



OFFICIAL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING- STUDY/DIALOGUE SESSION BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 11, 2020
Board Room
Via Zoom/Livestream

Jeffco Public Schools
1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg. 27
Golden, Colorado

Our mission: To provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.

1. Preliminary

1.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center (streaming)

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

The study/dialogue session was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Susan 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, November 11, 2020. Breaks were taken from 9:34 a.m. to 9:44 a.m., 11:26 a.m. to 11:44 a.m.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated the Board was present in its entirety – Susan Harmon, president; Ron Mitchell, second vice president; Susan Miller, treasurer; and, Stephanie Schooley, secretary. Brad Rupert, first vice president, participated via phone. Kristopher Schuh, interim superintendent, represented the administration.

Ms. Harmon thanked veterans for their service on Veterans Day and Ron Mitchell for his leadership on the Board.

1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda for Special Meeting-Study Session): Upon motion by Ms. Schooley, second by Ms. Miller, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the special study session meeting of November 11, 2020 as presented.

Motion by Ms. Schooley, second by Ms. Miller

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Ms. Harmon, Ms. Miller, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rupert, Ms. Schooley

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 First Quarter Financial Review and Dialogue with Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) (EL-5, EL-6)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education heard from staff on the districtwide financial condition through the first quarter of the 2020/2021 school year in order to monitor district finances.

DISCUSSION: Staff provided insight into the district's investments and opportunities, since interest rates have dropped and the bond market has changed. First quarter overview highlights included the report from the external auditor, expenditures, monitored funds (Food Service, Child Care, Central Services, and Transportation), common theme for monitored funds is a lack of revenue, and general fund seeing a decline due to lack of collection of fees related to the pandemic. FOC recommended that following the financial overview of the current municipal bond market environment and the discussion of the timelines and bond structuring, proceeding with the new issuance of the remaining voter approved 2018 bond authorization, and refunding of the portion of the series 2012 bond.

Board discussion covered clarifying bond spending over five years, savings to taxpayers in refinancing 2012 bonds, strategy for monitored funds that continue to operate in the Yellow, and the role of the FOC.

CONCLUSION: Ms. Harmon thanked staff for the presentation.

2.02 Resolution: Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, and Refinancing of Series 2012 Bonds (EL-6, EL-11)

Motion #2 (Motion to Adopt the Resolution prepared by Kutak Rock LLP): Upon motion by Ms. Schooley, second by Mr. Rupert, The Board of Education voted to adopt the resolution prepared by Kutak Rock LLP, bond counsel, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020, and the refinancing of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012, and approving related required agreements, to generate no less than \$240.51 million in proceeds for projects and the cost for issuing such bonds. (Attachment A, B)

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

Ms. Miller offered an auxiliary motion. (Attachment C) It failed for lack of a second.

2.03 Update: COVID19 and Jeffco Learning Models (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received and discussed plans to support students, staff, families and the greater Jeffco community as Jefferson County moves within the Colorado Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) COVID19 dial dashboard framework.

DISCUSSION: Staff reviewed the latest COVID19 data compared to data from last week (all data has increased), COVID19 cases in Jeffco Public Schools and Jefferson County, and the CDPHE dial updates of metrics and requirements. Staff discussed the operational challenges in the current COVID19 environment including: outbreak mitigation strategies, cleaning protocol challenges (increase in site/facility cleaning), declining teacher/ staff /substitute pool (sick/caring for family), emergency central subs unmanageable, transportation quarantines (reduced routes), school closure/class quarantine data, and lack of consistency impacting students.

The Board discussion covered: operations becoming unmanageable, disruptions impacting the quality of education, quarantining compounding problems felt by students and staff, criteria/decisions for moving up and down the dial, and moving from 100% remote to in-person as COVID19 cases decrease, safety, CTE programs and SPED exceptions for in-person, Jeffco staff temporary reassignments during a 100% remote environment, and partnering with community members for whole child supports (wrap-around services, mental health supports, and internet equity), and supporting principals and teachers.

CONCLUSION: Ms. Harmon thanked staff for the update.

2.04 Superintendent Search Update (GP-4)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update on the superintendent search; timeline and next steps from November through May to hire by June 30, 2021.

DISCUSSION: Staff outlined how communications with the community and community engagement may be accomplished in this process given the limitations with Covid-19.

CONCLUSION: Board members will prepare a list for the ideal candidate in three areas: job duties, strategic initiatives, and candidate characteristics (skills, abilities and direction).

2.05 Declaration of Board of Education Vacancy District 5 (GP-5)

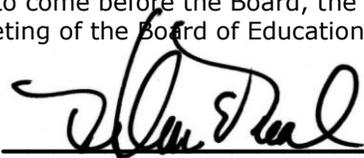
Ms. Harmon excused Mr. Mitchell from the vote and discussion. Board discussion covered the vacancy process for district 5 (application process, appointment, possible timeline and additional questions for the application). The Board agreed with the proposed timeline for application and pending meeting dates.

Motion #3 (Motion to Adopt the Resolution declaring a vacancy in Board of Education): Upon motion by Ms. Schooley, second by Mr. Rupert, The Board of Education voted to adopt the resolution declaring a vacancy in Board of Education Director District 5 as required by C.R.S. 22-31-129 (2) and confirm procedures for appointing a person to fill this vacancy. (Attachment D)

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

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 9, 2020.

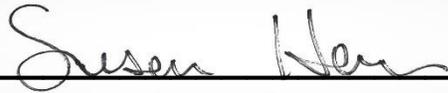


Helen Neal, Recording Secretary/CF

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on December 9, 2020.



Secretary of the Board of Education

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President of the Board of Education

Attachment A – resolution – Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation (GO) Bonds, Series 2020A

Attachment B – resolution – Authorizing the Issuance of a Series of GO Refunding Bonds

Attachment C – S.Miller Auxiliary Motion

Attachment D – resolution – Declaration of Vacancy Director District 5