1. **Preliminary**

   1.01 **Location:** via Zoom/Livestream (streaming)/la interpretación en español para la reunión de la Junta Directiva

   1.02 **Call to Order:** 8:30 a.m.

   The study/dialogue session was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Ms. Harmon, president of the Board of Education, via virtual participation on Zoom, Livestreamed from the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Wednesday, February 10, 2021. A break was taken from 10:40 a.m. to 10:47 a.m. Ms. Harmon thanked the Spanish interpreters.

   1.03 **Roll Call**

   Roll call indicated the Board was present in its entirety—Susan L. Harmon, president; Charles B. Rupert, first vice president; Richard G. Rush, second vice president; Susan L. Miller, treasurer; and, Stephanie D. Schooley, secretary. Kristopher Schuh, interim superintendent, represented the administration.

   1.04 **Approve Agenda**

   Motion #1 (**Motion to Approve Agenda**): Upon motion by Ms. Schooley, second by Mr. Rupert, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the special study session meeting of February 10, 2021 as presented.

   Motion by Ms. Schooley, second by Mr. Rupert  
   Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
   Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Miller, Mr. Rupert, Mr. Rush, Ms. Schooley

2. **Study/Dialogue Session**

   2.01 **Second Quarter Financial Report Review and Dialogue with Financial Oversight Committee (EL-5, EL-6)**
PURPOSE: The Board of Education received information on the districtwide financial condition through the second quarter of the 2020/2021 school year in order to monitor district finances with members of the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC).

DISCUSSION: Staff and FOC members presented an overview of the second quarter report. Discussion covered the future of the economy, challenges/recommendations for using the reserves in the upcoming years, and funding challenges due to available funds for the 2021/2022 school year. FOC congratulated the Board on the bond sale, recommended staying more liquid to allow district flexibility with the changing economy. The Board discussed the need for additional information on long term projections, how other districts are using reserves (best practices), the need for different opinions/dialogue, and their concerns (not affecting the classroom, and anticipating more resources for student’s needs).

Mr. Niedermuller from CliftonLarsonAllen, presented an overview of the second quarter General Fund (positive trend) and noted the impact of the remote environment, and the inability to collect fees as the theme for the report’s red flags.

CONCLUSION: Ms. Harmon recognized the difficult times with food insecurities within the community and the efforts to provide access to nutritional food to our families/schools, and all of the volunteers distributing it, as well as, our paid staff. Ms. Harmon thanked FOC members Ms. Emm and Ms. Fransom and Mr. Niedermuller and staff for their reports.

2.02 Learning Model Update: Return to In-Person (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received and discussed plans to support students, staff and families in a return to in-person learning for secondary students in the second semester within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment COVID19 Dial Dashboard framework and school guidance.

DISCUSSION: The Board received information from Jefferson County Public Health Community Health Services Director Dr. Margaret Huffman, and Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator Christine Billings regarding the status of the COVID19 Dial updates and its impact on returning to 100% in-person learning for secondary education. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado VP/COO Kelli Kane presented the State of Colorado vaccine allocation process with the goal of vaccinating all educators (Phase 1B.2) in the state by the end of February. The COVID19 Dial discussion included Jefferson County being currently in Level Yellow, the county’s metrics to move to Level Blue, and received an update on the BinextNow testing. Board discussion covered ESSER funding, vaccine efficacy and distribution (demand is high and supply is inconsistent), the county’s 70 vaccine providers’ capacity challenges/opportunities, and vaccination process.

Staff brought forward considerations for secondary student 100% in-person learning this semester. Discussion covered guidelines for Level Blue (increased capacity, same mitigation strategies and quarantine guidelines, continued contract tracing), vaccine roll out, transportation capacity given distancing requirements, dual modality teaching challenges, Friday interventions/supports for students, and increasing equity for extra and co-curricular activities.

CONCLUSION: The Board confirmed direction to staff regarding prioritizing lists for vaccine providers and shared each board member’s considerations regarding a return to in-person learning ranging from early March to no later than April 5, vaccinations for staff (especially student-facing staff), position in Level Yellow or Blue, and providing a runway for family and district logistics. The Board will receive continued updates on progress for unified and consistent communications with community. Ms. Harmon thanked staff and guests for the presentation and comprehensive overview.

2.03 Budget Update (EL-5, EL-6)
**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education received information on the status of budget development of the 2021/22 school year and next steps for community engagement.

**DISCUSSION:** The Board received information on anticipated 2021/22 funding, Governor’s proposal, December forecast, estimated income tax collections, federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds (ESSER), budget reduction scenarios aligned with the strategic plan, district recommendations on central reductions, funding requests and program considerations, and next steps. Board discussion covered school improvement funds, literacy curriculum, Student Based Budget (SBB) impacts, capital transfer, CTE programming, assessments, middle school SPED pilot, return on investment, effectiveness of dollars spent, reductions difficult to recover from, and K-4 technology needs.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board provided direction and clarity for the Community Budget Forums and agreement with central reductions (blue areas) with the exceptions of areas needing more information (ERD 0.12M, CTE, School Improvement, substitute teachers, ESSER funds, capital transfer)(peach areas); and, moving forward increase requests (green areas) pending further dialogue and direction. After board discussion, with use of recommended $30 million in reserves, an additional $6 million in reductions would be necessary to reach a balanced budget.

Motion #2 (Motion to Revise the Agenda): Upon motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Schooley the Board of Education voted to moved agenda items 2.04, Winter 2020-21 District Academic Performance Results, and 2.05, Update on State Assessments During COVID19, to the February 23, 2021 meeting agenda at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Rupert, second by Ms. Schooley
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Miller, Mr. Rupert, Mr. Rush, Ms. Schooley

### 3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for March 4, 2021.

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Helen Neal, Recording Secretary/cf

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on March 4, 2021

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Secretary of the Board of Education

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President of the Board of Education