

**SPECIAL MEETING SESSION** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, December 9, 2008 pursuant to notice by Mrs. Lewis, President, at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Klocker, aye; Mrs. Lewis, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye.

Executive Session

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Quintana, seconded by Mr. Vashaw to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b), Legal Advice—Selection of a Board Member

**STUDY SESSION** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, November 25, 2008 pursuant to notice by Mrs. Lewis, President, at 5:15 p.m.

Interviews of potential board members were conducted by the Board of Education.

Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING SESSION** of the Adams County School District 14 Board of Education was called to order Tuesday, December 9, 2008, pursuant to notice by Mrs. Lewis, President, at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Klocker, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Quintana, Mr. Vashaw

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Klocker, seconded by Mr. Vashaw to approve the minutes of November 25, 2008.

Mr. Klocker, aye; Mrs. Lewis, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Vashaw, seconded by Mr. Klocker to approve the minutes of December 2, 2008.

Mr. Klocker, aye; Mrs. Lewis, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Klocker, seconded by Mr. Vashaw to amend the agenda under consent item 1.1 on page 14 item five add a Certificated Personnel Long Term Temporary Appointment item and under Business Item 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 replace the word revised with the word new and remove business item 3.1 from the agenda and in the board packet please remove the second page 37 and the second page 38.

Mr. Klocker, aye; Mrs. Lewis, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Klocker, seconded by Mr. Quintana to approve the agenda as amended.

Mr. Klocker, aye; Mrs. Lewis, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Vashaw, seconded by Mr. Quintana to accept the nomination for Estelle Remington to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education.

Mr. Klocker, no; Mrs. Lewis, no; Mr. Quintana, no; Mr. Vashaw, no.

**MOTION NOT CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Vashaw, seconded by Mr. Quintana to accept the nomination for Brenda Sharpe to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education.

Mr. Klocker, aye; Mrs. Lewis, no; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Vashaw, no.

**MOTION NOT CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Klocker, seconded by Mr. Quintana to accept the nomination for Jeffrey Smith to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education.

Mr. Klocker, no; Mrs. Lewis, aye; Mr. Quintana, no; Mr. Vashaw, aye.

**MOTION NOT CARRIED**

Mrs. Lewis–The board has not declared a winner and it will be my duty to assign one of these three candidates based on the knowledge needed currently needed to serve on the board to fill the nine to ten month position with a person who could be brought up to speed very quickly with minimal mentoring. At this time, I will appoint Mr. Jeffrey Smith as a member of the Board of Education of Adams County School District 14.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Klocker, seconded by Mr. Vashaw to accept Resolution Number 08-016.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ADAMS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 14  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**WHEREAS:** the dismissal of a board member elected in November 2005 leaves a vacant seat on the board; and

**WHEREAS:** there is a need to fill said vacancy of the director seat within 60 days and

to serve the term until the next board election in November 2009.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education of Adams County School District 14 appoints Jeffrey W. Smith as a director to the Board of Education.

Mr. Klocker, aye; Mrs. Lewis, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Oath of Office

I, Jeffrey W. Smith, do solemnly swear by the ever living God, that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Colorado, and faithfully perform the duties of the office of Board Director upon which I am about to enter.

Audience Comments

Mrs. Lewis—There are no audience comments.

Responses to Prior Audience Comments

Mrs. Lewis— There are no responses to prior audience comments.

Superintendent's Report

**School Accountability Report (SAR)**—Director of Assessment Dr. Joseph Miller reviewed the School Accountability Report known as the SAR. The School Accountability Report is just one of the accountability reports that we depend on to evaluate our schools and our school district which is applied by the State of Colorado created by the State of Colorado Senate Bill 186 and applied by the Colorado Department of Education. The SAR informs the district of the performance of the core subject areas. Dr. Miller gave a quick overview of how the SAR is laid out and how each school in the district is rated.

**Gifted & Talented Presentation**—Director of Student Services introduced the Gifted & Talented Coordinator Cheryl Franklin-Rohr to give an overview of the Gifted & Talented Program. The Gifted Education Mission is to recognize and nurture the development of exceptional abilities so that all gifted students demonstrate positive self-esteem, high level thinking and creative productivity. The following points and processes were talked about in detail Gifted & Talented Liaisons, Identification Process, Advanced Learning Plan, Who is served, Program Services, Enrichment Program Components, and Goals/Results/Future Directions.

