1. **Preliminary**

1.01 Location: via Zoom/Livestream (streaming)/la interpretación en español para la reunión de la Junta Directiva

1.02 Call to Order: 1:00 p.m.

The study/dialogue session was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Ms. Harmon, president of the Board of Education, via virtual participation on Zoom, Livestreamed from the Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Tuesday, February 23, 2021. A break was taken from 2:55 p.m. to 3:09 p.m. Ms. Harmon thanked the Spanish interpreters.

Ms. Harmon noted this evening’s budget forums and acknowledged the loss of a colleague, Mr. Robert Hawkins, a strong JCEA voice for the Board. He will be missed and his family is in our thoughts.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll call indicated the Board was present in its entirety—Susan L. Harmon, president; Charles B. Rupert, first vice president; Richard G. Rush, second vice president; Susan L. Miller, treasurer; and, Stephanie D. Schooley, secretary. Kristopher Schuh, interim superintendent, represented the administration.

1.04 Approve Agenda

Motion #1 (Motion to Approve Agenda): Upon motion by Ms. Schooley, second by Mr. Rupert, the Board of Education approved the agenda for the special study session meeting of February 23, 2021 as presented.

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

2. **Study/Dialogue Session**
2.01 Return of Secondary Students to 100% In-Person Learning (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received a report on the announcement of the date secondary students will return to 100% in-person learning.

DISCUSSION: The interim superintendent reported on efforts underway for 100% in-person secondary learning including implementation a runway for families, board member, community and principal feedback, logistics related to scheduling and facility management, bus transportation equity (k-5 / 100% in person/secondary hybrid transportation needs met), staff vaccination distribution and timing, COVID 19 dial status continued movement to Level Blue, and mitigation strategies.

CONCLUSION: The interim superintendent expects to make an announcement this week regarding secondary 100% in-person learning.

2.02 Winter 2020-2021 District Academic Performance Results (Ends 2 / Resultados de rendimiento académico distrital del invierno 20-21 (Objetivo 2))

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update on the district’s performance results from Winter 2020-2021.

DISCUSSION: Staff presented an overview of the Acadience/MAP testing results by grade level for Winter 2020/21. Highlights included: benchmark data, impact of students testing remotely, performance similarity to other districts, assessment considerations, summarized results, impacts on the learning environment, and survey reports in April.

The Board discussed investments, products, math median growth scores, reading skills and COVID-19 impacts, stakeholder group discussion, and teacher resources to meet student performance targets.

CONCLUSION: Ms. Harmon thanked staff for the details and dialogue.

2.03 Update on State Assessments During COVID19 (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education engaged in dialogue regarding state assessments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

DISCUSSION: Staff guided board members through three questions related to value of assessments given current circumstances of COVID-19. Ed Bowditch provided an update on current legislation, HB21-1125, regarding pausing CMAS testing for one year, sponsored by Senator Zenzinger.

Discussion covered Spring 2021 state testing data (ACCESS for ELL’s, CMAS, P/SAT, and Colorado Alternate/DLM), CDE expectations (districts will test as many students as possible, only in-person, no remote testing), and the COVID19 Policy Implications Stakeholder Group recommendations. Board members considered the purpose/use of state assessments; data/information needed for budget discussions; student/school/family equity; CMAS lack of data comparison (remote/in-person); normal year student participation (90%) versus current year expected participation (most remote students opt out); lack of and distorted data, instructional impacts preparing for testing; and, assessments that serve the same purpose as we finish this year and begin next year.
CONCLUSION: Board members shared their perspectives on the value in conducting state assessments in a pandemic year and requested that Mr. Bowditch keep them apprised of the status of HB21-1125.

3. Executive Session

3.01 Consideration of Confidential Documents Submitted by Superintendent Applicants

Motion #2 (Motion to Move into Executive Session): Upon motion by Ms. Schooley, second by Mr. Rupert the Board of Education voted to move into executive session in accordance with C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(g), to consider documents submitted by applicants for the position of superintendent which are protected by the mandatory nondisclosure provisions of the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-204(3)(a)(XI)(A).

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 5:05 p.m.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for March 4, 2021.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on March 4, 2021

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education