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

Board Room, 757 East Third Street, Eagle  
Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 3:20 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Felicia Battle  
Kate Cocchiarella  
Shelly Jarnot  
Tessa Kirchner  
Carolyn Knox Keep

**Administration Present**

Heather Eberts  
Chris Madison  
Maggie Lopez  
Sandy Mutchler  
Philip Qualman  
Tammy Schiff

**Board Members Absent**

Patrick Hirn  
Kevin Kottenstette

**Administration Absent**

Traci Wodlinger

**A. General Function**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Procedural: 1. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and all members were present in person except Tessa Kirchner who joined in the meeting via phone. Patrick Hirn, and Kevin Kottenstette absences were excused.

**B. Work Session (3:20 p.m.) (This was moved to 7:30 p.m. due to lack of quorum)**

**Discussion, Information: 1. VSSA Evaluation Report**

Scott McLeod introduced himself and Kate Newburgh, who also participated in the evaluation of Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy. Others in attendance with the Board of Education and Leadership Team were Wade Hill, Interim Principal and Kris Ochs.

Dr. McLeod spoke about the findings the challenges and the positives of the school and club. Mr. Wade Hill spoke about the evaluation and the work around the data going forward. Board members discussed the vision and the future of the partnership between the Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy and the Ski and Snowboard Club Vail.

Mr. Hill spoke about the next steps and sharing the document moving forward. Dr. Lopez, Interim Superintendent shared her recommendations to work with the Ski and Snowboard Club Vail on a roll-out plan. Mr. Hill will initiate a meeting with the Board of Directors from Ski and Snowboard Club Vail and invite two Board Members, and a couple members of the Administrative Team to participate.

**Discussion, Information: 2. Bond Project Update.**

This item will be pushed to the next meeting due to other bond work being completed.

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**Discussion, Information: 3. Development Agreement with Town of Vail Discussion.**

Jeff Chamberlin presented to the Board the finalization of the of the development agreement for the construction of a road and parking structure. The Town of Vail will be taking action within this week on the agreement and it will be brought back to the Board of Education on August 23, 2017 for their final approval.

**C. Executive Session (4:30 p.m.)**

**Information: 1. Personnel - Superintendent Goals.**

**Information: 2. Negotiations - Real Estate**

**Information: 3. Consult and Receive Legal Advice Pending Litigation.**

At 4:34 p.m., Kate Cocchiarella moved to convene an executive session pursuant to Section 24-6-402(4)(f) for a personnel matter, specifically the superintendent goals, Maggie Lopez is invited to attend, Section 24-6-402(4)(e), for the purpose of discussing real estate negotiations, and instructing our negotiators; Dr. Lopez, and Sandy Mutchler were invited to attend; Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) for the purposes of consulting our attorney relating to pending litigation and determining our position in negotiations, developing strategies and instructing negotiators, Dr. Lopez, Philip Qualman, Chris Madison, and Julie Goldberg were invited to attend, Felicia Battle seconded the motion, all members present, voted aye on a roll call vote to convene the Executive Session. (4-0) Tessa Kirchner did not participate in the vote. **(Motion carried)**

Executive Session for the real estate portion ended at 4:54 p.m. and the portion for receiving legal advice ended at 6:02 p.m. Executive session for the Superintendent goals will be moved to another meeting due to time constraints. **(Attachment 08.09.C.3.)**

**D. Dinner for Board Members**

**E. Regular Session**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

**F. Public Participation**

**Information, Procedural: 1. Public Participation Guidelines.**

There was no public participation at this meeting.

**G. Consent Agenda**

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

**Recommended Action: Move to approve the meeting agenda.**

This item was pulled from the consent agenda.

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

**Recommended Action: Move to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2017 Board of Education meeting.**

This item was approved under the consent agenda.

