



Board of Education
Minutes
Tuesday, January 23, 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 calls 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 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

RECOMMENDATION: That the presiding Board Director calls roll.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Geiger, Meek, Myers, Thompson, 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 Financial Officer Schleusner, Communications Officer Rader and Board Assistant Secretary Brockman.

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Pledge of Allegiance

RECOMMENDATION: The presiding Board member leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DCSD Spotlight

4. Summit View Elementary - Best Buddies Recognition

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

The Board of Education celebrated Summit View Elementary School which was recognized as Colorado Elementary School of the Year for Best Buddies. In addition, Summit View educators Amber Reynolds and Brittany Kinder were nominated as Best Buddies Champions of the Year.

Best Buddies empowers the special abilities of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers; secure successful jobs; live independently; improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills; and feel valued by society.

5. Cimarron Middle School named one of the fastest relay teams in the 2023 Colfax Marathon Relay/Government and School District Division.

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

The Board recognized the Cimarron Middle School relay team. They won \$1,000 for their school for finishing the 2023 Colfax Marathon as one of the fastest relay teams in the Government and School District Division.

6. School Board Recognition Month

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

The month of January is designated as School Board Recognition Month to honor those individuals who go above and beyond for all Colorado schools and their students. They are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts and do so in a manner that illustrates what it means to be an incredible advocate for our students.

Superintendent Kane recognized DCSD's Board of Education Directors and thanked them for the hundreds of hours and immeasurable energy they expend to assure that our schools are providing the best education possible for the children of our community.

Acceptance of Agenda

7. Acceptance of Agenda

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

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

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

Superintendent Reports

8. Superintendent Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Superintendent Kane provided the following updates:

- This past Friday, DCSD employees received the pay increase (retroactive to July 1, 2023) that was made possible by the passage of the mill levy override on the November 2023 ballot. Superintendent Kane expressed her gratitude to the community for passing this ballot initiative.
- DCSD is excited to offer its employees access to a new DCSD Perks Program. Employees can receive discounts on a variety of goods and services across our community.
- This is Wish Week for many DCSD high schools. During Wish Weeks, our high schools (and often their entire feeder and community) come together to grant the wish of a special child via Make-A-Wish or other similar organizations.
- DCSD's 2022-2023 school year had a 90.8 percent graduation rate. This is one of the highest rates in the Front Range.
- Cimarron Middle School won the 8th grade girl's district basketball championship.

- Mountain Ridge Middle School won the 7th grade girl's tournament this past weekend.
- Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. Enrollment information can be found on DCSD's website.
- The Foundation for Douglas County Schools is hosting its annual midyear "Lend a Hand" school supply drive for our teachers. Donations can be made at any Douglas County library, any Office Depot in Douglas County, and at DCSD's Wilcox building between now and January 26, 2024.
- Superintendent Kane attended the Continental League Music Festival which was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at Boettcher Hall in the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. This event showcases the best of the best in band, orchestra, and choir in Colorado.
- On January 24th at 6:00 p.m., Chaparral High School will host a parent event, "The Dangerous Truth About Today's Marijuana", featuring author Laura Stack. This event is open to the public.
- DCSD's next Parent University, "The role of Today's School Counselor", will be held virtually on January 31st from 5:30-6:30 p.m. It will be led by Dr. Kelli Smith, Director of Health, Wellness and Prevention and DCSD Lead Counselors Renee Cawley and Kambi Crabb.
- The Douglas County Youth Initiative is accepting nominations for the Outstanding Youth Award. This award recognizes teenagers aged 13-19 who have overcome personal adversity and created positive change in their lives. Nominations can be made via the Douglas County, Colorado website.
- Diane Shuck-Grey, Assistant Principal and Activities and Athletics Director at Douglas County High School, was recently spotlighted in an article on the CHSAA website.

