



Board of Education
Minutes
Study Session
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

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The Board of Education conducted a meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 620 Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104.

Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Call to Order

RECOMMENDATION: Presiding Board Member calls the meeting to order.

President Peterson called the meeting of the Board of Education of Douglas County School District (DCSD) Number RE-1 to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

RECOMMENDATION: Presiding Board Member calls roll.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Hanson, Meek (remote), Myers, Peterson, Ray, Williams, Winegar

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: N/A

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Superintendent Kane, Deputy Superintendent Hiatt, Assistant Superintendent Winsor, 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: Information only.

President Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DCSD Spotlight

4. 2023 Wish Weeks

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

The DCSD Spotlight video featured a recap of Chaparral High School's Wish Week Celebration. Chaparral High School and its feeder schools collaborated with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to raise money to send seven-year-old Aria Stadler to Disney World. Chaparral High School and the Parker Community raised \$107,554.28; enough to grant Aria's wish as well as the wishes of more than a dozen other children.

Superintendent Reports

5. Superintendent Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Superintendent Kane provided the following updates:

- April is Autism Acceptance Month. Board Directors were encouraged to wear their Autism Acceptance pin at the April 25th Board meeting.
- CMAS testing continues this week. Superintendent Kane thanked staff and students for their hard work around CMAS testing.
- Dr. Chris Page, Principal at Highlands Ranch High School, was recently named the Colorado High School Principal of the year by the Colorado Association of School Executives. He will be formally recognized at the April 25th Board meeting.
- The Foundation for Douglas County Schools' Apple Awards Reveal Party was held on April 1st. The Apple Awards winners were:
 - Department Employee of the Year: Delceter Goosby, Kitchen Manager, Legend High School
 - Classified Employee of the Year: Stephanie Weber, Educational Assistant IV-Severe Needs and Assistant Principal, ThunderRidge High School
 - Elementary Educator of the Year: Erin Bidwell, Fifth-Grade Teacher, Platte River Academy
 - Secondary Educator of the Year: Erin Gilbert, Professional Learning Specialist, Gifted & Talented Coordinator and IB Coordinator, Mesa Middle School
 - Administrator of the Year: Michelle Franci, Principal, Stone Mountain Elementary
- Sagewood Middle School received the Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation from the American School Counselor Association (ASCA). Sagewood Middle School will be formally recognized at the April 25th Board meeting.
- Superintendent Kane celebrated the Transportation staff who has been working hard to keep bus route cancellations to a minimum. DCSD has been averaging less than one cancellation per day for the last few weeks.
- Many DCSD students placed at the Colorado Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competition.
- On April 10th, Legend High School students and Richard Vaccaro, Criminal Justice teacher, presented their research on youth perception of the police to the Parker Town Council, including the police chief and the deputy chief. Their research showed that DCSD students have a positive perception of the police and their School Resource Officers (SROs).
- The BRIDGE Art Show is tonight at the Union Bistro in Castle Rock.
- The Sources of Strength ice cream social will be held on April 16th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Legacy Campus
- DCSD's district-wide art show will be held April 21st through May 5th at Legacy Campus.
- Night of Cultures will be held on April 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Legacy Campus.
- This time of year, many performing arts events occur throughout DCSD.

6. Safety and Security Update

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: Safety and Security Update Presentation

Safety and Security Director, Johnny Grusing, discussed DCSD's focus on prevention, school and district response, community feedback, and ongoing safety measure enhancements.

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7. Potential Mill Levy Override and Bond Polling Results

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: PPT Douglas Co. School District Voters - March 2023
- Attachment #2: DATA TABLES - Douglas Co. School District Voters March 2023
- Attachment #3: TOPLINE - Douglas Co. School District Voters March 2023

Mark Truax with Pac/West Strategies and Evan Wilson with Moore Information Group presented findings from a recent poll of Douglas County residents regarding support for a potential Mill Levy Override and a Bond initiative. Approximately 67% of respondents either somewhat agree or strongly agree that DCSD should receive increased funding to address issues such as competitive pay to retain and attract teachers and staff, building and expanding schools where needed to reduce overcrowding, and performing capital improvements on its current school buildings.

When asked about specific funding areas, participants ranked a variety of areas as important, somewhat important, or not important. The top areas participants identified as important included:

- 66% - Retaining and attracting quality teachers and staff by increasing district salaries to be more competitive with neighboring districts.
- 65% - Increasing availability of student programming in career and technical education.
- 60% - Enhancing safety and security resources.
- 56% - Updating and repairing school buildings to continue providing safe, efficient, quality learning environments for students and staff.

After receiving information about a possible mill levy override on the November 2023 ballot, 53% of respondents stated they would probably or definitely vote yes. Additionally, after receiving information about a possible bond initiative on the November 2023 ballot, 50% of respondents stated they would probably or definitely vote yes.

Recess

President Peterson called a recess at 6:43 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Study Session (continued)

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 DRAFT 4-11-23
- Attachment #2: Monitoring Report CPFCD Presentation 4-11-23

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

Board of Education Reports

9. President Reports

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

President Peterson advised:

- Regular Board Meeting on April 25, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
 - The agenda will include policy updates on mental health, bullying, parent engagement, and equity as well as a second reading on charter school waivers of district policies.
- Agenda planning on April 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. for the March 25th meeting.
- Board engagement session with the business community on April 13, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. in the Wilcox Board Room
- Attended April 5, 2023 Safety and Security Meeting with Director Hanson
 - Gratitude to our K-9 handlers and to therapy dogs Buttercup and Rocket
 - Briefing on Safe2Tell; upcoming Safe2Tell training for DCSD students
- Toured an attainable housing model with Superintendent Kane and Chief Operations Officer Cosgrove on April 10, 2023. He and Mr. Cosgrove will tour another model on April 12, 2023.

10. Vice President Reports

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Vice President Williams advised:

- The Douglas County Gifted Education Advisory Council (DCGEAC) is in the process of updating their bylaws.
- Attended the Apple Awards Reveal Party on April 1, 2023.
- The Mill Bond Exploratory Ad Hoc Committee (MBEC) is planning to present their mill levy override and bond recommendations to the Board on May 9, 2023.
- Board engagement session with the business community on April 13, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. in the Wilcox Board Room.

11. Board Directors: Director Items, Board Committee and Liaison Reports

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Director Meek advised that the Long Range Planning Committee met last week and is in the process of revising its bylaws.

Board discussion on including a Douglas County Federation representative on each Board of Education subcommittee as well as the process.

Board discussion on Board Policy ADB, Educational Equity, including lack of clarity and Board member agreement on the need for revisions and next steps. Director Peterson stated that he is planning a first reading on his proposed revisions at the April 25, 2023 Board meeting.

Director Myers stated that the Douglas County Youth Initiative's Outstanding Youth Awards is scheduled for April 24, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Director Ray advised:

- Attended a production of "Mama Mia" at Legend High School.
- Attended a production of "Annie" at Clear Sky Elementary.
- The next Student Advisory Group (SAG) meeting is on April 12, 2023.
- Two SAG subgroups would like to give their final presentations to the Board on April 25, 2023:
 - Policy on Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success
 - Proposed Policy Change on Weighting Honors Classes
- Requested that the Board recognize SAG members at the April 25, 2023 meeting.

Adjournment

12. Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education adjourns the meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Director Winegar moved; Director Ray seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting.

Hanson, aye; Meek, aye; Myers, aye; Peterson, aye; Ray, aye; Williams, aye; Winegar, aye

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion carried 7-0.

President Peterson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

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://youtu.be/msaLv1-g5rk>.

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



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