

I. PRELIMINARY

Shepherd called the August 4, 2015, workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

JulieMarie A. Shepherd, president
Cathy Wildman, vice president
Mary W. Lewis, secretary
Dan Jorgensen, treasurer
Amber Drevon, director
Eric Nelson, director
Barbara J. Yamrick, director

Also meeting with the Board of Education were:

D. Rico Munn, superintendent of schools
Marcelina Rivera, chief of staff
Brandon Eyre, district legal counsel
David Trautenberg, chief financial officer
Tonia Norman, assistant to Board of Education

Pledge of Allegiance

Shepherd led the Board and audience in the pledge to the flag. She then welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

The August 4, 2015, agenda was amended to include one additional item under Informational Report, Food Services of America 2015-16 Contract Approval.

Shepherd moved and Lewis seconded to amend the August 4 Board agenda to include one additional item under Informational Report, Food Services of America 2015-16 Contract Approval.

Roll Call: Drevon, Jorgensen, Lewis, Nelson, Shepherd, Wildman, Yamrick #8356

Approved on a vote of 7-0

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on June 16, 2015, were approved as written.

II. INFORMATIONAL REPORT

Leadership Team Report

Nome Park Lease

Brandon Eyre, legal counsel; Joshua Hensley, planning coordinator; and Emily Patterson, The Trust for Public Land, provided the Board with an overview of the

Nome Park Lease.

Patterson worked closely with the City of Aurora and Aurora Central High School on expansion plans for Nome Park, which is adjacent to Aurora Central and an important connection to the school. The plan would better serve the needs of Aurora Central students and the neighboring community by allotting space for a new plaza and a community garden through a partnership with Denver Urban Gardens. The plan would also include renovation and expansion of the existing playground and implementation of connective sidewalks. The Aurora Parks Board hosted three public meetings and approved the plan in December. Six stakeholder meetings were held throughout the community in which four were held at Aurora Central, including two with the student leadership class who elected to take on the community garden project as their legacy project. The Trust for Public Land received a National Endowment for the Arts Grant for the 2015-16 school year to place art in the park and is in the process of writing a call for artists to work with the City of Aurora's art program and engage with Aurora Central students.

Hensley explained that representatives from the City of Aurora and The Trust for Public Land approached district staff about two parcels of unutilized land adjacent to Nome Park. He noted that the City of Aurora agreed to rehabilitate both parcels, which will benefit students by providing programming and outdoor learning space, including a community garden and fitness zone for physical education classes. The lease between the district and the City of Aurora is termed for 30 years.

Yamrick asked about the number of community stakeholders who attended community forums. Patterson estimates that approximately 200 community stakeholders attended forums.

Nelson asked about safety and security plans. Patterson indicated that safety and security were topics of discussion at community forums and shared that law enforcement would be included in future discussions. She added that current plans include clear and visible sightlines throughout the park.

Lewis asked about the Board's role in the planning process. Hensley shared that City of Aurora staff asked if unutilized parcels of land could be utilized as part of an existing project related to the Highline Canal. He noted that a number of internal discussions occurred with central office staff, maintenance and operation staff, and Aurora Central staff and students. He added that the plan is still in the early development stage.

Yamrick voiced concerns regarding parking spaces for community stakeholders who wish to take advantage of the community garden. Patterson expressed that neighborhood parks are generally accessed by walking. She shared that street parking would be available as well as a shed for the community to store garden tools. Hensley indicated that a shared-use agreement could be structured between the district and the City of Aurora for parking on district facilities.

This item will be included on the August 18 consent agenda for action.

Food Services of America 2015-16 Contract Approval

The APS Nutrition Services Department collaborated with four metro school districts to create a cooperative entitled Central Colorado Co-op. The cooperative

is made up of APS, Mapleton Public School District, Adams 14 School District and Harrison School District Two. The purpose of the cooperative is to receive the best value for school meal programs within the four districts through a prime vendor. The approximate amount of this contract is \$6,000,000.

Using a prime vendor will effectively leverage what we spend, improve quality of products and services, reduce infrastructure costs, manage risk, and meet internal and external customer requirements. Fewer orders will be generated leading to fewer trucks delivering products to the district warehouse. This will reduce the number of invoices processed and workload for district employees.

Five distributors/vendors submitted RFPs created by the co-op. Two were disqualified for not complying with bid requirements. The vendor selected met all requirements and received the best score on the evaluation score sheet. Price weighted the most points on the evaluation tool.

Drevon asked if the cooperative model was new to other districts. Trautenberg replied that this was the first time the cooperative model had been utilized in APS and other districts.