Public Comment

9. Public Comment

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: 01.23.2024 Public Comment Roster (No Public)

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

- DCSD Student Advisory Group (SAG) Co-President Jake Oliver provided an update from SAG which included a recommendation that school districts educate students about social media and how to use these platforms in a safe and constructive manner.
- Jeramiah Ganzy of Castle Rock provided public comment on racism in DCSD schools.
- Nevaeh Ganzy of Castle Rock provided public comment on racism in DCSD schools.
- Lacey Ganzy of Castle Rock provided public comment on racism in DCSD schools.
- Christa Gilstrap of Highlands Ranch provided public comment in favor of Sandra Brownrigg, a candidate for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education.
- Matthew Smith of Castle Rock provided public comment concerning key qualities that he believes are essential in the individual appointed to fill the Director District B vacancy on the Board of Education.
- Cindy Jensen of Castle Rock provided public comment in favor of Timothy Moore, a candidate for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education.

- Susan Renton of Highlands Ranch provided public comment in favor of Timothy Moore, a candidate for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education.
- Andy Jones of Highlands Ranch provided public comment in favor of Timothy Moore, a candidate for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education.
- David Weaver of Parker provided public comment in favor of Timothy Moore, a candidate for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education, and read a letter on behalf of Douglas County Sheriff, Michael Weekly, stating the same.
- Matthew VanAuken of Colorado Springs provided public comment in favor of Timothy Moore, a candidate for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education.
- Janeen McDonald of Littleton provided public comment against placing a charter school in Sterling Ranch in lieu of a neighborhood school.
- Jason Kassay of Littleton provided public comment against placing a charter school in Sterling Ranch in lieu of a neighborhood school.
- Lenaya Dotseth of Littleton provided public comment against placing a charter school in Sterling Ranch in lieu of a neighborhood school.
- Jennifer Iverson of Castle Pines provided public comment concerning special education. She also provided public comment in favor of Sandra Brownrigg, a candidate for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education.
- Jenifer Tyndall of Littleton provided public comment against the proposal that DCSD join a class action lawsuit against social media companies.
- Catherine Lees of Highlands Ranch provided public comment against the proposal that DCSD join a class action lawsuit against social media companies. She also provided public comment in favor of Sandra Brownrigg, a candidate for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education.
- Tiffany Baker of Highlands Ranch provided public comment against Timothy Moore and in favor of Sandra Brownrigg, candidates for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education.
- Juli Watkins of Castle Rock provided public comment against Timothy Moore and in favor of either Sandra Brownrigg or Natalie Wong for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education.
- Alona Comerford of Littleton provided public comment concerning the importance of listening to families in Sterling Ranch prior to placing a charter school in lieu of a public school in that location.
- Meg Furlow of Highlands provided public comment against Timothy Moore and in favor of Sandra Brownrigg for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education. She also provided public comment concerning the charter school RFP for Sterling Ranch, outreach to Sterling Ranch families, and the proposed litigation against social media companies.
- Holly M. of Parker provided public comment on diversity, equity and inclusion. She also provided public comment in favor of Timothy Moore, a candidate for the Director District B seat on the Board of Education.

Recess

10. Recess

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board President calls a recess.

President Williams called a recess at 6:56 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

11. Adoption of Consent Agenda: Staff Recommendations, Detailed in Agenda Items #12-#21 Organized for Board of Education Block Approval

RECOMENDATION: That the Board of Education adopts the Consent Agenda as presented.

Items in the Consent Agenda are organized for block approval by the Board. If an item is pulled from the Consent Agenda discussion will be limited to ten minutes.

- Item #12: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for School Resource Officers (SRO) with the Town of Parker
- Item #13: SY 2023-2024 Supplier Spend Estimated to Surpass Board of Education Threshold Specified in Policy DJ
- Item #14: Approval of Resolution Regarding Notice of Meetings of the Board of Education (C.R.S. § 24-6-401 et seq. and § 24-6-402(2)(c))
- Item #15: Approval of District Accountability Committee Recommendation for Membership
- Item #16: Approval of STEM School Highlands Ranch School's Renewal Application
- Item #17: Approval of North Star Academy School's Renewal Application
- Item #18: Approval of Ben Franklin Academy School's Renewal Application
- Item #19: Approval of MOU between Lemay and DCSD regarding SPED services at Lemay Bayou Gulch Campus
- Item #20: Approval of Personnel Changes
- Item #21: Acceptance of Superintendent Monitoring Report: End #1, Academic Excellence

ORIGINAL - Motion

Director Meek moved; Director Geiger seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion that the Board of Education approve Consent Agenda items #12-18 and #20-21.

