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**Eagle County School District RE 50J
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Board Room, 757 East Third Street, Eagle
Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Felicia Battle
Inga Haagenson Causey
Kate Cocchiarella
Rebecca Cotton
Shelly Jarnot
Tessa Kirchner

Administration Present

Maggie Lopez
Sandy Mutchler
Philip Qualman
Tammy Schiff
Todd Shahan
Adele Wilson
Traci Wodlinger

Board Members Absent

Melisa Rewold-Thuon

Administration Absent

Heather Eberts
Chris Madison

A. General Function

Procedural: 1. Roll Call.

Roll call was taken and all members were present except Shelly Jarnot who joined the meeting at 3:39 p.m. and Melisa Rewold-Thuon's absence was excused.

B. Executive Session (3:30 p.m.)

Information: 1. Superintendent Search - Consult Legal Advice and Instruct Negotiators.

At 3:38 p.m. Kate Cocchiarella moved to go into an executive session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for legal advice regarding the superintendent search and to 24-6-402(4)C, C.R.S. regarding instructing negotiators and determining strategy for contract negotiations with potential superintendent; Felicia Battle seconded the motion. All members present voted aye on a roll call vote. (6-0) **(Motion carried.)** Executive Session ended at 4:05 p.m.

C. Work Session (4:00 p.m.)

Discussion, Information: 1. Healthy Kids Colorado Survey.

Philip Qualman, Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services presented the results of the survey. Mr. Qualman spoke about the survey that takes place in odd number years and is given county wide, which goes to all students in both public and private schools in the district. This survey was given to students in the fall of 2017 and is facilitated by Eagle River Youth Coalition. Eagle County has one of the highest participation rates in the state, which includes all public and private secondary schools.

Mr. Qualman went through the survey data with the members of the Board of Education and answered the questions they had of the results.

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Discussion, Information: 2. Late Start Elementary Discussion.

Elementary Principals Tiffany Dougherty, Roy Getchell, Eric Olsen, and Marcie Laidman presented to the Board of Education on the proposal of a late start on Wednesdays during the 2018-19SY. Eric Olsen, Tiffany Dougherty, Marcie Laidman, Roy Getchell, Emily Cole, Erika Donahue, Mitch Forsberg, and Matt Abramowitz were in attendance for the presentation. The overall need for this movement is to give teachers more time to prepare for their students.

Board members asked questions regarding about the staffing days and contact time for students. Principals explained a typical day and the challenges that the teachers face. Members of the Board asked the Principals to assure the members how this will improve the learning and not take away from it. Principals will take this to their families and survey their needs. The results will be brought back to the Board at either the March 28 or the April 11 meeting.

Board members thanked the Principals for their work.

D. Dinner for Board Members (5:30 p.m.)

Information, Procedural: 1. Dinner for Board Members

E. Regular Session (6:00 p.m.)

Information, Procedural: 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The regular session was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

F. Public Participation

Information, Procedural: 1. Public Participation Guidelines.

There wasn't any public participation at this meeting.

G. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Agenda.*

Recommended Action: Move to approve the consent agenda.

Action (Consent): 2. Approval of Minutes.*

Recommended Action: Move to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2018 and March 5, 2018 Board of Education meetings.

Action (Consent): 3. Approval of Consent Items.*

Recommended Action: Move to approve the consent agenda items.

G. Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of Agenda.*
2. Approval of Minutes.*
3. Approval of Consent Items.*

N. Employee Relations

1. Approval of Personnel List.*

Felicia Battle moved to approve the consent agenda; Inga Causey seconded the motion. All members present voted aye on a roll call vote. (6-0) **(Motion carried.)**

H. Report of the Superintendent

Information: 1. Superintendent Report

Dr. Maggie Lopez, Interim Superintendent shared with the Board of Education an update on the meetings and activities that she attended over the past couple of weeks.

Under school events and news Dr. Lopez congratulated Tami Payne of Eagle Valley High on being named the Colorado Athletic Director Association 4A of the Year, thanked the District Accountability Advisory Committee members on their hard work, and spoke about the many events which included, Transition to Life visit, Dr. Seuss reading at June Creek Elementary, Elementary Battle of the Books, bond update at the Mayors and Managers, Principal Achievement, Maloit Park Residents meetings. Dr. Lopez also spoke about the PLC visit at Red Sandstone Elementary.