Wildman asked if other districts were asked to join the cooperative. Trautenberg believes that conversations occurred with the Cherry Creek School District.

Board members requested additional information related to past vendor contracts, cost savings and benefits to the district, ramifications if a district elects to opt out of the cooperative, and total distribution costs among participating districts. Trautenberg will request that Mona Martinez-Brosh, director of Nutrition Services, attend the August 18 Board meeting.

This item will be included on the consent agenda for action on August 18, 2015.

III. BOARD WORKSHOP

Planning for the 2015-16 School Year

The Board requested that the following agenda topics be reviewed during the 2015-16 school year:

- Board Policy Governance and District Policies Review (review BOE policy governance after November election)
- Academic Achievement (assessments, accountability, community engagement, etc.)
- Bond/Engagement Plan
- Strategic Planning
- Teacher Effectiveness
- Professional Development
- Recruitment/Retention of High Quality Teachers
- Building Climate/Surveys (TELL)
- Time and Opportunity/Expanded Learning Opportunities
- Mass Insight/Innovation and Turnaround/UVA (principal insight of work)
- Digital Badging
- Teachers and Staff Diversity/Hiring Model
- Assessment Update
- Unified Improvement Plans

- Legislative Updates
- Nutrition Services
- Free and Reduced Lunch Services/Meals for Students
- Orientation of New Board Members
- Distribution and Site Utilization of Fifth Block Funds
- Update/Report from P-20 Learning Community Directors
- School Program Update (IB, AP, Aurora Lights, etc.)
- Overview of District Schools/Programs
- Aurora Compact
- State of School Finance
- Partnership/Development Opportunities with City of Aurora
- Discipline/Fair Discipline Practices (Restorative Justice)

Shepherd, Wildman, and Rivera will provide the Board with an updated schedule on August 18.

IV. BOARD WORK

Ends Conversation

Open Dialogue

Standing Committee Report

Yamrick shared that the Hinkley community garden is thriving. She invited Board members to the Hinkley community garden potluck on Monday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m.

Lewis reported that feedback received from the strategic plan follow up presentation with the Key Community Response Team, which she and Munn facilitated in July, was extremely positive. She discussed the importance of increasing opportunities to go out into the community to highlight the work of the district and accomplishments of students.

Jorgensen mentioned that Chief Accountability Officer Lisa Escárcega received an award for policy advocacy work from the Colorado Association of School Executives.

Yamrick and Wildman attended the Not One More Child in Arapahoe County meeting. Yamrick is excited about what is occurring in Arapahoe County in terms of reduced child fatalities, better collaboration with community agencies, and establishment of a statewide number to report cases of child abuse. Wildman added that a representative from the Excelsior Youth Center would like to partner with APS to increase supports for their kids.

Wildman recognized Vista PEAK Preparatory Principal Garret Rosa and staff for community engagement work and efforts with parents.

Shepherd requested that Jay Grimms, new director of the APS Education Foundation, and Mary Spillane, chair of the APS Education Foundation, provide the Board with an overview of the foundation on August 18.

Future Business

Munn noted that new principals and directors will be introduced to the Board on August 18.

Chief Academic Officer John Youngquist will provide the Board with a presentation related to high school graduation requirements on August 18. The Board will also be provided with information and recommendations regarding enrollment to capacity challenges over the next couple of months. Yamrick questioned if the workshop would be an appropriate time to discuss opt out options related to state graduation requirements. Munn replied yes.

CUBE Summer Issues Seminar

Shepherd estimated that more than 200 people attended the recent CUBE Summer Issues Seminar. She highlighted presentations and distributed information that focused on recruitment and retention of superintendents in challenging urban school districts, third grade literacy, and reauthorization and lobbying efforts related to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. She also highlighted discussions that focused on the increased number of charter schools in urban school districts. Yamrick will represent the Board at the Annual CUBE Conference in Phoenix. She noted major ramifications nationwide if legislation passes and is in favor of having early discussions on potential impacts. Shepherd concurred and indicated that NSBA would most likely provide guidance to assist local boards of education.

Policy Perception Checklist

Did the Board receive information at tonight's meeting that requires a policy change?

The Board did not receive information that required a policy change.

Did the Board receive information at tonight's meeting that requires additional information or monitoring?

Additional information will be provided to the Board.

Board Self-Monitoring

Shepherd expressed that tonight's meeting went very well.

V. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Next meeting date

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on August 18, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. Edward and Mrs. Patricia Lord Boardroom of Educational Services Center 4.

Adjournment

The workshop of the Board of Education adjourned at 7:34

August 4, 2015

President

ATTEST _____
Secretary