

THE BOARD REPORT February 18, 2009

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ACTION ITEMS

Budget Transfer: Student Tutoring Account

The Board of Education approved an aggregate transfer in the amount of \$150,000 from selected General Fund program accounts to the student tutoring program account to cover temporary and supplemental pay and benefits for teachers providing student tutoring services.

7 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL UTILIZATION PLAN

This is the second public hearing the Board of Education has held on school utilization, and it follows the public hearing held on February 11, 2009. This public hearing is designed to accommodate those persons who signed up to speak on February 11 but did not have an opportunity to do so.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Emerson Structure http://www.d11.org/boe/Meetings/08-09/BoardReports/02_18_09/Emerson.pdf

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 will move to action on February 25, 2009.

Exclusive Chartering Authority

CRS 22-30.5-504 permits local boards of education to seek exclusive chartering authority within geographic boundaries of their school districts. The statute was changed effective this year making it more difficult to obtain exclusive chartering authority; but once the authority has been granted, it does not have to be renewed each year. With exclusive chartering authority, the D-11 Board of Education has the right to review each charter school application within its jurisdictional boundaries (online charter school programs are an exception) or relinquish this authority on a case-by-case basis to the Colorado Charter School Institute (CSI).

If the D-11 Board of Education decides not to request exclusive chartering authority or if the request is denied by the State Board of Education, charter school applicants may apply either to the district and/or the Charter School Institute.

To retain exclusive chartering authority, the D-11 Board of Education must present a written resolution to the State Board of Education on or before March 1, 2009.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a resolution to retain the exclusive chartering authority currently held by School District 11. This item will move to action (consent item) on February 25, 2009.

School Utilization Plan

School District 11 has been engaged in numerous utilization studies and recommendations over the years. This year, the Board of Education hired a consultant team to conduct a utilization study. The study shared patterns of enrollment as well as projections for future enrollment. District 11 administration then formed a steering committee to assist in developing a recommendation and created a community involvement plan. The administration provided a presentation to share changes and updates to the recommended utilization plan.

The Board of Education will hold a work session on Monday, February 23, at 6 p.m. at Tesla to continue discussion on the utilization plan.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

School Utilization

The Board of Education was provided with updates under Reports and Discussion Items November through January. There was a work session on February 4, followed by public hearings and non-action items on February 11 and February 18. A board work session is scheduled for February 23, 2009. School utilization is scheduled as an action item by the board on February 25, 2009.

Status Report on RtI and PBS

Magnet School Concepts

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

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