State and National news included a PERA update, a report on the student National Walkout today, and spoke about the latest news regarding the Negative Factor.

I. Board Reports

Felicia Battle reported that she attended Head Start Council and shared a bit about the work that is taking place.

Shelly Jarnot shared she attended the Walkout at Battle Mountain High and the Superintendent candidate interviews.

Rebecca Cotton reported that she attended the Vail Performing Arts Show, and the Vail Valley Academy Student Dance performance, and wrapped up with information on the Signs of Suicide information night sponsored by Eagle River Youth Coalition.

Inga Causey spoke attending the Land Resource Committee meeting as well as meeting with Shelley Smith, Director of Early Childhood Education to find out more about the student hunger that Ms. Smith spoke about during her report to the Board of Education last meeting.

Tessa Kirchner shared that she attended the Colorado Association of School Boards Legislative Conference and spoke about the work being done there.

Kate Cocchiarella spoke about Superintendent search the interview process to get to the list of two finalists as well as the other things going on in the community to meet the finalists. Mrs. Cocchiarella also spoke about the Eagle County/Early Childhood collaborative meeting.

J. General Administration

Discussion, Information: 1. New/Old Business

Kate Cocchiarella, President went over the upcoming meeting topics with the rest of the members to cultivate any questions in order to help staff prepare for their presentations.

K. Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

Action: 1. Approval of Monitoring Report for Governance Policy EL-12, Commitment to Accomplishment and Accountability - Recommendations of District Accountability Advisory Committee.

Recommended Action: Move to approve the monitoring report for Governance Policy EL-12, Commitment to Accomplishment and Accountability as presented.

Harry McQueeney, Assistant Principal of Eagle Valley Elementary, Korrine Winstead parent representative for Eagle Valley Middle School, Jamie Hawkins parent representative for Gypsum Elementary School, and Riley Dudley student representative and sophomore at Eagle Valley High introduced themselves and presented their recommendations to the Board of Education.

The District Accountability Committee members were appointed by the Board in September 2017 and began meeting at a pace that allowed them to make recommendations for the consideration of the Board prior to setting the budget for the next year.

The committee spoke about the needs of the students, schools. The needs that were discussed were the wellbeing and need for student support from social media usage, bullying, and other mental needs, support for project based learning, additional help in the Gifted and Talented services, support for Special Education Services for students with moderate needs, stressing the moderate needs students. Other needs spoke about were the Strategic Plan streamlined work for the schools as they feel overwhelmed by feeling the need to do it all, technology plan and more streamlined help.

Under building needs the presenters began with the need for foreign language programming through the middle and high schools and to fill in the disconnect between all of the schools. FTE was also a need to possibly adjust the current FTE across the schools based on need but not to take away from the schools. Late start for elementary schools for the teachers to have collaboration time.

Also wrapping up the presenters touched on the final recommendations of teacher retention with housing needs, international teachers and their need for support from within the community and help through community partners and helping all students feel a part of the community.

Mr. McQueeney thanked the Board of Education and thanked the community for the approval of 3A and 3B. Also, made some suggestions for a better demographic balance on the committee. Board members spoke about the great work of the District Accountability Advisory Committee and spoke about suggested changes to the future to better track the work being done.

Tessa Kirchner moved to approve the monitoring report for Governance Policy EL-12, Commitment to Accomplishment and Accountability as presented; Inga Causey seconded the motion. All members present voted aye on a roll call vote. (6-0) **(Motion carried.)**

L. Public Interest Items for Discussion

Discussion, Information: 1. Bond Technology Update.

Todd Shahan Chief Technology Officer, Will Harris Education Technology Specialist, Bri Chittenden, Education Technology Specialists, and Brian Brugger Education Technology Manager spoke about the technology in the buildings that has been updated and the new systems that will be fully in place with bond monies. They have and will include security work and other miscellaneous upgrades across the district.

Discussion, Information: 2. Strategic Plan Update - Technology Tactic 4 - Infrastructure.

