

I. PRELIMINARY

Cook called the June 16, 2009, meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

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

Also meeting with the Board of Education were:

John L. Barry, superintendent of schools
Tony Van Gytenbeek, deputy superintendent
Lisa Escárcega, chief accountability and research 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

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

Approval of Agenda

The June 16, 2009, agenda was amended to include a request to move information item II-B-1, New America's School Calendar, to action.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held June 2, 2009, were approved as written.

Opportunity for Audience

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Reports from the Board of Education

Edberg expressed interest and sadness in seeing the obituary for Bob Caviness, retired teacher and coach in APS, in the Denver Post. Edberg was not privileged to work with Caviness, but shared that he was famous and known throughout the metropolitan area for his contribution to high school sports when she attended Aurora High School. Caviness was an active member of the Aurora Retired School Employees Association. Cook remembered interviewing Caviness when

he worked at Channel 8 for the city of Aurora. Caviness was responsible for establishing the Aurora Relays, which are now known as the Caviness Relays and is an annual track event.

Items of Current Interest

Barry shared that APS will be participating in the city of Aurora's 14th annual Kidspree on July 18 and 19. Kidspree is Colorado's largest outdoor festival for kids. Please stop by the APS booth and say hello.

APS is hosting the second annual Back-to-School kickoff on Saturday, August 1 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The kickoff will be held at Illium Field at Aurora Central High School. This event will include low-cost immunizations, school supplies and food. Representatives from every APS school will be at the kickoff to dialog with parents and community members.

Aurora LIGHTS Student Presentation

Cook invited Carol McBride, development director for the Aurora LIGHTS Pathway, and Brenda Lane, assistant principal at North Middle School, to the staff table to provide an update to the Board in regard to the Aurora LIGHTS Pathway.

McBride had introduced the Aurora LIGHTS Pathway vision and mission to the Board on August 19, 2008. The vision of Aurora LIGHTS is to create a more competitive pool of APS students who are workforce ready with an emphasis on health sciences careers. The Aurora LIGHTS mission is to create a P-20 pathway to guide APS students to health sciences careers through rigorous academics, career exposure and field experiences. Aurora LIGHTS students have had wonderful opportunities and experiences as a result of our partnership with the Anschutz Medical Campus.

There are many pathway accomplishments, and students are thriving. Academies have been launched at North, Hinkley and Aurora Central. Tonight's presentation focuses on the year-long launch and accomplishments in the Academy of Health Sciences & Technology at North. Jocelyne Tun Medina and Johnnie Nguyen, eighth grade academy students, will share the impact of their experiences in the academy.

Lane showed a presentation that highlighted the numerous achievements in the Academy of Health Sciences & Technology at North over the past 10 months.

Nguyen shared that being a student in the academy has challenged him both academically and as a person. Course work is challenging and fast-paced. Tun Medina shared that there was not an academy at North when she first enrolled and was placed in a class that was not very challenging. Tun Medina shared that being a student in the academy provides her with a better future. I now realize that I want to be a pediatrician and know what is needed to accomplish my goal. The APS vision is to attend college without taking extra classes. I do not want to be the student that has to take extra classes in college. Nguyen added that being a student in the pathway has improved both work and health habits. We attended two additional weeks of school as part of summer camp and it was a great experience. We learned how to work as a team, communicate and be better listeners. Tun Medina added that the health sciences students learned guidelines and key points for mentoring sixth graders in summer camp.

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Lewis accompanied seventh graders from North when they initially visited the Anschutz Medical Campus. She asked the students how often they visited the campus. Nguyen replied not very often. It was a pretty cool experience, but we learned a lot more at school.

Barry asked the students about their first impressions when they visited the campus. Nguyen replied that it was a very cool work environment. I would like to work and study in that type of environment one day.

Cukale asked the students what was their most memorable experience this year. Nguyen replied that visiting the hospital and hearing staff talk about the program was his most memorable experience. It was very inspiring. I realized that it was a once in a lifetime opportunity and I needed to take advantage of it. Tun Medina replied that visiting the Wells Center was her most memorable experience. It was my first time being in a place where they taught adults how to work on lifelike mannequins. I decided this is what I wanted to do at that point.

Barber recently attended a meeting with a board member from Adams 12 School District who shared that North academy students had helped at the 9Health Fair. The board member was very impressed with students from North. Thanks for representing APS so well.