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

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

The Board discussed Agenda Item #19, Approval of MOU between Lemay and DCSD regarding SPED services at Lemay Bayou Gulch Campus, and DCSD staff addressed questions concerning program governance, contract language, and community engagement.

NEW - Motion

Director Geiger moved; Director Winegar seconded the NEW motion to approve Consent Agenda Item #19, Approval of MOU between Lemay and DCSD regarding SPED services at Lemay Bayou Gulch Campus.

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

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

Agenda Items #12-#21 are summarized below:

12. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for School Resource Officers (SRO) with the Town of Parker

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the Amended IGA for School Resource Officers with the Town of Parker under Adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: IGA - Town of Parker SRO-23-24 (No Public)

Staff requested Board of Education approval of the IGA between Douglas County School District and the Town of Parker regarding the sharing costs for providing Deputy Sheriffs to the School District to act as School Resource Officers (SROs). The contract is for the 2023-2024 school year with annual automatic renewals upon approval of both parties.

13. School Year 2023-2024 Supplier Spend Estimated to Surpass Board of Education Threshold Specified in Policy DJ

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the SY 2023-2024 Supplier Spend estimated to surpass Board of Education threshold specified in Policy DJ under Adoption of Consent Agenda.

The following suppliers are expected to exceed the \$500,000 spend threshold which requires Board approval. The amounts listed below are based on the current best estimates. Final spend may exceed the amounts listed, but will not exceed the total appropriated amounts for the 2023-2024 school year.

1. ArbiterPay Trust Account - \$525,000 - Officials and event workers
2. Jostens, Inc. - \$525,000 - Yearbook and graduation supplier
3. Shamrock Foods - \$550,000 - Nutrition Services food purchases

14. Approval of Resolution Regarding Notice of Meetings of the Board of Education (C.R.S. § 24-6-401 et seq. and § 24-6-402(2)(c))

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approves the Resolution Regarding Notice of Meetings of the Board of Education under Adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: 01.23.2024 Resolution Notice of Board Meetings

A resolution was presented for approval designating the public place where the Board will post notice to the public of the date, time, place and agenda items of board meetings as required by State statute C.R.S. § 24-6-401 et seq. and § 24-6-402(2)(c).

15. Approval of District Accountability Committee Recommendation for Membership

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the District Accountability Committee membership recommendations as presented under adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: DAC Membership Recommendation 1/23/2024

The District Accountability Committee recommended membership for two parent representatives.

16. Approval of STEM School Highlands Ranch's Renewal Application

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve STEM School Highlands Ranch's renewal application for a five-year term under Adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: Resolution Approving STEM Charter School Renewal Application

On or before September 1, 2023, STEM School Highlands Ranch submitted to the Board a charter school renewal application seeking another renewal of its charter for a term commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2029. District staff have

reviewed the Renewal Application and have provided a written recommendation, including the reasons supporting the recommendation, for a charter renewal. At a public Board meeting held on December 12, 2023, the School presented additional information to the Board regarding the Renewal Application. District staff recommend that the Board approve STEM School Highlands Ranch's renewal application for a term of five years.

17. Approval of North Star Academy School's Renewal Application

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve North Star Academy's renewal application for a five-year term under Adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: Resolution Approving North Star Academy's Renewal Application

On or before September 1, 2023, North Star Academy submitted to the Board a charter school renewal application seeking another renewal of its charter for a term commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2029. District staff have reviewed the Renewal Application and have provided a written recommendation, including the reasons supporting the recommendation, for a charter renewal. At a public Board meeting held on December 12, 2023, the School presented additional information to the Board regarding the Renewal Application. District staff recommend that the Board approve North Star Academy's renewal application for a term of five years.

