

I. PRELIMINARY

Cook called the January 19, 2010, meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Matt Cook, president
Amy Prince, vice president
Jane Barber, secretary
Peter Cukale, treasurer
Jeanette Carmany, director
Mary W. Lewis, director
JulieMarie Shepherd, director

Also meeting with the Board of Education were:

John L. Barry, superintendent of schools
Tony Van Gytenbeek, deputy superintendent
Barbara Cooper, chief equity and engagement officer
Rod Weeks, chief financial officer
Kari Allen, chief personnel officer
William Stuart, chief academic officer
Anthony Sturges, chief operating officer
Tonia Norman, assistant to Board of Education

Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome to Visitors

Cook led the Board and audience in the pledge to the flag. He then welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

The January 19, 2010, agenda was approved as written.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held January 5, 2010, were approved as written.

II. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Reports from the Board of Education

Lewis attended the State of the Base luncheon at Buckley Air Force Base. We are lucky to have Buckley in the middle of our district. It has a wonderful impact on the community.

Lewis shared that the VISTA 2015 presentation with Regis University went very well. We received some good input and feedback from the group.

Lewis had an opportunity to attend the Rebound commencement ceremony. It was very entertaining and inspiring. Those kids will do some wonderful things.

Lewis attended the maintenance and operations quarterly award ceremony. The

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maintenance and operations staff always does a great job. Our buildings are well-maintained and influence the perception of APS.

Lewis attended the perfect attendance award ceremony at Sable. It is always fun to spend time in an elementary school.

Lewis thanked the Columbia Middle School staff for providing note cards to the Board. It is always appreciated.

Prince concurred with comments from Lewis in regard to note cards provided to the Board from Columbia staff.

Prince attended the State of the Base luncheon at Buckley. Buckley makes a great impression on Aurora.

Prince attended the VISTA 2015 presentation with the Aurora Retired School Employees Association. It is a great group and I am glad to have had the chance to meet with them.

Barber recognized the early childhood education program for all their work and efforts in catching up with the achievement gap.

Barber highlighted the observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and recognized all of the strides that have been made. She did, however, note that the Texas State School Board did not want to include legacies of key civil rights activists, Martin Luther King Jr. and César Chávez, as leading the civil rights movement in history books.

Barber had a chance to attend VISTA 2015 presentations with the Aurora Retired School Employees Association, Regis University, NAACP, and the Aurora Democrats Forum.

Cukale recognized Ann Atencio, counselor at Rangeview High School, for all her work and efforts with diversity training. She does a phenomenal job helping students interact, understand and recognize cultural differences.

Carmany reflected on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and commented that she started teaching in Birmingham, Alabama during the civil rights movement 41 years ago. If anyone is interested in hearing about the civil rights movement, I would be happy to sit down and share my stories.

Cook attended the eighth grade volleyball tournament. Gateway did a great job hosting the event and everyone had a good time.

Superintendent's Celebrations

Barry invited everyone to stop by to support Aurora art teachers' artwork at the Downtown Aurora Visual Arts' ninth annual Aurora Art Educators show. This free exhibit is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, until February 26. The opening reception will take place Thursday, January 28, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This exhibit will include ceramics, paintings, photographs, collages and art in other media made by Aurora Public Schools' art educators.

As we celebrate National Mentoring Month, I'd like to take a moment to thank the

many mentor volunteers who invest in students. Over the past three years, more than 1,600 APS staff members have gone above and beyond their work day to mentor students.

I encourage each APS employee to take the time to get involved in the life a student. I know that it will be a rewarding experience. APS also partners with groups, including the City of Aurora, to provide opportunities for community members to mentor and make a difference in the lives of Aurora's youth. Again, thank you to our APS mentors! They truly make a difference.

Congratulations to Rangeview High School student Imani Celestin for being selected as a delegate in the Anti-Defamation League's 11th annual Robert B. Sturm Youth Leadership Mission to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. this spring. Only 20 students from Colorado were selected along with 20 students from Washington State.

The Anti-Defamation League's year-long program helps youth examine historic and modern issues of prejudice, injustice and moral courage so they may become positive agents of change. Celestin's mission to the Holocaust will offer an effective vehicle for applying those lessons to modern-day issues of prejudice and bigotry. Barry presented Celestin with a Superintendent recognition coin.

After winning at the state level, Clayton Ellis has been named the Central District High School Teacher of the Year by the American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The central district covers nine states. Ellis will now compete for the honor at the national level. Results will be available in March.

Ellis has taught for 25 years and has been with APS for 10 years. We are very proud of you and know that you truly deserve this recognition. Your love for teaching affects our students positively beyond the classroom. Thank you for all that you do and for your dedication to excellence. We are honored to have you on our team.

Superintendent's Report

Barry reminded the Board that the all-staff Webinar will be held on Thursday, February 4. Staff members who are unable to view the Webinar on that day will have an opportunity to view a podcast.

