1. Preliminary

1.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center (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 8:37 a.m. by Ms. Harmon, president of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Thursday, September 9, 2021. A break was taken from 9:29 a.m. to 9:44 a.m.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated the Board was present in its entirety – Susan L. Harmon, president; Richard G. Rush, second vice president; Susan L. Miller, treasurer; and, Stephanie D. Schooley, secretary. Charles B. Rupert attended the meeting via phone. Tracy Dorland, superintendent, represented the administration.

Susan Miller was excused from the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda for Study Session Meeting): Upon motion by Ms. Schooley, second by Mr. Rush, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the study session meeting of September 9, 2021 as revised with the addition of agenda item 2.03 Start of School COVID Update, and renumbering subsequent agenda items as necessary.

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

The Board of Education expressed its appreciation of the partnership with the City of Arvada and took a moment of silence to express their respect and deepest sympathy to the family and colleagues of Arvada Police Officer Gordon Beasley.
2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 North Area Aquatics Facility Presentation (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education determined next steps regarding replacement of the existing Meyers Pool through a partnership with Jeffco Public Schools, the City of Arvada and Apex Park and Recreation District.

DISCUSSION: Following introductions, district staff and staff from the City of Arvada and Apex Park and Recreation District provided an overall vision of the project, a description of Meyers Pool end of life issues, an outline for partnership and recommendations. Studies conducted to examine projected operational costs for staffing, structure, market opportunities, amenities, site selection, architectural program, capital investment, financing plan, intergovernmental agreement, and next steps were discussed.

Board discussion included maximizing the pool for the entire community (Jeffco swim team’s priority use), financing options (utilizing low cost borrowing), additional amenities helping to alleviate the deficit, providing value and equity for students, impacts to adjacent land and facilities, traffic flow improvements, and community engagement efforts.

CONCLUSION: The Board requested information on financing options and further work on an intergovernmental agreement, proceeding with community engagement efforts. Information will return to the Board in October. Ms. Harmon thanked staff and guests for the presentation.

2.02 Proposal to Repurpose Allendale Elementary Building (EL-8, 11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received information regarding a proposal to implement a day treatment program for students with disabilities at the former Allendale Elementary School site.

DISCUSSION: The Board of Education had a conversation with staff about the problems and impacts to special education students in the Jeffco Public Schools. Discussion included sending students outside the district for services we cannot currently provide and costs associated with outsourcing, Family First Act, Jeffco facilities, and the quality of education students receive outside the district.

Repurposing the Allendale Elementary building included space available, possible partnerships sharing the space, maximizing the use of the building, and providing a best in class education for special education students in Jeffco. Staff suggested creating an advisory board, exploring partnerships (services, partial use of building), and community engagement.

CONCLUSION: Ms. Harmon thanked staff for continuing to be advocates for special education students and families, and with the escalating costs and the increasing need, the Board would like to receive more information on next steps.

2.03 Start of School COVID Update (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update on the district’s steps to implement the county’s public health order, mitigation strategies to keep students learning in-person in our schools and county health data.

DISCUSSION: Staff provided an overview of Jefferson County COVID 19 data including the seven day positive test rate, JPS staff vaccination rates, COVID incident rates, quarantines, and outbreaks (majority are elementary). Staff reported on the transparency of Dashboard 2.0 (data elements are similar to last year), implementation of testing staff and students, incentive program, and the website for community and staff.
Board discussion included what metrics JCPH uses to determine protocols, variability of protocols across different districts for athletics and activities, logistics for those refusing to be tested, estimating how many students will require weekly testing (approximately 4000), and, other activities that would not require weekly testing.

**CONCLUSION:** Ms. Harmon thanked staff for the work, the helpful information, for keeping kids in school, and for Outdoor Lab testing. Ms. Harmon thanked the school sites, athletic directors, campus supervisors, and clubs and activities teachers for their work. The Board looks forward to a better understanding of the volume and scale of testing, to keep our schools open.

### 2.04 Update on the Review of Academic Functions (EL-11)

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education had a conversation with the superintendent about her initial work on the review of academic functions.

**DISCUSSION:** Superintendent Dorland introduced Brenna Copeland, chief financial officer before moving onto an overview of her initial work for improving academic achievement including the role of the district in supporting schools and school leaders, district accountability, how the district and central supports are organized, effectiveness of community engagement, and finding proven ideas from other districts.

The superintendent reported on her school and classroom tours, conversations with instructional coach teams, and the positive instruction and trends she has noticed. Consultant Dr. Jaime Aquino, was hired to assist in this work to review how central supports are organized to support high expectations and student achievement.

**CONCLUSION:** Ms. Harmon thanked Superintendent Dorland for the update.

### 3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for October 14, 2021.

[Signature]

Crystal Frigo, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on October 14, 2021

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Secretary of the Board of Education

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President of the Board of Education