18. Approval of Ben Franklin Academy School's Renewal Application

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve Ben Franklin Academy's renewal application for a five-year term under Adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: Resolution Approving Ben Franklin Academy's Renewal Application

On or before September 1, 2023, Ben Franklin Academy submitted to the Board a charter school renewal application seeking another renewal of its charter for a term commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2029. District staff have reviewed the Renewal Application and have provided a written recommendation, including the reasons supporting the recommendation, for a charter renewal. At a public Board meeting held on December 12, 2023, the School presented additional information to the Board regarding the Renewal Application. District staff recommend that the Board approve Ben Franklin's renewal application for a term of five years.

19. Approval of MOU between Lemman and DCSD regarding SPED services at Lemman Bayou Gulch Campus

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the MOU between Lemman and DCSD regarding SPED services at Lemman Bayou Gulch Campus under Adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: DCSD-Lemman MOU (1-23-24)

20. Approval of Personnel Changes

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the Personnel changes as presented under Adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: Licensed_Admin_ProTec CON BD List 1.23.2024 (No Public)
- Attachment #2: Licensed_Admin_ProTec PUB BD List 1.23.2024
- Attachment #3: Classified CON BD List 1.23.2024 (No Public)
- Attachment #4: Classified PUB BD List 1.23.2024

21. Acceptance of Superintendent Monitoring Report: End #1, Academic Excellence

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the Superintendent Monitoring Report on End #1, Academic Excellence, under Adoption of Consent Agenda.

- Attachment #1: Monitoring Report - Academic Excellence BOE 1-23-24
- Attachment #2: MonitoringReportAcademicExcellenceBOE 1-9-24 (Presentation)

Adoption of Joint Motion Agenda

22. Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the December 6, 2023 Retreat minutes, the December 12, 2023 Special Meeting minutes, the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes, the January 9, 2024 Study Session minutes and the January 11, 2024 Special Meeting minutes as presented.

- Attachment #1: 12.06.2023 BOE Retreat Minutes_Unofficial
- Attachment #2: 12.12.2023 BOE Special Meeting_Unofficial
- Attachment #3: 12.12.2023 BOE Regular Meeting Minutes_Unofficial
- Attachment #4: 01.09.2024 BOE Study Session Minutes_Unofficial
- Attachment #5: 01.11.2024 BOE Special Meeting Minutes_Unofficial

ORIGINAL - Motion

Director Winegar moved; Director Myers seconded the ORIGINAL motion That the Board of Education approve the December 6, 2023 Retreat minutes, the December 12, 2023 Special Meeting minutes, the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes, the January 9, 2024 Study Session minutes and the January 11, 2024 Special Meeting minutes as presented.

Geiger, aye; Meek, aye; Myers, aye; Thompson, 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/Action Items

23. Selection of Director to fill Board of Education Director District B Vacancy

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

That the Board of Education take action to fill the vacant Director District B position.

- Attachment #1: 12.12.2023 Resolution Declaring Vacancy for Director District B Seat SIGNED
- Attachment #2: Candidate Brownrigg_Redacted
- Attachment #3: Candidate Moore_Redacted
- Attachment #4: Candidate Wong_Redacted

The Board of Education took action during the January 23, 2024 meeting to fill the vacant Board position as stated in the Resolution Regarding a Board Vacancy passed by the Board of Education on December 12, 2023:

- a. The presiding officer of the meeting shall call for nominations from the finalists to fill the vacancy. Multiple nominations and seconds may be made. Nominations that receive a second shall then be open for discussion by the Board. Once discussion is concluded, nominees shall be voted on in order of their nomination by a roll call vote. Once a nominee receives a majority of the votes, that nominee shall be officially declared to fill the vacancy.

b. In the event of a tie between two remaining nominees, the presiding chair shall call for discussion and voting for up to two additional rounds. If no nominee receives a majority of votes after these two rounds, the matter shall be deemed tabled until the next meeting.

c. In the event that the Board does not select a person to fill the vacancy by February 10, 2024 (the end of the 60th day following the date the vacancy has occurred), the President of the Board shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy as required by law.

