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**Eagle County School District RE 50J
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting - Retreat
Westin, 126 Riverfront Lane, Avon, CO
Wednesday, August 30, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Felicia Battle
Kate Cocchiarella
Shelly Jarnot
Tessa Kirchner
Kevin Kottenstette

Administration Present

Heather Eberts
Maggie Lopez
Philip Qualman
Traci Wodlinger

Board Members Absent

Patrick Hirn
Carolyn Knox Keep

Administration Absent

Chris Madison
Sandy Mutchler
Tammy Schiff

A. Work Session

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Procedural: 1. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and all members were present in person except Carolyn Knox Keep and Patrick Hirn whose absences were excused.

Information: 2. Introductions.

The meeting began with introductions.

Discussion, Information: 3. District Priority Discussion.

Kate Cocchiarella opened up the conversation with a general statement of things will continue in the same direction. Board members spoke about the impending transition of a future long-term Superintendent and what role Dr. Lopez and the members will take part in. The Strategic Plan was discussed since that is what will continue to guide the district and the work within the district.

Discussion, Information: 4. Data Update.

Heather Eberts presented the members with a comparison of the current 2017 and the 2016 School Performance Frameworks. The review helped the members gain a better understanding of the bright spots in achievement, achievement gap status, and areas for improvement. All of our schools, as well as the district have come off of Priority Improvement Plan status. Board members engaged in a discussion over the results and looked at each school and a deeper look into their data.

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Discussion, Information: 5. Holistic Indicators Update.

Philip Qualman shared a presentation around the progress Leadership Team made on these indicators and the measurements to be used. The goal is to include these indicators into the Strategic Plan as we currently do in the academic indicators. The discussion led to absences and how they affect learning of the students. The members spoke about the agreement of the need to add these to the Strategic Plan. The board spoke about the accountability of these items and how it fits within the current system under the system indicators. Leadership team will continue to refine this work and keep the Board of Education members apprised of the work.

Procedural: 6. Lunch

Discussion, Information: 7. Focus on Achievement Gap/ Equity Education.

Traci Wodlinger began her presentation speaking about the concluding chapter of the book, *It's Being Done: Academic Success in Unexpected Schools* (*an Education Trust publication by Karen Chenoweth). Members participated in a discussion on the opportunities to close the student achievement gap and what is needed to implement those opportunities for the students.

Dr. Maggie Lopez, Superintendent spoke regarding Learners Tactic 10, demographic balance and asked questions about the position of the board. Board members spoke about their understanding of the district and the integration of the demographic balance in the future. The members feel that the focus should be on high achievement for all students which will then close the achievement gap. The Board of Education took a look at the preliminary enrollment figures.

Discussion, Information: 8. Strategic Plan Heat Map Review.

Due to time this will be brought back to a future work session.

Discussion, Information: 9. Wrap Up.

Kate Cocchiarella went over the meeting and summarized the items from the meeting for future work.

B. Adjournment

Procedural: 1. Meeting Adjournment


The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Information: 2. Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

The next regularly scheduled BOE meeting is: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 3:00 P.M. at Board Room, 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