**Student Board of Education Report**—Student Board of Education President Matthew LaCrue gave an update on the planning of the Student Board. The three goals of the Student Board of Education are; create or transition students into better learning environment, reach grade level proficiency, and increase graduation rate and decrease dropout rate. The Student Board is working on a presentation of how together with the board some goals could be reached. The CASB Convention was a great learning environment and was exciting to have interaction with other student boards and with the Adams 14 Board. In January as the student board moves on there will be great success. The presentation at CASB and the video went very well Matt thanked Cameron Weiss for putting that together. When it comes to student voice our district is far ahead of the game and our student board was asked to go back to CASB next year

to do two presentations. The student board received many business cards and requests to network regarding the success of the student board. Matt expressed that he is very proud of the Student Board and of Adams 14.

Consent Items

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Klocker, seconded by Mr. Vashaw to approve the consent items as amended:

- 1.1 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Personnel Actions
- 2.1 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Accept Grant Funding for Adams County School District 14, Adams City Middle School, and Kearney Middle School for the Counselor Corps Grant from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE)
- 2.2 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Accept Grant Funds for the Intergenerational Learning Center from the University of California and the Institute for Mexicans Abroad Grant
- 2.3 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Adams 14 and the Intergenerational Learning Center Approval for Submission of 2009 Thornton Assistance Fund Grant to the City of Thornton
- 2.4 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Acceptance of Grant from HP K12 HP Technology for Teaching Grant
- 3.1 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Accept Donation from Mile High United Way to the Intergenerational Learning Center (ILC)
- 3.2 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Acceptance of Donation from Nike 5K for Kids
- 3.3 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Approval to Accept Donation from Denver Windustrial

Mr. Klocker, aye; Mrs. Lewis, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Smith, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Business Items

**1.0 Policies**

**DISCUSSION**—item 1.1 was opened for discussion.

- 1.1 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Policy KF – Revised                      DISCUSSION  
Community Use of School Facilities

Policy KF will move forward to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**DISCUSSION**—item 1.2 was opened for discussion.

- 1.2 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Policy FDA—Revised                      DISCUSSION  
Bond Campaigns

Policy FDA will move forward to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with revisions.

**DISCUSSION**—item 1.3 was opened for discussion.

- 1.3 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Policy EFEA-New                              DISCUSSION  
Nutritious Food Choices

Policy EFEA will move forward to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with revisions.

**DISCUSSION**—item 1.4 was opened for discussion.

- 1.4 Superintendent's Recommendation  
Policy EEBA-New                              DISCUSSION  
School Owned Vehicles

Policy EEBA will move forward to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**DISCUSSION**—item 1.5 was opened for discussion.

- 1.5 Superintendent's Recommendation

Policy EEAEF-New                      DISCUSSION  
Video Cameras on Transportation Vehicles

Policy EEAEF will move forward to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**DISCUSSION**—item 1.6 was opened for discussion.

1.6     Superintendent’s Recommendation  
         Policy LBD–Revised                      DISCUSSION  
         Relations with Charter Schools

Policy LBD will move forward to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**DISCUSSION**—item 1.7 was opened for discussion.

1.7     Superintendent’s Recommendation  
         Policy IHCE                                      DISCUSSION  
         Fast College Fast Jobs

Policy IHCE will move forward to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with recommendation to be removed.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION**—item 1.8 was opened for discussion.

1.8     Superintendent’s Recommendation  
         Policy BC-R–Revised                      DISCUSSION  
         School Board Conduct “Working Together”

Policy BC-R will move forward to 1<sup>st</sup> Reading with recommendation to be removed.

### Communications

**Mr. Matthew LaCrue**—CASB was a great experience and we had a great time. This Friday I will be speaking at Kearney Middle Schools Honor Roll Ceremony.

**Mr. Smith**—I have been very busy with things that have to do very little with the district and I have a feeling that that is about to change.

**Mr. Quintana**—I want to welcome Mr. Smith to the Board of Education. I look forward to working with him and moving forward with the board. I would also like to thank Estelle and Brenda for applying for the position I know you are both dedicated to the students of this district and hopefully we will see both of your names a year from now on the

ballot. I attended the Strategic Planning Session with the staff and parents at Lester Arnold High School. It went very well; we received a lot of input and information helping us move forward with our strategic plan. I was at the CASB Convention Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with the highlight being the Student Board of Education's presentation. I have heard so many positive comments about the student's presentation from even people who were not there had picked up on it. I have nothing but praises for that endeavor. I could understand why they want the students to present at two sessions next year; they may need a bigger room. Last night I attended the city council meeting with two points of interest being straight forward language on procedures and the issue of homelessness in the city. I would like to remind everybody to donate food, clothing, and blankets to the Adams 14 Pantry which helps many of our families.

**Mr. LaCrue** – Today the student council got word that the district's pantry was running low and we have enough money to put together 200 Christmas baskets for students to last over Christmas vacation, enough food to feed 600 students, and we had enough money to get \$20.00 worth of gifts for 600 students. Those will be put together and delivered on Wednesday and Thursday.