President Williams called for nominations to fill the Board vacancy.

NEW - Motion

Director Thompson moved; Director Meek seconded the NEW Motion to nominate Natalie Wong to fill the Director District B vacancy on the Board of Education.

NEW - Motion

Director Myers moved; Director Winegar seconded the NEW Motion to nominate Timothy Moore to fill the Director District B vacancy on the Board of Education.

NEW - Motion

Director Geiger moved; Director Thompson seconded the NEW Motion to nominate Sandra Brownrigg to fill the Director District B vacancy on the Board of Education.

Following the above nominations of Natalie Wong, Timothy Moore and Sandra Brownrigg, the Board discussed each candidate's experience and knowledge and how it would benefit Douglas County School District and the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL VOTE - First Round

President Williams conducted a roll call vote beginning with Natalie Wong's nomination as moved by Director Thompson and seconded by Director Meek:

Geiger, no; Meek, no; Myers, no; Thompson, aye; Williams, no; Winegar, no.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 1 Nay: 5. The motion failed 1-5.

President Williams conducted a roll call vote on Timothy Moore's nomination as moved by Director Myers and seconded by Director Winegar:

Geiger, no; Meek, no; Myers, aye; Thompson, no; Williams, aye; Winegar, aye.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 3 Nay: 3. The motion failed 3-3.

President Williams conducted a roll call vote on Sandra Brownrigg's nomination as moved by Director Geiger and seconded by Director Thompson:

Geiger, aye; Meek, aye; Myers, no; Thompson, aye; Williams, no; Winegar, no.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 3 Nay: 3. The motion failed 3-3.

President Williams stated that there was a tie between Timothy Moore and Sandra Brownrigg and called for Board discussion and voting for up to two additional rounds.

The Board again discussed each candidate's experience and how it would benefit DCSD and the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Second Round:

President Williams conducted a second-round roll call vote on Timothy Moore's nomination as moved by Director Myers and seconded by Director Winegar:

Geiger, no; Meek, no; Myers, aye; Thompson, no; Williams, aye; Winegar, aye.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 3 Nay: 3. The motion failed 3-3.

President Williams conducted a roll call vote on Sandra Brownrigg's nomination as moved by Director Geiger and seconded by Director Thompson:

Geiger, aye; Meek, aye; Myers, no; Thompson, aye; Williams, no; Winegar, no.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 3 Nay: 3. The motion failed 3-3.

President Williams stated that there was a tie between Timothy Moore and Sandra Brownrigg and called for discussion and voting for one additional round.

Additional Board discussion ensued concerning each candidate, public perception, the Board member learning curve, and what the Board hopes to achieve over the next two years.

ROLL CALL VOTE - Third Round:

President Williams conducted a third-round roll call vote on Timothy Moore's nomination as moved by Director Myers and seconded by Director Winegar:

Geiger, no; Meek, no; Myers, aye; Thompson, no; Williams, aye; Winegar, aye.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 3 Nay: 3. The motion failed 3-3.

President Williams conducted a roll call vote on Sandra Brownrigg's nomination as moved by Director Geiger and seconded by Director Thompson:

Geiger, aye; Meek, aye; Myers, no; Thompson, aye; Williams, no; Winegar, no.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 3 Nay: 3. The motion failed 3-3.

President Williams stated that neither nominee received a majority vote after three rounds of voting and declared the matter tabled until the next Board meeting.

24. Newly Selected School Board Director - Oath of Office

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

No School Board Director candidate received a majority vote; therefore, the Board vacancy remains unfilled. In the event that the Board does not select a person to

fill the vacancy by February 10, 2024 (the end of the 60th day following the date the vacancy has occurred), the President of the Board shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy as required by law.