Todd Shahan Chief Technology Officer shared an update that focuses on Technology Tactic 4 to enhance and maintain a secure, scalable infrastructure to augment learning opportunities within a dynamic environment. The presentation spoke about the infrastructure and the milestones to complete upgrades at remaining construction sites and to expand existing data center. Mr. Shahan wrapped up with the challenges that includes continual funding, provider and economic challenges.

Discussion, Information: 3. Strategic Plan Update - Technology Tactic 2 - Student Devices.

Todd Shahan Chief Technology Officer spoke about the tactic to provide high-quality, state of the art devices for each student. Mr. Shahan spoke about the work of the Connect2Learn plan, work of the committee and where they are in the process of the rollout of the Connect2Learn devices to students. Mr. Brugger and Mr. Harris answered questions of the members and explained the help that they are providing to the classrooms and instructors. The tactic has moved along quickly with the thanks to the voters enabling us to get devices in student's hands with funds through the mill levy. The entire program would not be available without the funds from the mill levy and the sunset of the mill levy is a concern.

Bri Chittenden and Will Harris gave a demo on the large screen display that are in our students' classrooms that have the carts of Chromebooks as a participant in the Connect2Learn cohort model. Next year every instructional classroom will have these displays.

Discussion, Information: 4. Strategic Plan Update - Technology Tactic 3 - Tech Curricula.

Will Harris Education Technology Specialist presented to the Board and spoke about Technology Tactic 3: Develop curricula for technology, including specific pathways. The prior goal of this tactic has already been met and therefore a new SMART goal was created which is by SY2022-23, 90% of students will be proficient in Digital Literacy as defined by our Digital Learning frameworks. Mr. Harris went over the curricular frameworks and spoke about the work in the classrooms to help move the goal along. There is a challenge to find a matrix to be able to measure the success of the goal.

Board members spoke about the possibility of a base line so that at the minimum each student meets the basic portion. Mr. Harris spoke about the scope and sequence of each standard. There were questions around the programming/coding and that is currently covered under Project Lead the Way and members would like to see programming/coding as a part of the digital curriculum. Mr. Harris spoke about supporting that thought and explained some of the challenges implementing it. This suggestion will be brought back to the Education Tech Team for further follow-up.

Mr. Harris wrapped up with the challenges of this tactic.

Discussion, Information: 5. Strategic Plan Update - Learners Tactic 4 - Online & Blended Learning.

Brian Brugger, Education Technology Manager presented to the Board and caught them up on the SMART goal changes and the overall changes of the tactic. Under the tactic which is to leverage & expand online & blended learning opportunities. Mr. Brugger spoke about the work completed, the successes and the desire to continue and grow in both the online and blended learning.

The members asked questions about how it might look as the tactic evolves and asked for details about what this might look like for a student in the future whether they are in or out of the classroom. Some of these will come over time and spoke about some of the milestones for the next year.

At the end of the presentation the team gave a demo of what is happening in the classroom and shared the work of a second grader that wrote a story, coded the story, and narrated it. As well as the online blended class work of a US Government class and the sequence of the work assigned and what the students need to do to work through the assignments. Mr. Brugger wrapped up with the challenges and the reasons why.

Board members asked questions about the online learning and the concern about future to make sure that the students receive a well-rounded education, incorporating many styles of learning.

M. Business and Operations

Action: 1. Approval of the Stipulation and Agreement to Not Oppose the Entry of a Ruling of the Referee and Decree in the Case of the Eagle Springs Golf Club.

Recommended Action: Approve the Stipulation and Agreement to Not Oppose the entry of a Ruling of the Referee and Decree in the case of the Eagle Springs Golf Club.

Sandra Mutchler Chief Operations Officer gave some background to the water rights of Eagle County Schools and the case entered by the Golf Club to amend the 93CW189 decree to add additional sources of augmentation water for its uses at the golf course.

Currently the District owns a water court decree in Case No. 96CW189, which decree moved O'Neill and Holland Ditch rights up river to the Howard Ditch for use by the District and moved down river the more senior Howard Ditch rights for use by the Golf Club by diversion at the O'Neill and Holland ditch.