Cook asked the students if they saw themselves as role models. Tun Medina replied yes. I have a cousin who will be in seventh grade this year. At family gatherings, we talk about the academy and all of the opportunities it provides. My mother always talks about how proud she is of me and how focused I am. Knowing this has inspired my cousin and she has applied to the academy. Nguyen believes that he is also a role model. I try to stay active and participated in every sport this year. I received straight A's, and many kids asked how I did it. My reply was to try harder and keep working at it. It is also important to figure out and try to achieve your goals. My goal is to become a cardiologist.

Cook thanked both students for addressing the Board and sharing the impact of their experiences in the Academy of Health Sciences & Technology at North. You are both shining lights in APS and we are very proud of you.

Barry recognized Lane who has been involved with this amazing opportunity since the beginning. She was the person that made the first connection to the Anschutz Medical Center and opened doors for APS. Barry also thanked Gerardo De La Garza, principal of North, for opening the school to the academy and making sure that we continue to progress in the partnership.

Barry expressed that Nguyen and Tun Medina are excellent examples of the quality of students in the academy. You are both special and doing a great job.

Barry asked Nguyen, Tun Medina, Lane and McBride to come forward and be recognized by the Board and district leadership. He presented Nguyen and Tun Medina with Superintendent recognition coins.

Van Gytenbeek introduced and recognized Bobbie Quinn, assistant to the development director. Quinn does an unbelievable amount of work behind the scenes in the Aurora LIGHTS Pathway and is the glue that keeps it all together.

Van Gytenbeek mentors Tun Medina and has known her since she was a fifth grader at Montview. Every two weeks, we meet for an hour. She helps me understand what the pathway should look like from a student's perspective,

providing great advice as to what she and her classmates think is and is not working.

Tun Media is making personal decisions and helping her family make personal decisions so she can be successful in the program. She has worked really hard with her mom to coordinate their annual trip to Mexico so she can be back before the start of school. She has also helped her family make decisions and arrange for childcare for her younger brother to help balance her job at home and accomplish her goals in school.

Van Gytenbeek thanked the Board of Education for allowing district staff to provide these types of opportunities to inspire young people to achieve and accomplish their goals.

Cook thanked McBride, Lane, Nguyen and Tun Medina for the presentation.

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESEARCH

New America's School Calendar

Escárcega shared that the Board received information in their packet in regard to the proposed four-day week calendar for New America School. This is the fourth year that New America School has applied for the four-day week calendar. The calendar has enough student contact hours as required as classes are scheduled both day and night. The Colorado Department of Education requires that the Board approve the alternate calendar.

Lewis moved and Cukale seconded to move information item II-B-1, New America's School Calendar, to action item, IV-B-1.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8087

Approved on a vote of 7-0

DIVISION OF FINANCE

No Items

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items

DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

No Items

DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

No Items

III. CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

No Items

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESEARCH

No Items

DIVISION OF FINANCE

No Items

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Classified Personnel

Licensed Personnel

Barber recognized Kaylee Neff, kindergarten teacher at Aurora Quest. Neff will do a good job for the district.

Non-Licensed Administrative and Professional/Technical Personnel

DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

No Items

DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

No Items

Prince moved and Barber seconded to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8088

Approved on a vote of 7-0

IV. ACTION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Board Policy Governance

Cook shared that the Board discussed the year-long process used to explore board policy governance on June 2. Proposed updates to the APS Board Policy Manual include:

- Legal policies that the Board is required to approve or adopt were included under governance process, 1.1 duty of the board. These policies will be move from operational policies under the Superintendent to Board policies in the APS Board Policy Manual if approved.
- Barber requested that an item be included in the policy manual to state that every site will offer art, music and physical education to students. An additional item has been included under executive limitations, 3.6 asset protection.
- Carmany requested that an item be included in the policy manual to state that the Board and district will honor articles of the master agreement and

Colorado state laws. An additional item has been included under governance process, 1.5 board members' code of conduct.

- Lewis requested clarification under executive limitations regarding benefits for life partners. Cook noted that a statement has been added under executive limitations, 3.7 compensation and benefits.

