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: 8:30 a.m.

The study/dialogue session was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Susan L. 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, December 16, 2020. Breaks were taken from 10:40 a.m. to 10:51 a.m.

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.

Ms. Harmon acknowledged the challenges of 2020, and the tremendous work our educators, administrators, paraprofessionals, food service staff, custodial staff, bus drivers, and everyone has done to support our students during this challenging year. Ms. Harmon thanked the community for their wrap-around support and continued engagement, and thanked the live Spanish interpreters.

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 December 16, 2020 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 **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)/External Audit for Year Ending June 30, 2020 (EL-5, 6) Informe financiero anual general (CAFR)/Auditoría externa para el año que finaliza el 30 de junio de 2020 (EL-5, 6)**

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education received information on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Annual External Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

**DISCUSSION:** Paul Niedermuller, independent auditor from Clifton Larson Allen LLC, outlined the report and the clean/unmodified opinion received by the district. One management letter and no difficulties working with district management contributed to the clean report. Report highlights included responsibilities and scope of engagement (financial statement audit, single audit major program to be tested Title I and corona virus relief funds - completing single audit is dependent on government issuing its testing supplement - and required communications), management discussion/analysis, data comparisons to previous years, COVID-19 variables/challenges, investments, and historical context of proportional share liability. Board discussion covered facilities and capital plan audit, bond funds, audit requirements of the federal government (Title I and CRF funds above threshold of $750,000), management letter resolution, PERA, financial stability, 4% threshold on school carry forward, and the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) briefing.

**CONCLUSION:** The Board receives minutes of the Financial Oversight Committee if possible with review of these reports.

2.02 **Engagement: Jefferson County Administrators Association (JCAA) (EL-11, GP-17)**

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education engaged in discussion of topics of mutual interest with the officers of the Jefferson County Administrators Association (JCAA) including work on this school year, compensation, superintendent search, and the Collaborative Monitoring Committee.

**DISCUSSION:** JCAA members thanked the Board for the compensation stipend, foresight for the November 2018 bond and mill given technology use during the pandemic and facility improvements (Wilmot Elementary presentation). Discussion continued regarding budget implications related to professional development (internal/external), teacher efficacy, district reserves, impacts on students to close achievement gaps and other site level supports, and the Collaborative Monitoring Committee review of COVID19 conditions to make recommendations to district leadership.

**CONCLUSION:** Ms. Harmon thanked JCAA leadership for the comprehensive overview of leadership thinking and their work through this school year.

2.03 **Learning Model Changes: Return to In-Person (EL-11)/ Cambios al modelo de instrucción: Regreso a la instrucción en persona (EL-11)**

**PURPOSE:** The Board of Education received and discussed the plans to support students, staff and families in a return to in-person learning in the second semester within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) COVID19 Dial Dashboard framework and school guidance.
DISCUSSION: Staff presented the second semester restart plan including COVID19 data updates, in-person learning statistics, management of November 2020 operational difficulties due to quarantining (cleaning, teacher pool, and central administration staff supplementing in-school absenteeism), continuing in-person learning for preschool/significant disabilities/and career/tech education programs on January 6; grades K-5 starting January 19 unless in Level Purple; grades 6-12 return to hybrid learning with Level Orange and certain disease levels.

Board discussion covered Jeffco’s ability to adapt and balance needs given resources and mitigations strategies; sustainability of in-person learning once students return, CARES and SBB funding, school by school operational changes, substitute teacher pool, community partnership supports (TeamUp Jeffco, Action Center), grade level transmission differentiation, student failure/disengagement data and how to re-engage to make up Covid learning losses, secondary hybrid model (case rates/Level Orange, inability to cohort, disengagement, graduation/credit recovery, and athletics season B impacts), communicating to the community (food distribution services, resources, and wrap-around services), and vaccine distribution.

CONCLUSION: The Board requested information for the next dialogue session including how central administration is working with community wrap-around services and supports, capturing student failure and disengagement data with a focus on high school graduation solutions.

2.04 Superintendent Search Update (GP-4)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update on the superintendent search from representatives of Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates.

DISCUSSION: Hank Gmitro and Lisa Flores of HYA presented a timeline overview, January community meeting proposal, survey design, survey open-ended questions, advertising packages, and next steps. Board discussion covered timeline (to expedite), advertising, superintendent searches in other districts, community-wide survey access, community outreach efforts, virtual community meetings, and adding/crafting survey open-ended questions.

CONCLUSION: The Board will finalize the timeline, provide open-ended survey question suggestions by December 21. Community engagement and confidentiality parameters, and portal information/access will be determined at January 7, 2021 Board meeting.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for January 7, 2021.

Helen Neal, Recording Secretary/cf

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

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education