



Board of Education  
Minutes  
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

The Board of Education of Douglas County School District RE-1 takes seriously the health and safety of its directors, staff, and community. Consistent with Public Health Orders members of the District's Board of Education, Superintendent, and designated support staff will attend and participate at this meeting either by attending in the boardroom or through electronic participation. Any individual who signs up for public comment will join via electronic participation. In order to maintain open meetings and full transparency the Board invites community members to view this meeting via livestream.

Study, Dialogue and Dinner Session

1. Study, Dialogue and Dinner Session

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

This time is scheduled for the Board to receive information and discuss issues introduced by Board members and the Superintendent. These matters may be scheduled in advance or raised at the meeting. No Board action or substantive matters is taken at the dinner session. As is the case at the regular business meeting, the Board may vote to go into executive session to discuss and/or receive information on particular matters as authorized by C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4).

President Ray convened the study, dialogue and dinner Session at 5:01 p.m.

Goal V: Financial Well-Being: SY2021-2022 Budget Update

- Attachment #1: Budget Update for BOE 4.20.2021 Final

Chief Financial Officer Kotaska introduced the topics for the SY 2021-2022 District Budget Update presentation.

Director of Budget Doan presented information on the SY 2021-2022 District Budget including legislative updates, revenue scenarios, and department budget requests and process.

Board comments.

Staff answered questions.

Director of Budget Doan presented information regarding reserves, general fund contingency and fund balance.

Chief Financial Officer Kotaska presented staff recommendations.

President Ray asked the Board to provide questions for staff prior to the Agenda Planning Meeting.

2. Roll Call

RECOMMENDATION: Presiding Board Member calls roll.

The meeting of the Board of Education of Douglas County School District Number RE-1 was called to order by President Ray at 6:02 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ciancio-Schor (remote), Graziano, Hanson, Holtzmann, Meek, Ray

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Leung (excused)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Interim Superintendent Wise, Assistant Superintendent Knight (remote), Chief Assessment and Data Officer Reynolds, General Counsel Klimesh, Chief Human Resources Officer Thompson (remote), Chief Technology Officer Blair, Chief Operations Officer Cosgrove, Chief Financial Officer Kotaska, Personalized Learning Officer Ingalls, Communications Officer Rader and Assistant Secretary Maresh

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Student and Staff Recognitions

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Interim Superintendent and the Board recognized the following:

- Administrative Professionals Day
- 5A State Championship, Castle View High School Co-Ed Cheerleading
- 5A State Championship, Rock Canyon High School, Poms
- Mountain View Elementary School, Level 1 Certification for Marzano High Reliability Schools

5. Acceptance of Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approves the Agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Holtzmann moved, Member Meek seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion that the Board of Education approves the Agenda as presented.

Ciancio-Schor, aye; Graziano, aye; Hanson, aye; Holtzmann, aye; Meek, aye; Ray, aye.

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

Superintendent Reports

6. Current State of Schools: Moved to Remote Learning Update

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: 04.20.2021 Superintendent Reports Presentation
- Attachment #2: 04.20.2021 Superintendent Reports Presentation Updated

Interim Superintendent Wise introduced the topics for Superintendent Reports.

Chief Assessment and Data Officer Reynolds presented information regarding the seven-day metrics and recent trends.

7. Tri-County Health Department Data Criteria and Updates on New State Order

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- See Agenda Item #8: Attachment #1: 04.20.2021 Superintendent Reports Presentation

Personalized Learning Officer Ingalls presented information regarding the new CDPHE Public Health Order issued last week. School guidelines include masks to be worn in schools, CDPHE prom and graduation guidance and CDPHE cases and outbreaks guidance. The District awaits more CDPHE guidance to be released and will monitor any changes for schools especially with regard to quarantines.

Interim Superintendent Wise provided additional information regarding the guidance and requirements for schools.

8. Testing, Athletics, Activities, Prom and Graduation Update

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- See Agenda Item #8: Attachment #1: 04.20.2021 Superintendent Reports Presentation

Chief Assessment and Data Officer Reynolds presented information regarding the additional window of dates for testing and adjustments for testing due to quarantines.

Director of Athletics and Activities Chaney provided information regarding spring activities and May graduations, planning for the number of attendees based on CDPHE guidelines, prom and after prom activities planning, middle schools planning for continuation ceremonies, athletics preparing for spring activities, and planning for concerts, plays, and musicals based on CDPHE guidelines.

Interim Superintendent Wise provided comment regarding the transitions, safety, mental health and social emotional learning in light of continued changes in guidance.

Staff answered questions.

Public Comment

9. Public Comment

RECOMMENDATION: Community input that could help the District meet the challenge of becoming the best school system possible is always welcome.

