



Board of Education
Minutes
Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Available seating is contingent on room capacity restrictions and provided on a first-come basis or lottery system, if necessary. Community members can also view this meeting via livestream via YouTube.

Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Call to Order

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

The meeting of the Board of Education of Douglas County School District (DCSD) Number RE-1, held at 620 Wilcox St., Castle Rock, CO, 80104, was called to order by President Williams at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

RECOMMENDATION: That the presiding Board Director call roll.

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

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Thompson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Superintendent Kane, Assistant Superintendent Winsor, Chief of Staff Colella, Learning Services Officer Reynolds, General Counsel Klimesh, Chief Technology Officer Blair, Chief Operations Officer Cosgrove, Chief Human Resources Officer Thompson, Chief Financial Officer Schleusner, Communications Officer Rader and Board Assistant Secretary Brockman.

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Pledge of Allegiance

RECOMMENDATION: That the presiding Board Director lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DCSD Spotlight

4. Video: Legend High School Wish Week

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

The Board of Education viewed a spotlight video featuring Legend High School's Wish Week. The students at Legend and their feeder schools put their hearts into making their week an unforgettable experience for their Wish Kid, Dominik.

Superintendent Reports

5. Superintendent Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Superintendent Kane provided the following updates:

- There are many observances that take place in April. Superintendent Kane shared several:
 - April is Autism Acceptance Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, and National Occupational Therapy Month.
 - This week is National Assistant Principals Week
 - Paraprofessional Appreciation Day is April 3rd.
 - National Library Week is April 7-13th.
 - National Librarian Day is April 16th.
 - Public School Volunteer Week is April 19-23rd.
 - After School Professionals Week is April 22-26th.
 - School Bus Driver Appreciation Day is April 23rd.
 - Administrative Professionals Day is April 24th.
- The Foundation for Douglas County Schools' Apple Awards Gala, held on March 30th, was incredible. Congratulations to the 2024 Apple Award winners!
- The DCSD Art Exhibition starts this month at Legacy Campus:
 - The middle and high school exhibition runs April 19-24th.
 - The elementary exhibition runs April 27-May 2nd.
- Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) testing is underway at many DCSD schools while others will begin soon.
 - For the first time in a decade, DCSD is the top scoring district in the Denver Metro area.
 - DCSD is very close to being "Accredited with Distinction" and hopes to achieve this distinction next year.
 - CMAS testing is important for our students and teachers because they help us understand where our students are academically, how our schools are performing, and where we can focus our efforts to improve.
- The next Parent University webinar is scheduled for April 3rd at 5:30 p.m. The topic is the Role of Child Find Assessments for our Preschool-Aged Students. Christina Howery, School Psychologist, and Mary Beth Karr, Occupational Therapist, will lead this webinar.
- Daniels Fund released the names of their 2024 scholarship winners. Six of the scholarship recipients are from DCSD high schools.
- The Douglas County Special Education Advisory Committee (DCSEAC) thanks the community for supporting its annual Shining Star awards. On March 27th and 28th, DCSEAC delivered Shining Star baskets to the winners.
- Franktown Elementary and Redstone Elementary received the 2024 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation by the National Association of School Counselors. These schools will be recognized at a future Board of Education meeting.
- The 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Academic Calendar survey closed March 31st with over 11,000 participants. Information will be shared at a future Board meeting.
- Invitations have been sent out for the DCSD Retirement Ceremony which is taking place May 1st at DCSD Legacy Campus.
- DCSD is mailing a summarized annual report to the community which thanks voters for passing the Mill Levy Override in November, outlines how funding is being spent, discusses the need for voters to pass a bond, celebrates DCSD's achievements, and invites the community to the State of DCSD event on Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at Legacy Campus. This event will also be livestreamed.
- Employee Benefits Open Enrollment begins April 22nd for the 2024-2025 school year.

6. Acceptance of Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Director Geiger moved; Director Winegar seconded the ORIGINAL motion that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Geiger, aye; Meek, aye; Moore, aye; Myers, aye; Williams, aye; Winegar, aye.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion carried 6-0.

Study Session

7. Artificial Intelligence Discussion

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: AI Overview and Implications BOE 4-2-2024

Superintendent Kane, Chief of Staff Colella and Information Technology Officer Blair presented an overview of generative artificial intelligence (AI) and its implications including opportunities for students, teachers and staff. DCSD is working to be at the forefront of AI adoption in school districts and is currently exploring a district partnership with Kahn Academy through a Khanmigo Pilot Program. A total of 28 schools volunteered to pilot this program during the 2024-2025 school year.