The District Court, Water Division has filed a ruling that defines an augmentation plan for the Golf Club. This ruling and related settlement of the case does not affect the District's rights and the proposed operations that will be allowed by the decree do not harm the district.

ECS water attorney has reviewed and recommends ECS approve the Stipulation and Agreement, which he will sign as the districts representative.

Tessa Kirchner moved to approve the Stipulation and Agreement to Not Oppose the entry of a Ruling of the Referee and Decree in the case of the Eagle Springs Golf Club; Rebecca Cotton seconded the motion. All members present voted aye on a roll call vote. (6-0) **(Motion carried.)**

Action: 2. 2018-19 Kindergarten Tuition Rates.

Recommended Action: Approve the 2018-19 kindergarten tuition rates as outlined in the action item.

Sandra Mutchler Chief Operations Officer spoke about the option recommended due to the State of Colorado does not fund full-day kindergarten through the School Finance Act. They do fund .58 of the Per Pupil Revenue for each half-day student leaving the .42 unfunded. Historically, the district has charged \$250 per month for 9 months of the year. It actually costs around \$370 per month to provide full day kindergarten, which the district has subsidized since inception.

YP365 has generously been providing scholarships to parents to help offset this cost of the parent tuition. Last year YP365 notified the district their focus was changing to after school programming and would be phasing out the funds available for kindergarten tuition scholarships. The impact for 2018-19 is a reduction of approximately \$65,000 for the 2018-19 fiscal year and completely phasing out scholarships in 2019-20 for approximately \$68,000.

The District is recommending adjusting the total tuition amount from \$250 to \$270 for a total monthly increase of \$20. This amount splits the decrease in scholarships between paid families and the district. The scholarship family rates would stay the same.

The members spoke about the communication to the families of this change and made suggestions for the future.

Tessa Kirchner moved to approve the 2018-19 kindergarten tuition rates as outlined in the action item; Felicia Battle seconded the motion. All members present voted aye on a roll call vote. (6-0) **(Motion carried.)**

Action: 3. Resolution Approving the First Amendment Lease Agreement between the Town of Vail and Eagle County School District.

Recommended Action: Move to approve Town of Vail Resolution No. 9 Series of 2018 as presented.

Sandra Mutchler Chief Operations Officer went over the information regarding this topic. Due to the major renovation of Red Sandstone and the construction of an adjacent parking structure by the Town of Vail (ToV) it has become necessary to revise the lease agreement between the ECS and ToV. This Lease Amendment is very general in terms with a need to create a future Use Agreement to provide specific logistic and operational agreement terms which will include; the possible addition of the 5th and 6th levels; issues related to the RSES use of the 4th level for parking; shared use of the access drive; general building utilities and maintenance issues; etc.

The Parties agreed by an Intergovernmental Development to construct a parking structure on a portion of the Property not needed by the District for the Red Sandstone Elementary School therefore needing to amend the leased premises to exclude the parking structure. Town of Vail council members approved the Resolution at their February 20, 2018 meeting and are asking for the Board of Education to approve it as presented.

Inga Causey moved to approve Town of Vail Resolution No. 9 Series of 2018 as presented; Tessa Kirchner seconded the motion. All members present voted aye on a roll call vote. (6-0) **(Motion carried.)**

N. Employee Relations

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Personnel List.*

Recommended Action: Move to approve the revised personnel list as presented.

This was approved under the consent agenda.

O. Feedback and Evaluation of Meeting

Discussion, Information, Procedural: 1. Evaluate Decisions of the Board Meeting in Terms of Governance Policies

Discussion, Information, Procedural: 2. Did the Meeting Advance the goals and Mission of the District?

P. Adjournment

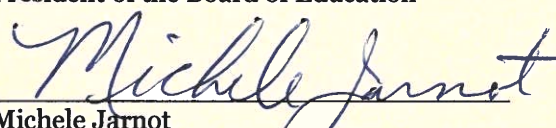
Procedural: 1. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Information: 2. Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 757 East Third Street, Eagle, CO.



Kate Cocchiarella
President of the Board of Education

Michele Jarnot
Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Education

Melissa Gerard, Executive Assistant