**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.\*

K. Public Interest Items for Discussion

4. Approval of the Designated Election Official and Participation in the Coordinated Election for Seat Vacancies.\*

M. Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

1. Approval of Monitoring Report for Governance Policy EL-6, Staff Evaluation.\*



2. Approval of Monitoring Report for Governance Policy EL-19, School Safety.\*

**N. Employee Relations**

1. Approval of Personnel List.\*

Felicia Battle moved to modify the agenda to add an item to direct our Negotiators to Negotiate on Behalf of Eagle County Schools regarding student discipline matter and move the work session to the end of regular session and move the student advocacy group to the beginning of the meeting, Carolyn Knox Keep seconded the motion. All members present voted aye on a roll call vote. (5-0) **(Motion carried.)**

**H. Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Maggie Lopez, Interim Superintendent shared with the Board her report of the work over the last few weeks.

Under school events and news were several appointments and they included completing one-on-one meetings with Leadership Team, speaking about her transition days, Ad Team Retreat/training, bond project site visits, welcoming secretaries and new teachers, meetings with community members, Buck Institute Training, and then asked Phil Qualman, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services to speak about Career Wise. Mr. Qualman shared that we have been the first rural district in Colorado to be awarded the partnership that will help grow the student internship possibilities.

Community events and news included the Taste of Nature @ Walking Mountains Science Center and the Star Dancing Gala for Youth Power 365.

**I. Board Reports**

Felicia Battle and Shelly Jarnot did not have a report to share.

Carolyn Knox Keep spoke about attending the Star Dancing Gala.

Kate Cocchiarella shared she had been doing quite a bit of Board work and attended the Taste of Nature event.

**J. General Administration**

**Discussion, Information: 1. Old/New Business**

Kate Cocchiarella, Board President, spoke about the upcoming August 23, 2017 meeting and the tentative topics.

**K. Public Interest Items for Discussion**

**Information: 1. Recognition of Student Advocacy Team.**

As Eagle County Schools works to develop global-ready graduates, students are the focus. Student success in 21<sup>st</sup> century life, work, and career is the common denominator around which our work is organized. The role of students in this work is extremely important. Over the course of the 2016-2017 school year, a team of student advocates met regularly to provide feedback, present ideas, help ECS begin to design a profile of a graduate, and most importantly engage as powerful implementation partners.

Heather Eberts, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services welcomed the student advocacy group and shared with the Board the work that the students have participated in. MaryAnn Stavney, Learning and Instruction Specialist spoke about the great students and their interest in learning that they all share. The students were presented with a certificate of appreciation for all of their input and hard work, and thanked by the Board of Education and staff. Those students in attendance from the group were Ann Avila, Chapin Benway, Marika Feduschak, Bernice Garcia, Karyme Grajeda, Parker Labine, Elian Marquez, Melanie Ocampo, Victor Silva, and Holden Stavney.

Other Student Advocacy members also honored but unable to attend, were Nathaniel Badger, George Cruz, Kaeli Niemeyer, Franklin Reily, and Lydia Ruotolo.



**Discussion, Information: 2. Board of Education Retreat Topic Discussion.**

Kate Cocchiarella presenting spoke about the list and worked through the retreat topic options. Board members offered input on the topics. Mrs. Cocchiarella will put together an outline and share it with the Board at the next meeting for a consensus of topics.

**Discussion, Information: 3. Footsteps2Brilliance Update.**

Heather Eberts presented the work since the last meeting. Ms. Eberts spoke about the registration link being ready and the students within the ECS have been loaded in the system for access. The company will be on hand tomorrow for a training to take next steps in marketing, launch plan, and reaching out to other community members.

**Action (Consent): 4. Approval of the Designated Election Official and Participation in the Coordinated Election for Seat Vacancies. \***

**Recommended Action: Move to approve the resolution as presented, designating Melissa Gerard as the Election Official for the District and the duties listed within.**

This item was approved under the consent agenda. (Attachment 08.09.K4.)

**L. Business and Operations**

**Action: 1. Approve Resolution of the Board of Education of Eagle County School District RE-50J Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for the Purchase of Real Property.**

**Recommended Action: Move to approve the purchase of the property and improvements located at 395 McGregor Drive, Gypsum, CO and authorizing officers of the District, to execute all required closing documents.**

Sandy Mutchler addressed the Board regarding the opportunity to purchase the property at 395 McGregor Drive, Gypsum, CO.