- Attachment #1: Public Comment Roster
- Mikinley Way, student, provided comment regarding freedom of religion
- Tina De Los Santos, Parker resident provided comment regarding restrictions and interpretation
- Jose De Los Santos, Parker resident provided comment regarding the Equity Policy
- Angie Frank, Littleton resident provided comment regarding music and arts, specifically orchestra education in secondary schools
- Amanda Cushing, Highlands Ranch resident provided comment regarding the academic crisis and recovery, hiring a new superintendent and the Board of Education

- Brian Wetterling, Highlands Resident provided comment regarding following guidance that is not mandatory and not policy
- Melody Joy Fields, Parker resident provided comment regarding the responsiveness of the District to public comment regarding revisions and thanked the Board
- Jennifer Iversen, Castle Pines resident provided comment regarding the Equity policy
- Ishmeet Kalra, Highlands Ranch resident provided comment regarding the Making Connections Workshop and Educational Equity policy
- Nara Altmann, Lone Tree resident provided comment regarding the Making Connections Workshop
- Will Johnson, Highlands Ranch resident provided comment regarding approval of the textbook "The Real World"
- Lillian Adams, Castle Rock resident provided comment regarding in-person learning
- Nate Ormond, Castle Rock resident provided comment regarding academic achievement and learning loss
- Michael Peterson, Larkspur resident provided comment regarding leadership, the superintendent selection and plans for next school year
- Janis Doyle, Parker resident provided comment regarding support for Mr. Corey Wise for Superintendent
- Kurt Stroman, Parker resident provided comment regarding support for Mr. Corey Wise for Superintendent
- Tim Florian, Parker resident provided comment regarding the Superintendent Search and support for Mr. Corey Wise
- Andrew Mitchel Jones, Highlands Ranch resident provided comment regarding the new superintendent

#### Adoption of Consent Agenda

#### 10. Adoption of Consent Agenda: Staff Recommendations, Detailed in Agenda Items #11-#16 Organized for Board of Education Block Approval

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education adopts the Consent Agenda as presented:

- #11 Approval of 2021-22 Renewal for Alternative Education Campus Designation
- #12 Approval 2020-2021 Supplier Spend Estimated to Surpass Board of Education Threshold Specified in Policy DJ
- #13 Approval of Renaissance Secondary - Application for Colorado Student Wellness Grant
- #14 Approval of Douglas County School District's Application for 2021-2022 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Funds (Title Funds)
- #15 Approval of Novel and Textbook Adoption
- #16 Approval of 2021-2022 Board of Education Schedule of Meetings

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Ciancio-Schor, aye; Graziano, aye; Hanson, aye; Holtzmann, aye; Meek, aye; Ray, aye.

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

11. Approval of 2021-22 Renewal for Alternative Education Campus Designation

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the 2021-22 Alternative Education Campus Designation renewals under adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: Application/Renewal for AEC-Daniel C. Oakes High School
- Attachment #2: Application/Renewal for AEC-Eagle Academy
- Attachment #3: Application/Renewal for AEC-HOPE Online Learning Academy

Renewal for Alternative Education Campus Designation for Daniel C. Oakes High School, Eagle Academy and HOPE Online Learning Academy for the 2021-22 school year by the State of Colorado Department of Education.

12. Approval 2020-2021 Supplier Spend Estimated to Surpass Board of Education Threshold Specified in Policy DJ

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the supplier spend whose spend is expected to surpass the purchasing threshold specified in Policy DJ in 2020-2021 under adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment: BoE Agenda Item - 500k Purchasing Threshold Approval 4-20-2020

SY 20-21 Budget - Supplier: The following will need Board Approval due to the estimated spend for the 2020-2021 school year based on anticipated spend over the full School Year.

1. Shiloh - \$1,150,000 - Out of district day treatment and excess costs (student tuition)

13. Approval of Renaissance Secondary - Application for Colorado Student Wellness Grant

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the Renaissance Secondary Application for Student Health & Wellness Grant under adoption of Consent Agenda.

Renaissance Secondary is submitting an application to CDE for the Colorado Student Wellness Grant in the amount of \$40,000. If granted by CDE after their review & approval process, the district will serve as the fiscal agent as required of this CDE funding. This grant program exists to support evidence-based practices and the implementation of Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child approaches for students to:

- Enter school HEALTHY and learn about and practice healthy lifestyles;
- Learn in an environment that is physically and emotionally SAFE for students and adults;
- Be actively ENGAGED in learning and are connected to the school and broader community;

- Have access to personalized learning and are SUPPORTED by qualified, caring adults; and
- Be CHALLENGED academically and prepared for success in college or further study and for employment and participation in a global environment.