District staff members were given an opportunity to give input and feedback via a survey on how to utilize funds from a dental surplus. A committee was convened to determine if surplus funds could be used for student scholarships. Findings from the committee will be shared with the Board at a later date.

Construction has begun on the new professional development learning center. The center will be located across from ESC 2 and is expected to open in July or August of 2011.

Governor Ritter signed and submitted Colorado's application for Race to the Top. The Colorado Education Association wrote a statement in support of the state's application. A final count of state school boards and teacher associations that supported Race to the Top will be provided to the Board.

Report Submission

The athletics and activities report was provided to the Board in advance of the January 19 meeting. The report is officially submitted into the record, so we stay true to our theme of Trust, Teamwork and Transparency.

Tony Antolini highlighted the Board-approved pilot program in which sixth graders have an opportunity to participate in athletics at K-8 schools. Approximately 164 sixth graders took advantage of the fall sports season. Many positives have been expressed about the program by staff and parents at K-8 schools and traditional middle schools. Updates will continue to be provided to the Board.

Charter School Special Education Agreement

District Legal Counsel Kathleen Hostetler introduced Dick Bump, attorney at Caplan and Earnest LLC. Hostetler shared that the Board received a copy of the charter school special education agreement in their packets. Additional information was provided to the Board under separate cover.

Bump reviewed the charter school special education agreement. The new agreement will establish more of an inclusion model between the charters and the district. Charter staff will be able to identify and hire highly qualified full-time teachers and receive credit from the district during the same school year. The district will provide training to charter staff and they will be expected to attend quarterly meetings. The district's director of special education will still retain authority over special education services and programs.

Charter schools have agreed to start a clean slate and will wipe out any prior claims against the district for any state or federal school funding for the 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years. The district and charters will contribute to a defense fund and share equal financial responsibility for defending claims. The district will also allocate the remaining balance of the 2008-09 mill levy fund to the charters.

All of the charters with the exception of the Vanguard Charter School plan to incorporate the new model into their contract. Barry commended Hostetler, Bump and charter school staff members. This is a good model and team effort for both the district and the charters.

Vanguard Amendment to Charter Agreement

Hostetler shared that the Vanguard Charter School elected to not participate in the above charter school special education agreement. The district was responsible for providing special education services for students with disabilities enrolled at other charters during the 2009-10 school year, and retained \$550 in per pupil funding for each student. Since Vanguard is providing most of the special education services to its students, it will retain \$400 of their per pupil funding; the district will retain \$150 for the 2009-10 school year. Charter contract renewals will be presented to the Board on February 16.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board has set forth in policies items that are operational and items that are considered Board work. These are items that the Board is legally responsible to take action on. If a Board member has an issue or concern with any item scheduled for action on the consent agenda, the item will be brought forward for

further review. If there are no concerns from a Board member or a community member who has signed up to address an item on the consent agenda, all items submitted for action will be voted on collectively.

Prince moved and Barber seconded to adopt the consent agenda as presented. The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

- Personnel

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Lewis, Prince, Shepherd #8116

Approved on a vote of 7-0

Board Work

Lewis reviewed the updated 2009-10 school assignment list. E-mail addresses and phone numbers of each Board member were included on the school assignment list. Lewis will draft a cover letter to principals from the Board. Cukale requested that Lewis emphasize to principals that Board members would like to be invited to school events and trainings. Although each Board member is assigned a specific school, all Board members are interested in attending special events and trainings. Carmany and Barber will co-team school assignments at Pickens and William Smith.

Carmany asked for an estimate on when the new Aurora Hills building would open. Sturges commented that bidding would take place this spring. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2011.

Cook requested that the Board be provided as much advance notice as possible of scheduled dates and times of school productions and events throughout the year. Barry asked Stuart to communicate information to district staff. Lewis also requested that principals invite Board members to more celebrations that honor APS students.

Cook shared that March 16 is caucus night in Colorado. He asked the Board for input in regard to rescheduling the March 16 Board meeting to March 23. Norman will work with district leadership to reschedule the March 16 Board meeting. Anyone who wishes to participate in caucus night has 10 days to register.

Cukale moved and Carmany seconded to amend the APS Board Policy Manual to move the time line for the asset protection monitoring report to first quarter effective for the 2010-11 school year.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Lewis, Prince, Shepherd #8117

Approved on a vote of 7-0

Cook asked Board members for their preference in regard to whether to have members of the APS Citizens Bond Oversight Committee present an update to the Board in person or via their annual written report. The Board preferred that the committee submit a written report.

Cook asked Board members to confirm travel plans for the National School Boards Association conference with Norman. Professional development funds have been set aside for members to attend the conference.

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The Board will hold a mid-year workshop in April. Cook, Prince and Norman will meet to discuss tentative dates.

VI. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Opportunity for Audience

Next meeting date

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held February 2, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. Edward and Mrs. Patricia Lord Boardroom.

Adjournment

The regular meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

President

ATTEST

Secretary