25. Charter RFP Proposal

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approve the issuance of an RFP which calls for qualified charter schools to submit a proposal to build a new school building to serve students in grades pre-kindergarten through sixth (PK-6) or kindergarten through sixth (K-6) on a dedicated school site within DCSD located at Sterling Ranch Filing 1, Tract P, understanding that such school site would be leased to the charter school consistent with the powers and authority vested in DCSD subject to the conditions expressly stated in the drafted RFP and its attachments.

- Attachment #1: Draft Charter School RFP
- Attachment #2: Charter School RFP - Attachment A
- Attachment #3: Charter School RFP - Attachment B (Site Lease)
- Attachment #4: Charter School RFP - Attachment C (MOU)
- Attachment #5: 5B Next Steps_Potential Next Steps_RFP (Presentation)
- Attachment #6: FINAL Charter School RFP
- Attachment #7: 5B Next Steps_Potential Charter RFP BOE 1-23-24 FINAL

Superintendent Kane asked the Board of Education to approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for qualified charter schools to submit a proposal to build a new school building to serve students in grades PK-6 or K-6 on a dedicated school site in Sterling Ranch. Per Superintendent Kane, DCSD does not have the necessary funds to build a neighborhood school since the bond placed on the November 2023 ballot did not pass. Without a neighborhood school, transportation challenges will continue, overcrowding will continue to escalate, and mobile classroom use will continue to increase.

Gordon Mosher, Director of Choice Programming, provided an overview of the RFP process, requirements, and timeline.

The Board Directors discussed the feasibility of placing a charter school in Sterling Ranch. Some Board Directors cited concerns with leasing the best school site to a charter school, equitable access, the lack of community surveys and focus groups on this issue, and feedback from parents concerning their desire for a neighborhood school.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Director Winegar moved; Director Myers seconded the ORIGINAL motion that the Board of Education approve the issuance of an RFP which calls for qualified charter schools to submit a proposal to build a new school building to serve students in grades PK-6 or K-6 on a dedicated school site within DCSD located at Sterling Ranch Filing 1, Tract P, understanding that such school site would be leased to the charter school consistent with the powers and authority vested in DCSD subject to the conditions expressly stated in the drafted RFP and its attachments to open in the 2026-2027 school year.

Geiger, no; Meek, no; Myers, aye; Thompson, no; Williams, aye; Winegar, aye.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 3 Nay: 3. The motion failed 3-3.

26. FY 2023-2024 Financial Plan and Budget and Budget Resolutions

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the Appropriation Resolution and the Resolution Authorizing the Use of a Portion of Beginning Fund Balance as Authorized by Colorado Statutes.

- Attachment #1: 2023-2024 Revised Budget for BOE (Presentation)
- Attachment #2: 2023-2024 Revised Financial Plan and Budget 1_19_24 final
- Attachment #3: 23-24 Revised Appropriation Resolution
- Attachment #4: 23-24 Revised Use of Beginning Fund Balance Resolution

The annual budget adopted by the Board of Education in June is based on several projections including projected enrollment and projected tax rates. Annually, the budget is revised in January to account for actual enrollment based on the Student October Count and actual tax rates based on the mill levy setting in December. Additionally, other projected revenue and expenditure lines are updated based on information received since the June budget adoption.

Chief Financial Officer Schleusner summarized major revenue and expenditure changes and updates to the general fund reserves.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Director Geiger moved; Director Myers seconded the ORIGINAL motion to approve the Appropriation Resolution and the Resolution Authorizing the Use of a Portion of Beginning Fund Balance as Authorized by Colorado Revised Statutes.

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

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

27. Social Media Litigation Discussion

RECOMMENDATION: Information only

- Attachment #1: Social Media Litigation Recommendation BOE 1-23-2024 (Presentation)

Numerous lawsuits have been brought by over 700 school districts across the country against social media companies due to the negative impact social media has on students and the effective operation of District schools. Superintendent Kane discussed the impacts of social media on DCSD and asked the Board to authorize herself and her designees to take the action necessary for Douglas County School District RE-1 to join this national effort.