14. Approval of Douglas County School District's Application for 2021-2022 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Funds (Title Funds)

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve DCSD's application for 2021-2022 ESSA Funds (Title Funds) under adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: Douglas County School District's Application for Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title Funds

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides supplemental funding for school districts across the country. Douglas County School District (DCSD) is eligible to receive an estimated \$ 2,345,238 (preliminary allocations) for the 2021-2022 school year. The funds must be used in compliance with the specific requirements of each Title program within ESSA law. Also, they must supplement, not supplant, a district's general operating budget.

15. Approval of Novel and Textbook Adoption

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the recommended novels and textbooks under adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: Novel Adoption, It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime
- Attachment #2: Novel Adoption, Kindred
- Attachment #3: Novel Adoption, Restart
- Attachment #4: Novel Adoption, Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist Attachment #5: Novel Adoption, Scythe
- Attachment #6: Novel Adoption, The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, or, Gustavus Vassa, the African
- Attachment #7: Novel Adoption, The Nickel Boys
- Attachment #8: Novel Adoption, The Perfect Score
- Attachment #9: Novel Adoption, Turtles All the Way Down
- Attachment #10: Textbook Adoption, Benchmark Education - Benchmark Workshop (2021) Attachment #11: Textbook Adoption, Learn Zillion & EL Education (K-2)
- Attachment #12: Textbook Adoption, McGraw Hill - Wonders (2020)
- Attachment #13: Textbook Adoption, The Real World: An Introduction to Sociology

During the April 20th 2021 DCSD Board of Education Meeting, the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Office will seek approval for the following novels and textbooks. The novel and textbook approval process has been followed according to Board Policy. The information about the adoption of these resources is posted on the CIPG district website.

16. Approval of 2021-2022 Board of Education Schedule of Meetings and Proposed Revision to Board File BE School Board Meetings

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approves the 2021-2022 Board of Education Meeting Schedule under adoption of Consent Agenda and approves the revision to Board File BE School Board Meetings.

- Attachment #1: Board of Education 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule For Approval
- Attachment #2: Board File BE School Board Meetings Proposed Revisions 04.20.2021

Requesting Board of Education approval for the 2021-2022 Board of Education Meeting Schedule and requesting Board of Education approval to revise Board File BE to provide that the meetings of the Board of Education shall generally be held on a bi-monthly basis as proposed by approval on an annual basis.

President Ray called a recess at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Member Leung joined the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Board consensus to move Agenda Item #19 prior to Agenda Item #17.

#### Study/Policy Revision

#### 19. Board File JKD/JKE Suspension/Expulsion of Students (and Other Disciplinary Interventions): Second Reading

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve proposed revisions of Board File JKD/JKE Suspension/Expulsion of Students (and Other Disciplinary Interventions) as presented.

- Attachment #1: JKD/JKE Suspension/Expulsion of Students - Proposed Revisions 04.20.2021

The Board of Education will consider proposed revisions of Board File JKD/JKE Suspension/Expulsion of Students (and Other Disciplinary Interventions).

General Counsel Klimesh provided information regarding additional revisions to the policy.

Board comments.

Staff answered questions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Ciancio-Schor moved, Member Graziano seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion that the Board of Education approve proposed revisions of Board File JKD/JKE Suspension/Expulsion of Students (and Other Disciplinary Interventions) as presented.

Ciancio-Schor, aye; Graziano, aye; Hanson, aye; Holtzmann, aye; Leung, aye; Meek, aye; Ray, aye.

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

#### Action Items

Agenda Item #18 called out of order.

#### 18. Designate Finalist for the Position of Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education adopt the resolution designating the sole finalist for the position of Superintendent as presented.

- Attachment #1: 04.20.2021 Resolution Intent to Offer Employment to Finalist for Superintendent of Schools

President Ray provided an overview of the Superintendent Search Process.

Members provided comments regarding the four (4) finalists.

President Ray read the Resolution for Intent to Offer Employment to a Finalist for Superintendent of Schools.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Ciancio-Schor moved, Member Leung seconded to designate Dr. Mary Young for the position of Superintendent of Douglas County School District.

SUBSTITUTE - Motion

Member Hanson moved, seconded by Member Meek to replace the ORIGINAL Motion by Member Ciancio-Schor with a SUBSTITUTE Motion to designate Mr. Corey Wise as Superintendent of Douglas County School District.

President Ray called for a vote to replace the ORIGINAL Motion with the SUBSTITUTE Motion to become the MAIN motion.

Ciancio-Schor, nay; Graziano, aye; Hanson, aye; Holtzmann, aye; Leung, nay; Meek, aye; Ray, aye.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 2. The motion carried 5 -2.

MAIN - Motion

President Ray called for a second on the MAIN Motion to insert the name of Mr. Corey Wise into the Resolution.

Member Graziano seconded the MAIN Motion.

President Ray provided clarification on the MAIN Motion and requested a Friendly Amendment to the MAIN Motion to clarify that the MAIN Motion is to approve the Resolution and to insert the name of Mr. Corey Wise into the Resolution.

