

THE BOARD REPORT **January 28, 2009**

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2008 National Board Certified Teachers

The Board of Education recognized the district's 2008 National Board Certified Teachers. National Board Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession. To those in Colorado who achieve the title of National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT), the Colorado Department of Education awards its top certification, the Colorado Master Teacher Certificate. Congratulations to the following teachers, who made a year-long commitment to measure their teaching practices against the highest national professional teaching standards in the country: Faith Bowman, Special Education teacher at Hunt Elementary School; Amber Colvard, Colorado Reading First coach at Longfellow Elementary School; Margaret Engler, social studies teacher at Wasson High School; Janet Giddings, science teacher at Wasson High School; Camla Schultz, second-grade teacher at Scott Elementary School; Nancy Shanklin, fourth-grade teacher at Scott Elementary School; and Aurora Umana-Arko, English teacher at Coronado High School.

During Citizens' Comments, the Board of Education was treated to a mini-concert by the Jefferson Elementary School Sign Choir under the direction of SueAnn Gurwell and Kate Foote. The choir performed patriotic songs.

In celebration of National School Board Recognition Month, Elaine Naleski, director of Communications and Community Relations, presented each board member with a gift of appreciation from the administration and thanked them for their countless hours of volunteer service.

ACTION ITEMS

Designation of Official Posting Location for Board of Education Meetings and Notices

Colorado law and the Board of Education bylaws require that the board designate a public place or places for posting notices of Board of Education meetings each year at the board's first regular meeting during the calendar year. Even though the Board of Education voted on the changed location during its October 8, 2008, meeting, legal counsel advised that it do so again, in accordance with state statutes and Board of Education bylaws.

The Board of Education designated the bulletin board immediately inside the main entrance to Galileo School of Math and Science, 1600 North Union Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, as the official location for posting Board of Education notices until further notice and/or administration offices move back into the main administration building at 1115 North El Paso Street.

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.

The Board of Education approved 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).

The Board of Education approved new, changed and/or deleted courses submitted by the administration.

Budget Transfer (General Fund Contingency)

Human Resources legal expenses are expected to be over budget due to a large number of personnel matters this year, and Board of Education legal expenses are expected to be over budget due to heavy board policy activity and heavier than usual litigation activity.

The Board of Education approved a General Fund contingency transfer in the amount of \$150,000 as submitted by the administration.

Personnel Recommendations

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

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.

The Board of Education approved the Roosevelt-Edison Academy Charter School's renewal application for a term of five years (school years 2009-2014).

7 P.M. Public Hearing: Exclusive Chartering Authority

The state recommends that a public hearing be held 30 days prior to a local school board making a decision regarding exclusive chartering authority. Board of Education President Tami Hasling announced that there were no citizens signed up to speak at the public hearing and called for any speakers from the audience. No one came forward. President Hasling closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Emerson Structure

Emerson-Edison Academy Charter School failed to make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for six consecutive years, and federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation requires school districts to restructure Title I schools that are unable to make AYP.

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve opening the new District 11 school for sixth grade in 2009-10; sixth and seventh grades in 2010-2011; and sixth, seventh and eighth grades in 2011-2012. Students who are currently in sixth and seventh grades at Emerson-Edison Academy Charter School would attend Irving for the remainder of their middle school career. **This item was tabled to non-action on February 11.**

Revised Board of Education Policies GCOA, GCOC and GDO (Evaluation of Personnel)

Employee performance evaluation procedures are currently located in three different places: Board of Education policies and regulations; the Master Agreement and ESP handbook; and the Performance Evaluation System documents, including protocol documents and forms for each employee group. The Board of Education policies and regulations were last revised in 1994; and although the district has tried to ensure that the Master Agreement and ESP handbook and the Performance Evaluation System are consistent with policies and regulations, there are some discrepancies. The proposed revisions to the Board of Education policies and regulations make the Performance Evaluation System the primary tool in evaluation.

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve the proposed policy revisions and deletion of regulations. **The board agreed to put this item on the consent agenda for February 11.**

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Deputy Superintendent Mike Poore presented an update on the Bridges to Opportunity program (dropout retrieval program). Executive Director for School Accountability and Student Achievement John Keane gave a PowerPoint presentation. (http://www.d11.org/boe/Meetings/08-09/BoardReports/01_28_09/Bridges.pdf)

Other Discussion Items and Board Subcommittee Reports

Director Bobbitt expressed appreciation for those who are advocating for their schools.

Director Null attended the Educating Children of Color education summit on January 10 and thought it was very good with excellent speakers. He hopes the district takes action based on what was learned. Director Null is on the graduation requirement committee for Project NOW.

Director Strand attended the Response to Intervention (RtI) and Positive Behavior Support (PBS) leadership committee meeting and is pleased to see we are recognized as leaders in the field.

Director Tanner gave a calendar committee update. She would like to be on the Project NOW committee. She got good feedback from Gully Sanford, College in Colorado, who is working with D-11 as part of the Project NOW initiative.

Dr. Bishop reminded everyone that the regular board meeting on February 11 will be held at Coronado High School, 1590 West Fillmore Street and the regular board meeting on February 25 is currently scheduled to take place at Tesla Educational Opportunity Center, 2560 International Circle.

Board of Education President Hasling advised that the work session on February 4 is scheduled to be held at Tesla.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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.

Magnet School Concepts

Magnet school concepts will be discussed.

FUTURE WORK SESSIONS

February 4, 2009: The Board of Education will hold a work session on school utilization.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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