1. Preliminary

1.01 Location: Board Room, Education Center (streaming)

1.02 Call to Order: 8:30 a.m.

The study/dialogue session was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Brad Rupert, first vice president of the Board of Education, in the Board Room, Education Center, 1829 Denver West Drive, Golden, Colorado, Wednesday, February 5, 2020. A majority of the Board was present – Brad Rupert, first vice president; Ron Mitchell, second vice president; Susan Miller, treasurer; and Stephanie Schooley, secretary. Dr. Glass, superintendent, represented the administration. Breaks were taken from 10:43 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. Susan Harmon, president; joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m. via phone.

2. Study/Dialogue Session

2.01 Stocktake: High Expectations (Conditions for Learning Strategy) (CLT2)

PURPOSE: The Board received an update on the strategic plan Conditions for Learning strategy (scale and provide quality learning equitably to every student), tactic #2 High Expectations (CLT2).

DISCUSSION: Staff outlined milestones, leading indicators, and successes including curriculum timelines and proficiency scales and professional learning for Jeffco teachers/administrators. Smart goals were shared (by June 2021 new and revised Jeffco tasks, curriculum, and resources for all content areas will be aligned to the 2020 Colorado Academic Standards and Jeffco Generation Skills) with an implementation heat map showing good and mixed application to meet this tactic’s goals. Challenges were reviewed along with necessary resources to meet the goals.

The Board discussion included how the proficiency scales are being researched, vetted and implemented; variability in curriculum (measurements/monitoring); supports, collaboration and time commitment for teachers; stakeholder groups and relationships with other districts; variability of resources throughout the district; and, time/cost of professional development.
CONCLUSION: Mr. Rupert thanked staff for the report.

2.02 Second Quarter Financial Report Review and Dialogue with Financial Oversight Committee (EL-5, 6)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education heard from staff on the districtwide financial condition through the second quarter of the 2019/2020 school year in order to monitor district finances.

DISCUSSION: Staff reported on funds monitoring and detail, cash management, revenue and expenses. Board discussion covered internal funds versus outward facing funds, the child care fund, clarification on teacher CDE licenses and expenditures, building usage total hours, Central Services, Food Services and charter school funds management.

CONCLUSION: Mr. Rupert thanked staff for the report.

2.03 Report: Food and Nutrition Services Master Plan (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an overview of the districtwide feasibility study to develop a long-term roadmap to provide quality meal service to all Jeffco Public Schools students.

DISCUSSION: Staff provided an overview of the master plan for Food and Nutrition Services which covered goals, mission, project methodology and the current state related to facilities and equipment to provide quality fresh meals and adapt to student preferences and regulation changes. Meals served have dropped since 2011. There are many controls on food served (i.e., sodium, sugar, calorie levels). Solutions were reviewed for a long-term sustainable Food and Nutrition Services department including: 1) central production kitchen; 2) decentralized scratch cooking; 3) outsourced model; and, 4) modified centralized production kitchen in three locations. Each option has cost implications. Staff recommended the action for a central production kitchen (option 1).

The Board discussed a central production kitchen, opportunities to serve the community (meals, restaurant, catering, leasing, and meals for other school districts), savings on food costs, increasing meal participation, student learning/internships, changes to current sustainability practices, improved effects on the environment, lessons learned from other districts, and a detailed overview of Jeffco’s current facility at 809 Quail.

CONCLUSION: Mr. Rupert thanked staff for the presentation. Board members were invited to visit current facilities.

2.04 Reimagining Time Task Force (Start Time, Late Start/Early Release, and Food/Nutrition) (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received an update in relation to the work of three task forces investigating school start times, late start/early release for teacher planning, and lunch times for students.

DISCUSSION: Introductions were made, the work and recommendations shared and discussion covered each topic area including research on recommendations for instructional hours; start times and students’ sleep; findings of November 2018 survey; articulation areas working together with community and school leadership; child care; student jobs; need for more community outreach/conversation; equitability; research on time needed for teachers to collaborate; non-student contact days; seated lunch time challenges; possible scenarios; costs; task force recommendations and possible next steps.
CONCLUSION: The Board reached consensus on next steps to include moving forward on district policy regarding supporting increased seated lunch time, district staff returning next spring, through the budget process, for funds needed to implement a late start/early release for teacher planning time; and, further exploration of discussion items related to changing start times of schools as well as identification of funding options.

2.05 Budget Update: Budget Status (EL-11)

PURPOSE: The Board of Education received a status update on the current fiscal year budget, development of the 2020/2021 budget, and factual information regarding the district’s annual budget.

DISCUSSION: Staff provide information on 2020/2021 budget assumptions, anticipated state funding, and potential expenditure assumptions (compensation variables, school and division needs). Staff provided answers to common questions/concerns on district finances and budgeting: how we compare to other districts (amount of administration, financial transparency, and amount of savings), billion dollar budget, marijuana money, and property tax money. Discussion covered items mentioned as well as district reserves fund for unforeseen events.

CONCLUSION: Mr. Rupert thanked staff for the update.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for March 5, 2020.

Crystal Frigo, Recording Secretary

Approved and entered in the proceedings of the district on March 5, 20120

Secretary of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education