Barber noted concern in regard to the word "traditional" in proposed language in the item she requested be included under executive limitations, 3.6 asset protections. The item states: The Superintendent shall not cause or allow the district to eliminate art, music and physical education in traditional schools. Barber prefers that the word "traditional" be stricken from proposed language. Barry commented that electives are not offered to students in the Rebound Program, and it would be difficult to offer due to the current schedule. Art and music is offered at William Smith and students can participate in physical education or athletics at school sites. The Futures Program, a dropout recovery program at Pickens, focuses on older students, 19 to 20 years old, who have very little course credit. They would not have an opportunity to participate in athletics. Prince proposed revising language to exclude exceptions noted by Barry. It is important that all Board members are comfortable with language in the APS Policy Manual. Cook suggested starting broad in language and becoming narrower over time. The value and support that the Board has given to include this as a specific policy is apparent. We can monitor the item and add as needed. Escárcega suggested substituting "comprehensive" for traditional. Lewis noted that programs such as Rebound and Futures are not traditional programs. The item was revised to state "The Superintendent shall not cause or allow the district to eliminate art, music and physical education in comprehensive schools."

Barry noted that budget costs had been included under governance process, 1.7 investment in governance. Lewis asked if CASB dues were included in the budget item and questioned the cost for Board engagement. Cook clarified that the budget allotted for Board engagement includes engagement to the community as well. Yearly due fees apply to both CASB and NSBA.

Cook reviewed the monitoring schedule for the Superintendent, noting that it is the heart of policy governance. Carmany questioned if an item could be included in the policy manual regarding Board and bond/mill levy election costs. Cook shared that election costs are included in a budget line item in the Board's budget. When the Board adopts the budget, election costs are adopted as part of the policy.

Prince asked if the monitoring schedule could specify months. Cook has been working with Tonia Norman, Board assistant, to develop a preliminary schedule. If we adopt policy governance, the second meeting of August would be a Board workshop. We would then layout the monitoring schedule for the year and select community groups to engage with. Cukale noted that the monitoring schedule specifies that we include the months.

Carmany commented that the process used to include additional items within a week speaks to what policy governance is all about. Concerns were addressed by Board members and all items have been included or clarified. This provides a good idea of where we are heading and how we will govern. The policy manual is a living, breathing document and can be changed when there is agreement among the Board. This provides the framework and blueprint of how the district will operate both now and in the future. Cook concurred and noted that policy

governance attempts not to be reactive. We have policies that are broad enough to cover a majority of items within guidelines in order to provide guidance to the district.

Cukale moved and Carmany seconded to adopt the Policy Governance system as presented.

Cook thanked Barry and Van Gytenbeek for helping with the year-long process. Policy governance will allow Board members to reach out to the community to determine what they want and need.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8089

Approved on a vote of 6-1

Barber voted against the adoption of the Policy Governance system.

Cook and Norman will develop dates for the initial workshop and layout the preliminary Board schedule. We will meet with Georgia Durán, chief information officer, to develop a communication plan. Cook asked Brenna Isaacs, AEA president, to inform employee groups to contact Board members if they have questions or concerns over the summer with the adoption of the Policy Governance System.

Policy EFEA – Nutritious Food Choices

Hostetler shared that the district has written Policy EFEA, Nutritious Food Choices, to comply with guidelines set forth in SB129, Standards for Beverages Sold in Schools. The Board requested information in regard to whether vending machines in teacher and staff lounges would be covered by the policy. We checked with CASB and it was determined that vending machines in teacher and staff lounges were not covered under the policy. Products not covered under the policy could be sold to adults.

The recommendation is that the Board of Education approve district policy EFEA as presented.

Barber asked why the Board was required to approve the policy if it is state law. Hostetler commented that the state is asking boards to adopt the policy.

Lewis moved and Edberg seconded to adopt district policy EFEA as presented.

Lewis asked about the grandfathering process of the current beverage contract, noting that some sites may utilize the grandfathering process and some may not. She would like information to determine the financial impact to the district if the current beverage agreement is not grandfathered in. Hostetler noted that the grandfathering process is separate from the adoption process. We could do a cost analysis to determine the financial impact to the district if desired.

Dean Stecklein, director of Pickens Technical College, noted that Pickens would face a tremendous loss financially if the current beverage agreement is not grandfathered in, and may have to shut down some services. Cook suggested that Barry and Weeks review the financial impact to the district. Prince would also like a financial comparison between schools that have grandfathered the beverage agreement and schools that have not.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8090

Approved on a vote of 7-0

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESEARCH

New America's School Calendar

Escárcega recommended that the Board approve New America's four-day week school calendar as presented.