8. Superintendent Monitoring Report: End #4, Collaborative Parent, Family and Community Relations

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: Monitoring Report - Collaborative Parent, Family, and Community Relations (2024) - REFORMATTED
- Attachment #2: Monitoring Report CPFCD BOE 4-24 FINAL (Presentation)

Superintendent Kane presented her Monitoring Report on End #4, Collaborative Parent, Family and Community Relations, to the Board of Education.

Recess

9. Recess

RECOMMENDATION: That the presiding Board Director calls a recess.

President Williams called a recess at 6:47 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Policy Governance

10. Board of Education Self-Evaluation

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: 04.02.2024 GP Self-Eval 1.1 (The Board's Governing Style)
- Attachment #2: 04.02.2024 GP Self-Eval 1.2 (The Job of the Board)
- Attachment #3: 04.02.2024 GP Self-Eval 1.9 (Cost of Governance)

The Douglas County School Board is beginning a routine and systematic process of self-evaluation where it regularly reviews its Board-Superintendent Linkage and Board Process policies. The Board reviewed and discussed draft self-evaluations on Governance Processes (GP) 1.1, The Board's Governing Style, and GP 1.2, The Job of the Board. GP 1.1 and 1.2 will be placed on the April 23, 2024 Consent Agenda for Board approval.

Board self-evaluation review and discussion on GP 1.9, Cost of Governance, was deferred to the May 7, 2024 Board meeting.

11. Policy Governance Book - Revision of Board Ends and Executive Limitations

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: Current Board Ends
- Attachment #2: 04.02.2024 DRAFT Board Ends
- Attachment #3: Sample Interpretation of Draft Ends BOE 4-2-2024
- Attachment #4: Current Board Executive Limitations

The Board discussed potential revisions to current Board Ends and considered feedback from Superintendent Kane. A revised draft of the proposed Ends will be presented for discussion at the April 23, 2024 Board meeting.

The Board will discuss potential edits to Board Executive Limitations at a future Board retreat.

Board of Education Reports

12. President Report

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

President Williams advised:

- The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- Agenda planning for the April 23rd Board Meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Board and former Mill Bond Exploratory Committee (MBEC) members will meet with the pollster on April 9, 2024 concerning polling results for potential ballot questions for 5B (bond).
- A Board engagement session with educators is scheduled for April 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wilcox office.
- She provided updates from the March 28th District Accountability Committee (DAC) meeting.
- She attended the Apple Awards Gala on March 30th. Congratulations to all nominees and winners!

13. Vice President Items

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Vice President Winegar stated that the Apple Awards Gala was fantastic. She provided updates from the March 20th Partnership of Douglas County Governments (PDCG) meeting and the March 27th Mill Bond Oversight Committee (MBOC) meeting. She also advised that the March 15th Fiscal Oversight Committee (FOC) meeting was cancelled due to the snowstorm.

14. Director Items, Board Committee and Liaison Reports

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Director Meek provided updates from the March 25th Student Advisory Group (SAG) meeting and the March 26th Sterling Ranch/Solstice Community Meeting. She stated that she attended the March 28th DAC meeting and the March 30th Apple Awards Gala. She advised that she and Director Myers met with SAG staff liaisons today concerning elevating student voice, particularly in the areas of AI and social media.

Director Myers provided additional updates from the March 25th SAG meeting. She announced that the Douglas County Youth Initiative (DCYI) will hold a Youth Leadership Summit on April 13th and their Outstanding Youth Awards on April 29th. Director Myers stated that she attended the March 30th Apple Awards Gala and, on March 28th, accompanied Superintendent Kane on a school visit to Lemay Academy, a science fair at Arrowwood Elementary and a presentation to the Highlands Ranch Rotary Club concerning the need for a bond.

Director Geiger provided additional updates from the March 20th PDCG meeting and last week's School Capacity and Boundary Analysis (SCBA) subcommittee meeting. He stated that he plans to attend the April 3rd Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) meeting.

Director Moore stated that he plans to attend the April 3rd Safety and Security Committee meeting and the LRPC meeting.

Adjournment

15. Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board President adjourn the meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Director Geiger moved; Director Winegar seconded the ORIGINAL motion that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Geiger, aye; Meek, aye; Moore, aye; Myers, aye; Williams, aye; Winegar, aye.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion carried 6-0.

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

These minutes summarize the final decisions made by the Board of Education at the referenced meeting. View the meeting via You Tube by accessing the following link: <https://youtube.com/live/dkTSKnEwn1Y?feature=share>.

Supporting document(s) attached to the agenda <https://douglas.ic-board.com/>



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