**Mr. Vashaw**—I would like to welcome Jeffrey Smith to the school board and I thank you for giving us your time and I would like to thank the two ladies and please run for the open seat on the school board next year. I went to CASB and it's always fun to go to one of these rallies. It shows me that we are really doing a good job and our school district has problems but not as bad as some other school districts and that really pumps me up and gets me going. I really appreciated the meeting that we had with the student board we discussed the hot topic of school uniforms for so long that we didn't even get to question number five. The Commissioner of Education Dwight Jones said these words "*We need your help*" and we have been saying this all year long saying we need the communities, parents, and kids help to make this the best district that we can. I really love those motivational speakers I wish the entire school district could see something like that. It has been a good couple weeks and I think the school district is moving forward and winter break is coming up here pretty soon it will give everybody a chance to relax and get ready for the CSAP.

**Mr. Klocker**—Mr. Smith thank you for accepting the challenges that are before us. I attended the Strategic presentation at Lester Arnold. They had some really good conversations and we were very well received. I am looking forward to the conversations with the next parent group. I just have one question regarding CLA if anybody knows or if it could be included in Friday Updates. Is there a cap on students or how many students could they bring in?

**Mr. Grandstaff**—Only the first year they were capped at 450 and after that they were capped at there capacity of there new building which I believe is approximately 550.

**Mr. Klocker**—I appreciate that information. I am looking forward to the next year I have been at this job for one year and it has been a rough road.

**Mrs. Lewis**—First I would like to thank both of you lovely ladies for applying and the final decision was nothing personal you are all very well qualified and it was a very tough decision. I encourage you to stay involved, serve on more committees, run, and get your names out there. Both of you would make wonderful additions to the board with your expertise. I went to the Business and Professional meeting and we filled up the sacks of goodies for the Santa Event on Saturday morning. I attended Mike Morse's Fathers funeral along with Dr. Chandler, Mr. Quintana, Mr. Grandstaff, and Terri Abbott. I attended the Commerce City Youth Orchestra performance those students are really great if you haven't heard them play you need to they do an excellent job and they have great direction. That was a lot of fun and I know that Mr. Klocker's

daughter plays in that orchestra. I attended the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual CASB Convention in Colorado Springs where I attended three general sessions and participated in the Student Board of Education Presentation. I am so incredibly proud to be able to just stand beside you and all of you did such a great job. You don't know how proud it is to go down and have people come up to you and tell you they would like to talk about those kids, "Aren't they great?", and we just say, "Well of course they are." You did a great job. We attended the session So You Think You Know Math was this gentleman could do five digit square roots in his head, he was just amazing! If you told him the date, month, and year you were born he was able to tell you what day of the week you were born on. I attended the annual business meeting as a voting delegate.

Mr. Quintana—Also the Adams City High School Mariachi group was at CASB and they did a fantastic job at one of the receptions. That is another one of our groups that we are so proud of.

Mrs. Lewis—I didn't mean to leave them out. They did a tremendous job and they were very well received so we hope that they will be asked back to do an opening session.

Mr. Klocker—I would like to add one more thing. While everybody was at CASB we had a group of kids go downtown for the Thespian Conference where they performed a song from the play You're A Good Man Charlie Brown and received superior rating from all of the judges. The three judges were just amazed of what our students could do.

Mrs. Lewis—One more thing, welcome back Mr. Smith this will be a challenge I know that you always challenge me and are always watching what I'm doing, I love it.

Expulsions—Dr. Chandler read into the record the following student expulsions pursuant to Board Policy and Colorado Revised Statutes – Student Numbers 980157, 980554, 107049, and 960962.

#### Calendar

Special Meeting

Monday, December 15, 2008, 4:00 PM

I want to wish everybody a fun-filled winter break.

#### Executive Session

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Klocker, seconded by Mr. Vashaw to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b), Legal Advice—personnel, land, and return of property by a former board of education and C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f) Personnel—Superintendent's evaluation.

Mr. Klocker, aye; Mrs. Lewis, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Smith, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Quintana, seconded by Mr. Vashaw to adjourn.

Mr. Klocker, aye; Mrs. Lewis, aye; Mr. Quintana, aye; Mr. Smith, aye; Mr. Vashaw, aye.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Board adjourned the board meeting at 8:39 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday, January 13, 2009. The Board will convene in the Board of Education room located at 5291 East 60th Avenue.

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Monica Avina  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education

Approved and Entered into Proceedings  
January 13, 2009

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William Klocker  
Secretary, Board of Education

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Jeannette Lewis  
President, Board of Education