

THE BOARD REPORT January 14, 2009

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Good Things – D-11 Students Sing in All-State Choir

The Board of Education recognized D-11 students (and their vocal music teachers) who were selected to participate in the Colorado All-State Choir. The teachers and students are:

- Coronado**, teacher **Jeff Hodur**, students Joshua Brewer, Kara Brewer, Aaron Brown, Kyla Conway, David Driffill, Megan Flynn, Nathan Jensen, Nicole Muzzy, Christy Radspinner, Morgan Unruh and Jeff Urquhart.
 - Doherty**, teacher **Katie Bainer**, students Sarah Bottorff, Lynnea Sjoerdsma, Karalee Slaugh, Anne Terze-Schwarz and Taylor Woodward.
 - Mitchell**, teacher **Todd Dicamillo**, students Michael Burke and Judith McFadden.
 - Palmer**, teacher **Bob Crowder**, student Logan Webber.
 - Wasson**, teacher **Reneé Tabet**, students Ian Butler, Sebastian Lehmer and Yelena Yund.
- The assembled students sang “America the Beautiful.”

Dr. Terry Bishop Named Educator of the Year

Board of Education President Tami Hasling congratulated Dr. Bishop on being named Educator of the Year at the El Paso County celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

ACTION ITEMS

Personnel Recommendations

The Board of Education approved a list of personnel recommendations submitted by the administration.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on Charter Renewal Application for Roosevelt-Edison Academy Charter School

The Board of Education held a public hearing on the subject of renewing the charter for Roosevelt-Edison Academy Charter School. A Roosevelt-Edison parent spoke in favor of the charter renewal.

Charter Renewal Application for Roosevelt-Edison Academy Charter School

Colorado charter school law requires charter schools to embark on a charter renewal with their charter authorizer at the end of the charter contract. Roosevelt-Edison Academy Charter School's contract period ends June 30, 2009. The renewal application was received by the District 11 Administration Review Team (DART) in accordance with Board of Education Policy and Regulation LBD. The Board of Education received a packet of information including the DART review packet, high stakes visit summary from FY08-09, and an executive summary of the renewal application.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Roosevelt-Edison Academy Charter School's renewal application for a term of five years (school years 2009-2014).

http://www.d11.org/boe/Meetings/08-09/BoardReports/01_14_09/RooseveltEdison.pdf

Instructional Materials and Secondary Courses Approval

Instructional Materials: According to board policy, the Board of Education approves adoption of instructional materials including textbook materials, periodicals, newspapers, computer software and content posters. Adoption of new instructional materials originates at the site and is based on identified curricular needs. The appropriate curriculum committee reviews the instructional materials, asks a citizen to review them, submits the instructional materials to the appropriate content area facilitator for approval, and submits the adoption request to the deputy superintendent of Educational Support Services. All instructional materials submitted for adoption have completed the required process as specified in Board of Education Policy IJJ-R.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve adoption of the submitted instructional materials.

Secondary Courses: The Board of Education is required by state statutes to determine the educational programs delivered to the schools of the district. The development of new courses is driven by educational needs at school sites. The courses are designed to support the needs of secondary students and are related to content standards and benchmarks.

All course proposals submitted for approval or deletion have completed the required process as per Board of Education Policy IGA (Curriculum Development) and Policy IGD (Curriculum Adoption).

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve new, changed and/or deleted courses submitted by the administration.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent/Administrative Reports

- School Utilization Update: Mike Poore, deputy superintendent of Educational Support Services, provided an update on the school utilization study and the community meetings being held to receive public input.
- Literacy Resource Teacher (LRT) Presentation: Vince Puzick, K-12 Literacy & Language Arts Coordinator, introduced three LRTs, Theresea Bartalo (Rogers Elementary), Jari Sims (Galileo Middle School of Math and Science) and Suzette Pope (Coronado High School).
http://www.d11.org/boe/Meetings/08-09/BoardReports/01_14_09/lrt.pdf
- EASy Update: Marsha Spanswick, project manager, Curriculum & Data Management System, with Cordelia Stone, principal at King Elementary, Carolyn Wilson, assistant principal at King, and Jeanice Swift, principal of Russell Middle School, presented an update on EASy, the district's user friendly system that integrates data, assessment and curriculum to enhance student achievement.
http://www.d11.org/boe/Meetings/08-09/BoardReports/01_14_09/EASY.pdf

Other Discussion Items and Board Subcommittee Reports

Director Tanner advised that the state board met and elected a new chair and vice chair. The Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) legislative conference is coming up. Challenger Learning Center dates are available. Bills are coming along.

Director Strand attended the Federal Relations Network Association meeting in Denver. He asked Glenn Gustafson, deputy superintendent and chief financial officer, to share information about budget impacts this year. Glenn advised that there is no good news and that cuts are being made this year. There is talk of taking funds from school districts.

Director Null attended a workshop on how to motivate students. He has been attending the community meetings concerning school utilization and visiting schools to talk about utilization.

Director Gudvangen invited everyone to the Martin Luther King, Jr., march from the downtown YMCA to Shove Chapel at Colorado College. He will meet with the superintendent search consultant next week.

Director Bobbitt reminded everyone that Wasson High School is celebrating its 50th Anniversary next Wednesday at Mr. Biggs. He has visited Palmer Night School classes and congratulates the fine work being done there.

Director Hasling attended the Safe Schools Coalition meeting with Dr. Bishop and mentioned some things the coalition was looking at, encouraging schools to focus on bullying, mental health, etc.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

January 21, 2009, Work Session

The Board of Education will discuss FY09/10 budget development, search work for a new superintendent and closing the achievement gap.

January 22, 2009, Special Meeting

The Board of Education will meet to go into executive session to discuss personnel (superintendent search).

Emerson Structure

The administration will present a proposal for grade configuration at Emerson Middle School as a non-action item on January 28, 2009.

School Utilization

Phase I (November): draft plan to steering committee and administration develops recommendation

Phase II (December): draft plan/recommendation to staff

Phase III (January): draft plan/recommendation to community

Phase IV (February): draft plan/recommendation to the Board of Education (hearing, non-action, action)

The Board of Education will be provided with updates under Reports and Discussion Items November through January with a possible work session on February 4, followed by a public hearing and non-action item on February 11 and action item on February 25.

Bridges to Opportunity

The Board of Education will discuss Bridges to Opportunity on January 28, 2009.

Status Report of RtI and PBS

The administration will presents an update on Response to Intervention (RtI) and Positive Behavior Support (PBS) on February 11, 2009.

Magnet School Concepts

Magnet school concepts will be discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

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