Assistant Superintendent Danny Winsor and Cimarron Middle School Principal Chris Zimmerman provided perspectives from school leaders concerning challenges they face due to students' use of social media. Attorneys Austin Brane and Jon Keiffer with Wagstaff & Cartmell provided an overview of the litigation initiated in the fall of 2022 against Meta (Instagram and Facebook), TIKTOK, Snapchat, and YouTube and answered Board Directors' questions. Wagstaff & Cartmell would represent DCSD on a contingency basis should DCSD decide to move forward with litigation.

28. Convene in Executive Session (a closed session) for purposes of holding conference with the District's attorney(s) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b), regarding the District's consideration of filing a lawsuit against social media companies

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education convenes in Executive Session (a closed session) for purposes of holding conference with the District's attorney(s)

to receive legal advice on specific legal questions, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) (b), regarding the District's consideration of filing a lawsuit against social media companies, including among other matters, the legal strategy and potential legal claims which may be implemented if such litigation is pursued by the District.

The Board may hold an executive session for considering limited matters, including: real estate matters e.g. the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of real, personal or other property pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) (a); to hold conference with the Board's attorney to receive legal advice on specific legal questions, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) (b); matters required to be kept confidential by federal or state law or rules and regulations pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) (c); to be advised on specialized details of security arrangements and investigations pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) (d); to determine positions relative to matters that are or will be subject to contract negotiations, developing strategy for those negotiations, and instructing negotiators, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) (e); personnel matters, including actions, updates, and Superintendent recommendations involving individual employees, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) (f); to consider documents protected by non-disclosure provisions of Colorado Open Records Act pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) (g); and/or to be advised on individual student matters, where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4) (h).

The Board did not convene in executive session.

Study/Action Items II

29. Social Media Litigation Vote

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education consider whether to authorize the Superintendent and her designees to take the action necessary for Douglas County School District RE-1 to move forward with litigation against social media companies.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Director Geiger moved; Director Winegar seconded the ORIGINAL motion that the Board authorize the Superintendent to engage in negotiations with counsel to proceed with a lawsuit against the identified social media companies and such other entities as necessary with discretion to be vested with the Superintendent as to the progress of said lawsuit with frequent updates to the Board as necessary.

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

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

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30. President Report

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

President Williams advised:

- The next Regular Board Meeting (Study Session) is scheduled for February 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- Agenda planning for the February 13, 2024 Board meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.
- She plans to call a Special Board Meeting between now and February 10, 2023 to appoint a person to fill the vacant District B seat.

- She and Director Meek met to discuss the Board's Community Connections Plan. Later this year, the Board will engage senior citizens/citizens without children in the District and young parents whose children are not yet in the District. The Board also plans to engage with educators sometime after spring break.
- She and Director Meek also met to discuss the February 24, 2024 Retreat agenda and to develop survey questions for Board committee members. Survey answers will be used to inform the afternoon portion of the Retreat during which the Board will meet with committee representatives.

31. Vice President Items

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Vice President Winegar stated that she plans to attend the Lone Tree State of the City Breakfast on January 30, 2024.

32. Director Items, Board Committee and Liaison Reports

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Director Geiger stated that he attended Eagle Academy's Winter Graduation on January 12, 2024 with Directors Meek and Myers. He also provided updates from the January 17, 2024 Partnership of Douglas County Governments meeting.

Director Myers stated that she attended Eagle Academy's Winter Graduation.

Director Thompson provided updates from the January 18, 2024 FOC meeting.

Director Meek stated that she attended Eagle Academy's Winter Graduation and the January 16, 2024 Continental League Music Festival. She also provided updates from the January 18, 2024 DAC meeting and the January 22, 2024 SAG meeting.

Adjournment

33. Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education adjourns the meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

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

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

Vice President Williams adjourned the meeting at 11:44 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 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/hXR5YGaDQLM?feature=share>.

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

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Becky Myers
Board of Education Secretary