



Board of Education
Minutes
Study Session
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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.

The Board of Education conducted a meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 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, 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: Information only.

President Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

DCSD Spotlight

4. Girls and Women in Sports

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Last month, DCSD's Activities and Athletics department along with the Foundation for Douglas County Schools hosted our annual Girls and Women in Sports luncheon. During that event we honored many DCSD middle school and high school athletes.

The Board viewed a recap video of the Girls and Women in Sports Luncheon.

Superintendent Reports

5. Superintendent Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Superintendent Kane provided the following updates:

- DCSD hosted the statewide Colorado Education Recruiting Fair at Legacy Campus on March 4, 2023. Approximately 400 job seekers attended and DCSD interviewed over one-third of the candidates.
- April 24, 2023 is a professional development day for licensed staff. Superintendent Kane will present the State of the District and discuss funding challenges at nine separate feeder meetings that day.
- DCSD has engaged a consultant in preparation for potentially placing a bond and mill levy override on the November 2023 ballot. The consultant will assist with polling, focus groups, analysis, ballot language and messaging.
- Thanked the Board members for approving the staff compensation increase at their February 28, 2023 meeting. Superintendent Kane has received positive feedback from staff.
- The Foundation for Douglas County Schools (FDCS) completed its Opportunity Grants cycle and provided approximately \$60,000 in grants to DCSD schools and programs.
- Last week, many DCSD schools participated in Read for Fun events.
- The South Metro Chamber recently visited DCSD's Legacy Campus.
- The Mountain Vista High School boys' basketball team will play in the final four this Friday.
- The state DECA conference was held last weekend and many DCSD students participated.

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6. Superintendent Monitoring Report: End #2, Outstanding Educators and Staff

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: MonitoringReportOutstandingEducatorsStaffBOE3-7-2023
- Attachment #2: MonitoringReportOutstandingEducatorsStaffPresentationBOE3-7-2023

Superintendent Kane presented her Monitoring Report on End #2, Outstanding Educators and Staff.

Recess

President Peterson called a recess at 6:25 and reconvened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

7. Legislative Updates

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: 12.13.2022 Final BOE Legislative Priorities
- Attachment #2: Legislative Update 3.7.23 (Presentation)

DCSD's lobbyist, Jason Hopfer, provided an update on bills under consideration by Colorado legislators that could impact public education.

8. Accountability Update

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: BOE Presentation DASSC Accountability Proposal 3-7-2023

Superintendent Kane discussed challenges with the current education accountability system and updated the Board on Denver metro area and statewide discussions around evolving Colorado's accountability system.

9. District Transportation Update

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: Transportation Updates for Board Meeting 3.7.2023

Superintendent Kane and Chief Operations Officer Cosgrove discussed DCSD's bus transportation challenges, their impacts, and strategies to improve staffing and reduce route cancellations.

Board Discussion

10. Board Engagement Reflections and Planning

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

- Attachment #1: 2022-23 DCSD Community Connections Plan
- Attachment #2: Analysis_1_BOE Engagement with Students
- Attachment #3: Analysis_1_BOE Engagement with Teachers

The Board discussed their 2022-23 DCSD Community Connections Plan and their recent engagements with students and teachers. The Board plans to engage with business chamber representatives on April 13, 2023.

Board of Education Reports

11. President Reports

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

President Peterson advised:

- Regular Board Meeting on March 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
- Agenda planning on March 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. for the March 28th meeting.
- Thanked staff who have written in to express their gratitude for the pay increases approved by the Board at their February 28, 2023 meeting.
- Looking forward to consultant feedback and planning for the bond and mill levy override effort.
- Thanked DCSD staff for hosting a phenomenal statewide Colorado Education Recruiting Fair at Legacy Campus on March 4, 2023.
- Asked the Board members to consider dates for a Board subcommittee member appreciation engagement.

12. Vice President Reports

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Vice President Williams advised:

- Congratulated Mountain Vista High School's boys' basketball team for making the final four.
- The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) discussed DCSD's Capital Master Plan and their bylaws on March 1, 2023.
- The Mill Bond Exploratory Ad Hoc Committee (MBEC) is planning to present their recommendations to the Board in April 2023.
- Board engagement session with business chamber representatives on April 13, 2023 in the Wilcox Board Room.

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

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.

Director Winegar provided an update from MBEC.

Director Myers will visit Meadow View Elementary School tomorrow to read to students.

Director Hanson attended ThunderRidge High School's Grizzly Gives assembly and also distributed FDCS Opportunity Grant checks to schools and programs.

Convene in Executive Session

14. Convene in Executive Session (a closed session)

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 following: the status of threatened claims asserted by the District's former superintendent, Corey Wise.

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).

ORIGINAL - Motion

Director Hanson moved; Director Myers seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 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 following: the status of threatened claims asserted by the District's former superintendent, Corey Wise.

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 to Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTENDANCE: Hanson, Meek (virtual), Myers, Peterson, Ray, Williams, Winegar, General Counsel Klimesh, Outside Legal Counsel Brent Case (virtual), and Outside Legal Counsel John Fero (virtual).

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Executive Session Time: 8:53 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

The Executive Session concluded at 9:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

Adjournment

15. Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education adjourns the meeting.

President Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 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/WTBbYWrwCc4>.

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

Mike Peterson
Board of Education President

ATTEST

Becky Myers
Board of Education Secretary