – Resignations – Classified: *Christian Toske*, CES Night Custodian, effective November 11, 2022; *Jessica Langenfeld*, District .4 FTE Accounting Assistant, effective October 10, 2022; *Bertha Matlock*, SES Night Custodian, effective October 18, 2022. **Retirements –** *Debra Metcalfe*, MS Building Secretary, effective June 23, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Austin, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PRESENTATION

Chief Academic Officer Tina Cassens and Merit Academy Chief Action Officer Dr. Gwynne Pekron presented the 2022 performance framework ratings for all elementary schools, Merit Academy, Middle School, High School, and District; as well as the 2022 state assessment data (Addendum B).

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (DAC) & SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY (SAC) DISCUSSION AND APPOINTMENT OF DAC & SAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2022-2023

The Board of Education began the process of reviewing a list of potential committee member selection for both the SAC/DAC. Secretary Chris Austin made a motion to appoint the SAC/DAC as recommended by the principals and as previously listed with names highlighted in green that was provided by Tina Cassens, second Illingworth II. MOTION FAILED; Voting Aye – Austin. Voting No – Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

The Board of Education continued to review the names of applicants recommended by Director Cassie Kimbrell and after discussion, MOTION Illingworth II, second Patterson to appoint DAC & SAC Committee Members as determined during their discussion to serve for the 2022-2023 school year. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz. Voting No – Austin.

UPDATE – NATE OWEN, WPEA PRESIDENT

Woodland Park Education Association President Nate Owen shared he is impressed with the current work on core values by the Board of Education and expanded upon a blog post that his college friend wrote. He highlighted the following: the 6th-grade team has made a significant difference with mentoring; the high school and middle school band collaborating; Coach Roshek having her 200th win as volleyball coach; Coach Shubert changing and building a winning soccer program; HS and MS sports teams/clubs working together; annual 'Treat Street' providing a safe opportunity for all kids; 'Empty Bowls' event and the impact this event has on our non-profit community and Community Center; counselors working with all kids and helping plan their future; and highlighted core programs. In closing, Mr. Owen challenged everyone to be the person, be the lift, breath of life, and gift to others. Practice acts of kindness every day.

CO-INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Co-Interim Superintendent and Chief of Staff Del Garrick distributed copies of the pulse check survey single point data results (Addendum C). Pulse check surveys are used in our continuing effort to monitor District culture/climate, assess needs, and solicit stakeholder voice. This survey was distributed to all staff, parents, and students (3rd -12th grade). The focus on this first survey was on Mentoring, Safety, Expectations, Support and Climate.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Secretary Austin recommended the Board orient back to Bob Schaeffer's encouragements, where highly effective and functional groups have a foundation block of trust. Read the building blocks - trust one another, embrace conflict around ideas, commitment to decisions and plans of action, hold one another accountable, and focus on results. Encouraged the Board to continue to move toward the building blocks in a respectful and collaborative way, as tonight was an example of us exercising some of these. He shared he believes that every applicant that applied for SAC/DAC has the best interest of students at heart and trusts that as the teams are formed, we can work together and collaborate and looks forward to it.

Director Patterson thanked all the DAC and SAC applicants for their genuine interest in wanting to serve, but could only appoint so many members. Even if you were not selected to serve on a committee, you are still part of the community and we value all community members. The Board needs to go in the direction of our vision and do what we came here to do, but we need all community members to collaborate and need to listen on both sides, as we are better together. She appreciated the information and awesome presentation about the STEAM program.

Director Kimbrell thanked Tina Cassens and Dr. Pekron for the presentation on achievement. A lot of data, but able to explain it in a way that answered many of my questions. She wished everyone a great fall break. As far as continuing to build trust and accountability, we need community involvement and finding ways for those who want to be a part of us to help them find ways to be involved.

President Rusterholtz shared he enjoyed the STEAM presentation and thanked Nate Owen for his comments. He looks forward to this year and moving forward and working together as a Board, working with our schools as we are going to do some amazing new things this year. All staff is doing a great job and looks forward to doing great things.

Vice President Illingworth II thanked Secretary Austin for always bringing a lot of heart to his approach to service on this Board and service to this community, as well as his dedication. He thanked student Paige Bissie for attending the entire meeting as well as her participation in presenting earlier in the meeting, which was by far the highlight of tonight's meeting; he thanked all applicants who applied to serve on SAC/DAC as we had more applicants than spots which is tremendous; we have a ton of service and volunteer spirit in this community; hopeful for an incredible year of collaboration and cooperation. Many positive things are happening, and one of these is the new playground installation at Columbine Elementary. Executive Director of Technology & Operations Miles Tuttle and Columbine Elementary Principal Ginger Slocum shared the new playground has been in the making for eight years and provided the process by which we got here. The playground is scheduled to be installed next week during the break, with the grand opening target of October 24. Mr. Illingworth II shared a recent conversation he had with Principal Burr about how good the football team is doing. Mr. Burr also highlighted how well many of the athletic programs are doing, as well as cheer and marching band.

ADJOURN

MOTION Kimbrell, second Patterson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye – Austin, Illingworth II, Kimbrell, Patterson, Rusterholtz.

Attest:

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Board of Education Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "David Rusterholtz", written over a horizontal line.

Board of Education President