

## 11.13.2017 Cherry Creek School District School Board Meeting Summary

### Village East Elementary School

For agenda, minutes and presentations, see

<http://boe.cherrycreekschools.org/co/chcr/Board.nsf/Public>.

**Approval of November 13, 2017 agenda; Approval of October 9 Regular Board of Education meeting and October 13 Special Board of Education meeting minutes.**

#### **Summary of Communications from the Board of Education and Superintendent Bull:**

- Welcome and congratulations to new CCSD Board Member Kelly Bates;
- Congratulations to returning CCSD Board Member Karen Fisher;
- STEAMAPALOOZA was great, with its weather balloon launch and launch of balloons with veterans' day cards;
- Students throughout CCSD celebrated and honored veterans. Thanks to CCSD schools for spectacular, meaningful Veterans Day celebrations;
- Recognition of National School Psychology Awareness week. Taking a small positive action can lead to positive change and promote student growth, resilience, achievement and belonging;
- Gratitude to Aurora PD officer, the school resource officer at Overland High School;
- CCSD is in the midst of trying to purchase a building in Centennial to create a permanent space for Transitions Students 18-21 with special needs. Tonight, the Centennial City Council unanimously voted "yes" to recommend rezoning of the property CCSD is interested in purchasing;
- With Thanksgiving on the horizon, this is the time to give thanks and to remember the important things in life. Don't lose sight of what's most important, such as family.

**Student Leader Reports** from Endeavor Academy and Overland High School: Endeavor student leaders proudly discuss experiential learning, college and career readiness, alternative means of credit acquisition such as work-study, participation in service learning, making a difference and strengthening community, and athletic accomplishments. Overland leaders congratulate new and returning board members and the new CCSD board president. Overland hosted the new teacher orientation. Leaders highlight improvement in SAT scores, increase in on-time graduation rates, and increase in the number of students taking AP classes. They discuss their Homecoming celebrations, choir, concerts, marching band, fall theatre production, athletic accomplishments and recognition of veterans with a breakfast reception and school assembly.

**Special Report, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.** To access the presentation, go to <http://boe.cherrycreekschools.org/co/chcr/Board.nsf/Public>. The presentation provided an overview of CCSD's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2017 by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP. The report reflects no disagreement with management; no significant difficulties; a corrective action plan regarding one finding; two management best practice recommendations; and one now-resolved deficiency in recording capital assets related to a charter school's audit. PERA liability is a major concern. The focus is how to optimize in a revenue constrained environment.

### **Audience Comments**

- The speaker, who has a son in Ms. Lyons class at Sky Vista, reported that the teacher returned after administrative leave and was silent regarding her absence. The speaker expressed concern about policy violations and remarked that communications from the teacher and school have been vague.
- The speaker expressed the need for transparency and expressed concern that communication to parents was inconsistent and insufficient. The speaker requested adherence to accountability policies.
- The speaker referenced the CCSD policy holding the Board responsible for selection of all instructional material. The speaker reported that parents object to course content addressing police brutality, suicide and non-nuclear families.
- The president of the Aurora Branch of the NAACP expressed his wish that he, as a youth, would have had a teacher to talk with him and to provide a safe space to discuss suicide and police brutality. The speaker indicated that the CCSD community can heal, and that any mistakes that were made can be corrected. He expressed the need for a safe space to discuss racial, ethnic and other issues.
- The president of the Cherry Creek Education Association welcomed and congratulated Ms. Fisher and Ms. Bates. He expressed thanks to the CCSD Board for their service and to teachers, nurses, mental health professionals, paraprofessionals, bus drivers and students.

**Consent Agenda:** Resolutions 246-17 to 265-17 were approved unanimously, with no items polled or discussed.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at Black Forest Hills Elementary, 25233 East Glasgow Drive, Aurora, CO 80016.