Lewis moved and Carmany seconded to approve New America's four-day week school calendar as presented.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8091

Approved on a vote of 7-0

DIVISION OF FINANCE

Pickens Technical College Building Trades Home Sale

Weeks shared that the Board had been provided information regarding the sale of the Pickens Technical College building trades house located at 19023 East 22nd Circle in the Daybreak Tower subdivision. The district has entered into a seller's agreement with Mark G. Jessop, Keller Williams Realty, to list and sell the property with an initial asking price of \$212,500.

The recommendation is that the Board approve the sale of the property and authorize Rod Weeks, chief financial officer, to execute all necessary documents.

Barber moved and Prince seconded to approve the sale of the property and authorize Rod Weeks, chief financial officer, to execute all necessary documents.

Weeks noted that Dean Stecklein, director of Pickens Technical College, and Greg Shamburg, site director and carpentry instructor at Pickens Technical College, were available to answer questions. Shamburg provides instruction to students in the building trades program and is responsible for construction of the quality homes. He was exposed to the building trades program when he was a high school student. The building trades program started in 1974, and fifty houses have been built and sold to date.

Barber commented that all of the homes are a work of art. We are so proud of the beautiful homes and the quality workmanship.

Lewis asked if there had been any offers. Shamburg shared that the house has been shown and we have received some offers.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8092

Approved on a vote of 7-0 vote

NCLB Consolidated Grant Application

Weeks shared that the NCLB Consolidated Grant application received from the Colorado Department of Education must be submitted to CDE by June 30, 2009.

The consolidated application is for the amount of \$25,764,355 for the following NCLB Title Grants: Title I, Part A; Title II Part A; Title II, Part D; Title III, Part A; Title III, Part A; Title IV, Part A; Title I, Part A, Recovery Funds; and Title II, Part D, Recovery Funds.

The recommendation is that the Board accept the contents of the FY 2009-10 NCLB Consolidated Programs application and approve the submission of the application to the Colorado Department of Education.

Edberg moved and Lewis seconded to accept the contents of the FY 2009-10 NCLB Consolidated Programs application and approve the submission of the application to the Colorado Department of Education.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8093

Approved on a vote of 7-0

Adoption of the 2009-10 Budget and Appropriation Resolution

Weeks passed out updates that have occurred since the Board was presented with the 2009-10 adopted budget as information on June 2, 2009. The charter school budget increased to reflect final amounts from the legislature in regard to building revenues and expenditures. The resolution lists all of the district funds in accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes 22-44-110(4).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Joint District No. 28-J of the counties of Adams and Arapahoe adopt the following budget amounts and appropriate said amounts including appropriations by program and object in the general fund of the adopted budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010.

<u>FUND AMOUNT</u>	
General	\$265,356,045
Charter Schools	21,747,008
Athletic	486,950
Bond Redemption	27,290,107
Building	61,950,000
Capital Reserve	5,768,877
Colorado Preschool Program	5,021,532
Education Foundation	206,478
Grants	40,359,278
Internal Service	1,995,932
Nutrition Services	12,428,643
Pupil Activity	269,805
Risk-Related Activity	4,284,729
Special Programs	9,689,946
Agency	<u>2,400,000</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$459,255,330

The recommendation is that the Board of Education adopt the resolution and the 2009-10 budget appropriations for the general operating fund as presented.

Barber moved and Cukale seconded to adopt the resolution and the 2009-10 budget appropriations for the general operating fund as presented.

Cook asked about the outcome of two charter schools with spending rates in excess of 100 percent. Weeks noted that the supplemental budget appropriation for 2008-09 addresses spending rates of charter schools. Two charter schools are within their spending rates. We are working with a third charter school and believe it will also be within the spending rate. All six charters should be within their budgets this year.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8094

Approved on a vote of 7-0

Use of a Portion of the Beginning Fund Balance as Authorized by Colorado Statutes

