



Board of Education
Minutes
Board Retreat
Saturday, January 25, 2025

The Board of Education conducted a Retreat at DCSD Legacy Campus, Room 249, 10035 S. Peoria Street, Lone Tree, CO 80134.

Work Session

1. Call to Order

RECOMMENDATION: That the presiding Board Director calls the meeting to order.

President Williams convened the Board Retreat at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

RECOMMENDATION: That the presiding Board Director calls roll.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Geiger, Meek, Moore, Myers, Thompson, Williams and Winegar.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Superintendent Kane, Deputy Superintendent Hiatt, Assistant Superintendent Winsor, Learning Services Officer Reynolds, and Board Assistant Secretary Brockman.

3. Welcome/Icebreaker

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Director Winegar led an icebreaker activity ("Would You Rather?").

4. Dyslexia Discussion

RECOMMENDATION: Information only

Deputy Superintendent Hiatt, Assistant Superintendent Winsor, and Learning Services Officer Reynolds explained Douglas County School District's (DCSD) current dyslexia screening process. The Board provided guidance on the information they need, specifically a plan outlining the implementation of a validated dyslexia screener, a timeline, and required resources. A Board Lunch and Learn on dyslexia is scheduled for February 5th, with DCSD staff and DCKID in attendance.

5. Ends Monitoring Discussion

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: BOE Monitoring Report Board Ends (24-25) - Revised 1-22-25

Superintendent Kane and Learning Services Officer Reynolds discussed the Superintendent's draft monitoring report on Board Ends. Superintendent Kane advised that Director Meek's recommendations have been incorporated into the revised report.

6. School Readiness Discussion

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Superintendent Kane and Learning Services Officer Reynolds led a discussion focused on reducing the burden of School Readiness assessments on kindergarten teachers due to changes in early childhood education. Originally established under CAP4K (2008) for half-day kindergarten, these assessments are now outdated given legislative shifts like the Colorado READ Act (2012), Full-Day Kindergarten Funding (HB 19-1262), and the Universal Preschool Program (HB 22-1295).

With full-day kindergarten and universal preschool supporting holistic child development, rigid assessments are less necessary. Advocacy efforts recommend rescinding School Readiness requirements under CAP4K (2008) to better align with current educational priorities.

7. Legislative Priorities

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Attachment #1: 2025 Legislative Priorities New Format DRAFT

President Williams presented a reformatted Legislative Priorities document to align with the new ends, without altering existing wording. Director Meek proposed organizing bullet points by topic instead.

8. Next Steps/Closing Remarks

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

President Williams outlined next steps, including a February 5th Board Lunch and Learn on dyslexia and ongoing legislative updates throughout the 2025 session. She also thanked DCSD and COKID staff for attending the Retreat.

Adjourn

9. Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. by general consent.

Supporting document(s) attached to the agenda items may be viewed by accessing the following link: <https://douglas.ic-board.com>.



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