Member Hanson accepted the Friendly Amendment.

Ciancio-Schor, nay; Graziano, aye; Hanson, aye; Holtzmann, aye; Leung, nay; Meek, aye; Ray, aye.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 2. The motion carried 5 - 2.

Mr. Corey Wise accepted the position and provided comments.

Member Leung was excused from the meeting.

#### Board of Education Reports

##### 20. President Report

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

President Ray advised the following:



- Agenda Planning Meeting will be held on April 23, 2021
- Next Board Meeting scheduled for May 11 2021
- Reminder to sign up for Graduations

Adoption of Joint Motion Agenda

Agenda Item #17 called out of order.

17. Approval of Board of Education Unofficial Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approves the minutes as presented.

- Attachment #1: 03.23.2021 BoE Meeting Minutes\_U
- Attachment #2: 04.02.2021 BoE Meeting Minutes\_U
- Attachment #3: 04.03.2021 BoE Meeting Minutes\_U
- Attachment #4: 04.06.2021 BoE Meeting Minutes\_U
- Attachment #5: 04.13.2021 BoE Meeting Minutes\_U

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Ciancio-Schor moved, Member Holtzmann seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion that the Board of Education approves the minutes as presented.

Ciancio-Schor, aye; Graziano, aye; Hanson, aye; Holtzmann, aye; Meek, aye; Ray, aye.

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

21. Vice President Items

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Vice President Holtzmann no report.

22. Director Items, Board Committee and Liaison Reports

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: DAC 3-9-21 Minutes Draft
- Attachment #2: DAC 4-15-21 AGENDA
- Attachment #3: FOC April 8\_2021 FOC Agenda
- Attachment #4: FOC March\_11\_2021 FOC Minutes
- Attachment #5: LRPC 3-3-21 LRPC MINUTES\_DRAFT
- Attachment #6: LRPC 4-7-21 Agenda
- Attachment #7: RMSEL 2020-2021 Budget SUPPLEMENTAL without Schedules (Presented to BOCES 4-20-21)
- Attachment #8: RMSEL Agenda for 4-20-21 BOCES Meeting
- Attachment #9: RMSEL Balance Sheet (4-20-21 BOCES meeting)
- Attachment #10: RMSEL Comparative Balance Sheet (4-20-21 BOCES meeting)
- Attachment #11: RMSEL Comparative Profit & Loss (4-20-21 BOCES meeting)
- Attachment #12: RMSEL Executive Director Report 4-20-21
- Attachment #13: RMSEL February 23, 2021 Minutes
- Attachment #14: RMSEL Management Summary for April 20, 2021
- Attachment #15: RMSEL Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (4-20-21 BOCES meeting)
- Attachment #16: RMSEL Summary of Financial Statements
- Attachment #17: Equity Advisory Council Agenda 4-14-21

Board Committees: Board/Superintendent Linkage 1.0; Executive Limitation 1.8:  
District Accountability Committee (Ciancio-Schor, Meek)  
Fiscal Oversight Committee (Graziano, Leung)  
Long Range Planning Committee (Holtzmann, Meek)  
Mill/Bond Oversight Ad Hoc Committee (Graziano, Ciancio-Schor)  
Student Advisory Group (Leung, Ray)

District/Parent Committees:  
The Foundation for Douglas County Schools (Hanson)  
Douglas County Safety Committee (Ray, Hanson)  
Douglas County Special Education Advisory Committee (Ray)  
Douglas County Gifted Education Advisory Committee (Holtzmann)  
Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (Holtzmann)  
Parent and Family Engagement (Leung) Equity Committee (Ray)

External Groups and Committees:  
Colorado Association of School Boards Delegate (Holtzmann)  
Douglas County Youth Initiative (Graziano, Meek)  
Government Relations (Leung)  
Partnership of Douglas County Governments (Holtzmann, Ray)  
Talent Pipeline Douglas County and Castle Rock Collaborative Campus (Graziano, Ray)

No reports.

#### Adjournment

#### 23. Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education adjourns the meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member Graziano moved, Member Holtzmann seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting.

Ciancio-Schor, aye; Graziano, aye; Hanson, aye; Holtzmann, aye; Meek, aye; Ray, aye.

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

President Ray adjourned the regular session of the Board of Education at 9:31 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021, with the Regular Session beginning at 6:00 p.m. Consistent with Public Health Orders, members of the District's Board of Education, Superintendent, and designated support staff will attend and participate at this meeting either by attending at the boardroom or through electronic participation. Any individual who signs up for public comment will join via electronic participation. In order to maintain open meetings and full transparency the Board invites community members to view this meeting via livestream.

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/xDLaiUZuxEE>

Supporting document(s) attached to the agenda items may be viewed by accessing the following link: <https://eboard.dcsdk12.org/>

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