Weeks shared that the Board of Education may authorize the use of a portion of the beginning fund balance in the budget, stating the amount to be used, the purpose for which the expenditure is needed, and the district's plan to ensure that the use of the beginning fund balance will not lead to an ongoing deficit. The following fund budgets used a portion of their beginning fund balance; Athletic, Building, Capital Reserve, Colorado Preschool Program, Grants, Copier Services, Print Services, Nutrition Services, Risk-Related Activity, and Special Programs and are sufficient to allow for the one-time expenditures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with C.R.S. 22-44-105, the board of education authorizes the use of a portion of the FY 2009-10 Beginning Fund Balance for the following funds: Athletic, in the amount of \$34,100 for the purpose of funding a portion of the reserves; Building, in the amount of \$61,950,000 for approved bond projects; Capital Reserve, in the amount of \$107,035 for site-identified projects throughout the district; Colorado Preschool Program, in the amount of \$363,583 for the purpose of maintaining a reserve and a portion for day-to-day operations; Grants, in the amount of \$743,568 for day-to-day operations of several grants; Copier Services, in the amount of \$104,280 for daily operations and establishing a reserve; Print Services, in the amount of \$281,813 for supplies and equipment and maintaining a reserve; Nutrition Services, in the amount of \$572,829 for maintaining a reserve; Risk-Related Activity, in the amount of \$402,729 for the purpose of maintaining a reserve and a portion for day-to-day operations; and Special Programs, in the amount of \$2,588,229 for day-to-day operations of several programs.

The recommendation is that the Board approve the resolution as presented.

Cukale moved and Edberg seconded to approve the resolution as presented.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8095

Approved on a vote of 7-0

2008-09 Supplemental Budget Appropriations

Weeks shared that in order for funds to be spent during 2008-09, in excess of the amount that was adopted in December 2008, the Board needs to approve a supplemental budget resolution and appropriate the funds. At this time, there are three funds requiring this action; charter school fund (current budget \$18,643,076), copier services fund (current budget \$800,537), and nutrition services fund (current budget \$11,690,768).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Joint District No. 28-J of the counties of Adams and Arapahoe adopt the following budget amounts and appropriate additional funds in the amounts of \$560,809 in the 2008-09 charter school fund, \$10,000 in the 2008-09 copier services fund, and \$300,000 in the 2008-09 nutrition services fund.

<u>2008-09 Budget</u>	<u>Charter Schools</u>	<u>Copier Services</u>	<u>Nutrition Services</u>
Original budget	\$18,643,076	\$800,537	\$11,690,768
Supplemental budget	<u>560,809</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
Total budget	\$19,203,885	\$810,537	\$11,990,768

The recommendation is that the Board of Education approve the resolution as presented.

Weeks noted a correction in the June 16, 2009, agenda to the supplemental budget appropriations action item. The additional amount for the charter school budget is \$560,809. Cook clarified that the incorrect supplemental charter school budget amount was in the "THEREFORE" section of the June 16, 2009, board agenda.

Lewis asked what the additional \$560,809 to the charter school budget entailed. Weeks shared that Global Village Charter School is increasing their budget by \$407,000 in four different funds areas and Aurora Academy Charter School is increasing their budget by \$153,000 in two different fund areas.

Barber moved and Lewis seconded to approve the 2008-09 supplemental budget appropriations resolution as presented.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8096

Approved on a vote of 6-1

Cukale voted against approval of the 2008-09 supplemental budget appropriations resolution.

State of Colorado Interest-Free Loan Program

Weeks shared that the Board has been provided information concerning the district's cash flow and the state treasurer's interest-free loan program for Colorado school districts. This resolution authorizes the district to borrow up to \$10 million from the state during fiscal year 2009-10 to be repaid by June 25, 2010.

The recommendation is that the Board approve the resolution authorizing the district's participation in the state treasurer's interest-free loan program for Colorado school districts as presented.

Lewis moved and Cukale seconded to approve the resolution authorizing the district's participation in the state treasurer's interest-free loan program for Colorado school districts as presented.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8097

Approved on a vote of 7-0

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items

DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Instructional Materials Adoption

Stuart shared that the Board was presented with a list of instructional materials proposed for adoption on June 2, 2009.

The recommendation is that the Board of Education adopt the basic and supplemental textbooks and instructional materials as presented.

Prince moved and Carmany seconded to adopt the basic and supplemental textbooks and instructional materials as presented.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8098

Approved on a vote of 7-0

Cook recognized and thanked district leadership team for all their hard work and efforts this year.

DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

No Items

VI. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Opportunity for Audience

Correspondence

Next meeting date

The next business meeting of the Board of Education will be held August 11, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dr. Edward and Mrs. Patricia Lord Boardroom.

Adjournment

Cook moved and Prince seconded that the Board recess into executive session under the authority of C.R.S. §24-6-(402)(b), to discuss legal advice on Board procedures and the master agreement. All Board members were in favor.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

President

ATTEST

Secretary