The district has a need to increase facility capacity and programming for Red Canyon High School West (RCHSW). This need was identified within the district Facility Master Plan and included in projects to funded with the November 2016 voter approved bond.

The initial location for RCHSW was identified to be placed at 375 Lindbergh Avenue, Gypsum (Integra) as part of a major addition and renovation. Throughout the last six months architects have been working with RCHSW representatives as well as other district staff to design and engineer the addition and renovation that would support not only RCHSW but also EVHS auto shop, technology and transportation. However after deliberation it was determined that we could purchase adjacent land and build a stand-alone RCHS at a similar cost of the renovation and addition.

The property located at 395 McGregor Drive meet the needs and the owners wished to sell the property for \$375,000. and appraised at \$350,000. An agreement was made to amend/extend the offer to \$367,500. It is \$17,500 above the appraised value however, the benefit of having this property adjacent to land already owned by the district makes it more valuable to the district and worth the \$367,500. The total cost to purchase the property and build a new stand-alone building can be done within the same budget already allocated for the additional and renovation and creates a very defined separation between the school and district operations. The location also makes very easy access for RCHS students to participate in the auto shop repair program located on the South-West end of the Integra building.

There were other options researched and the District feels that this is the best value and fit for our needs.

Felicia Battle moved to approve the purchase of the property and improvements located at 395 McGregor Drive, Gypsum, CO and authorizing officers of the District, to execute all required closing documents; Carolyn Knox Keep seconded the motion. All members present voted aye on a roll call vote. (5-0) (Motion carried.) (Attachment 08.09.L.1.)

**M. Board Policies and Administrative Regulations**

**Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Monitoring Report for Governance Policy EL-6, Staff Evaluation.\***

**Recommended Action: Move to approve the monitoring report for Governance Policy EL-6, Staff Evaluation, as presented.**

This item was approved under the consent agenda.

**Action (Consent): 2. Approval of Monitoring Report for Governance Policy EL-19, School Safety.\***

**Recommended Action: Move to approve the monitoring report for Governance Policy EL-19, School Safety as presented.**

This item was approved under the consent agenda.

**Action: 3. Approval of Monitoring Report for Governance Policy GP-8, Agenda Planning. (5 min)**

**Recommended Action: Move to approve the monitoring report for Governance Policy GP-8, Agenda Planning, as presented.**

Kate Cocchiarella spoke about the monitoring policy and spoke about future agendas. Members did not have any further input so Mrs. Cocchiarella will work with staff to plan for the upcoming year's agendas.

Felicia Battle moved to approve the monitoring report for Governance Policy GP-8, Agenda Planning, as presented; Carolyn Knox Keep seconded the motion. All members present voted aye on a roll call vote. (5-0) **(Motion carried.)**

#### **N. Employee Relations**

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

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

This item 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?**

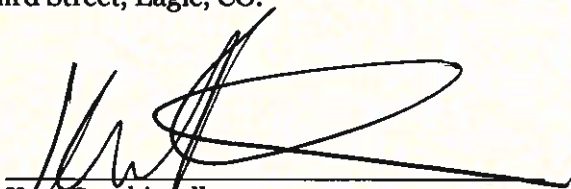
#### **P. Adjournment**

**Procedural: 1. Meeting Adjournment**

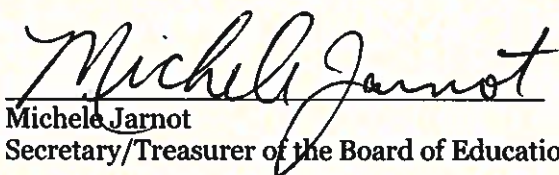
The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

**Information: 2. Upcoming Board of Education Meetings**

The next regularly scheduled BOE meeting is: Wednesday, August 23, 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