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 a.m.

The study/dialogue session was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Ms. Harmon, president of the Board of Education, via virtual participation on Zoom, Livestreamed from the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Breaks were taken from 8:56 a.m. to 9:05 a.m., 10:40 a.m. to 11:07 a.m., and 12:37 p.m. to 12:42 p.m.

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 for Special Meeting): Upon motion by Ms. Schooley, second by Mr. Rupert, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the special study session meeting of April 14, 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 Community Engagement: Jeffco Legislators (EL-11)
PURPOSE: The Board of Education discussed pending legislation and other issues with Jefferson County state legislators.

DISCUSSION: Introductions were made, and the Board of Education received an update on K-12 funding FY 2021-2022 (School Finance Act, buy down of Budget Stabilization (BS) Factor $572 million), and priority legislation (HB21-1029, HB21-1129, SB21-182, HB21-1164, and HB21-1162). The Board discussed CMAS assessments (pandemic data comparisons, families opting in), reading interventionists, K-4 technology gaps, on-going funding (stimulus, ESSER, long term solutions/creating programs for endurance/longevity), HB21-1087, Teaching & Learning Conditions Survey, peer to peer training for high school suicide prevention, test optional for higher education institutions to no longer require test scores for admission (costs of SATs), SB21-202 and, HB21-1108.

CONCLUSION: Ms. Harmon thanked Mr. Bowditch for the robust and informative dialogue, and thanked the legislators for their connection and collaboration, critical in meeting the needs of Jeffco students. Legislators acknowledged Mr. Bowditch for his dedication and responsiveness.

2.02 Update: Start Time Task Force (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update on and provided direction for next steps on the work of the Start Time Task Force.

DISCUSSION: Staff presented the Start Time Task Force work timeline 2016 to present, Jeffco start time equity across the district, reviewed district wide programs, west Jeffco needs, transportation (options, collaboration, and capacity data for typical school year/pandemic year), and next steps (community engagement plan, review of district and board policies, and bringing consensus based recommendations to Board by Fall 2022/Fall 2023 implementation). Board discussion included transportation, consistent instruction time, challenges, families choosing a school based on bell schedule, efficiencies, cost savings, and equitable treatment for all communities.

CONCLUSION: Ms. Harmon thanked staff and community members for the information. The next recommendation is expected for Fall 2022.

2.03 Jeffco’s School Insights (formerly School Selfie) – A New Online Tool for Stakeholders (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received and discussed information about the district’s new online tool, School Insights, that will be widely released to Jeffco stakeholders in April.

DISCUSSION: Staff outlined School Insights’ concept to provide a wholistic picture through an on-line tool with information about each schools’ culture, academic performance, school improvement, accountability, and growth data, school purpose/vision, choice in/out data, and grant writing. Data points used (school basics, school culture, survey results, state and district school performance) and next steps were outlined. The Board discussed school visits and providing the community (i.e., HOA, realtors, courts) with current information and connections through EnrollJeffco and School Finder.

CONCLUSION: Ms. Harmon thanked staff for the update and innovative work.

2.04 Budget Update: Development of 2021/2022 Proposed Budget (EL-5, EL-6)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received updated information and options to provide final direction for the development of the 2021/2022 proposed budget.
DISCUSSION: Staff provided a legislative update (original Governor's proposal from November had a buy down of the BS factor of $601 million, and included a state wide enrollment drop), March forecast update (significant one time money, and TABOR refund impacts), Joint Budget Committee recommended K-12 funding restored to 2019/2020 level through a buy down of the BS factor of $572 million, School Finance Act's possible negative impact, active legislation (increase statewide SPED by $10 million, and HB21-1164, Total Program Mill Levy Tax Credit), 2021/2022 budget scenarios (ESSER, ongoing, and one-time funds), 2021/2022 proposed budget assumptions, and expenditure revision recommendations.

The Board discussed ESSER funds, School Finance Act, literacy resources, school budgets (SBB), salary and benefits analysis, and costs for the Jeffco remote learning program.

CONCLUSION: Ms. Harmon thanked staff for the update.

2.05 Public Comment on Advertisement and Staff Decision on Allendale Elementary School (EL-11)

John Whetzel - Arvada - regarding agenda item 2.06, Advisement and Staff Decision on Allendale Elementary

Jessa Gray - Arvada- regarding agenda item 2.06, Advisement and Staff Decision on Allendale Elementary

Elizabeth Mollica - regarding agenda item 2.06, Advisement and Staff Decision on Allendale Elementary

Brooke Auston Williams, Lisa Elliott, Callie Ogeron, Lara Center, Emily Heath, Chesca Smotherman - Denver - regarding agenda item 2.06, Advisement and Staff Decision on Allendale Elementary

Joshua Kaus - Arvada - regarding agenda item 2.06, Advisement and Staff Decision on Allendale Elementary

Melissa Tone - Arvada - regarding agenda item 2.06, Advisement and Staff Decision on Allendale Elementary

Brenda Von Kaenel - Lakewood - regarding agenda item 2.06, Advisement and Staff Decision on Allendale Elementary

2.06 Advisement and Staff Decision on Allendale Elementary (EL-8, EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education was advised of the decision and rationale regarding the future of Allendale Elementary.

DISCUSSION: Staff provided information on the declining enrollment at Allendale Elementary. Staff outlined enrollment (enrollment declined over 5 years, 37% of remote students not returning next year, high percentage choice out), programming (minimal opportunities/supports for enrichment and family engagement), staffing (staff hold more than one role within building, few peer resources), operational challenges ($675,000 to keep Allendale operational last three years; declining enrollment means unable to pay for resources/some positions), funding status (moving out of a Title I status means reduced financial allocation and zero dollars in 2022/23), and stakeholder engagement (multiple community forums with 50 families. Campbell and Fremont elementary schools will provide students a place within the articulation area, included transportation, and pathways for teachers and staff (priority hiring pool pathway, and a mutual consent pathway, or temporary placement).
Mr. Schuh directed the consolidation of Allendale ES with the statement, “The decision of leadership staff is to consolidate the Allendale Elementary school community in the Spring of 2021. Students will be individually supported for enrollment into another Jeffco school for the 2021-2022 school year. Staff will be supported to secure positions in other Jeffco schools.” This decision follows district policy FCB/-R, Closing Schools, and EL-8, Facilities, with no express provision for board action.

Board members commented on the decision, facility options, challenges to the community, concerns regarding the short time frame, and keeping the focus on maximizing student educational, enrichment and engagement opportunities.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board thanked staff for the difficult decision and conversations. Staff will provide the Board of Education with future updates on the consolidation process.

### 2.07 Public Comment on Appointment of Superintendent and Transition of Leadership (EL-11)

Helen Neal, Marcia Anker, Steve Bell, Tammy Schiff, Tom McDermott, Chris Esser, Brett Miller, Nicole Steward, Dan Cohan, Renee Nicothodes, Susan Leach, Matt Flores, Julie Wilken, Jeff Pierson, John McDonald - Golden - regarding agenda item 2.08, Appointment of Superintendent, Approval of Contract and Transition of Leadership

### 2.08 Appointment of Superintendent, Approval of Contract and Transition of Leadership (B/SL 1-4)

The Board of Education expressed its thanks and gratitude to Mr. Schuh for working a challenging position in a challenging year.

Motion #1 (**Motion to Appoint Ms. Dorland as Superintendent**): Upon motion by Ms. Schooley, second by Mr. Rupert, the Board of Education appointed Tracy Dorland as Superintendent of Schools, effective April 19, 2021, and approved the contract of employment with Ms. Dorland 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

### 3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for May 6, 2021.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary/CF

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on June 3, 2021

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education

Attachment – contract – Superintendent Dorland