

THE BOARD REPORT **March 11, 2009**

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GOOD THINGS

Bristol Principal Receives Honor Administrator Award

School District 11 congratulates Steve Ferguson, principal of Bristol Elementary School, recipient of the Colorado Music Educators Association Honor Administrator Award in recognition of his support of music education. Steve was recognized for seizing the opportunity to provide students the forum for self-expression and the development of critical thinking skills and creativity. Every student at Bristol Elementary is viewed as a developing young musician and artist. Bristol students are given equal opportunity and access to study a variety of art forms, and all students in first through third grade receive Suzuki violin instruction. "Steve's hard work and dedication insure a bright future for music education in School District 11 and the state of Colorado."

Pike Elementary Is Colorado Title I Distinguished School

The Title I Distinguished School Program, a joint project of the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of State Title I Directors, recognizes outstanding Title I schools. The program, which is part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, permits Colorado to nominate two Title I schools for awards – Exceptional Student Performance and Closing the Achievement Gap.

Pike Elementary School was selected by the state for the Exceptional Student Performance Award for having the greatest percentage of students at or above the proficient level for Adequate Yearly Progress in reading/language arts and mathematics for two years. Pike has received \$10,000, a banner to hang at the school, a glass plaque, and registration, hotel and airfare for two staff members to attend the Title I Conference in San Antonio, TX.

ACTION ITEMS

Contract Award: Open Concept Modifications – King Elementary School

The Board of Education approved the award of a construction contract to Nunn Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,585,270 to replace the open classroom concept at King Elementary School.

Contract Award: Open Concept Modifications – Rudy Elementary School

The Board of Education approved the award of a construction contract to Nunn Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,611,610 to replace the open classroom concept at Rudy Elementary School.

Personnel Recommendations

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

School Utilization Plan: Wasson High School

Over the past six to eight weeks, discussion has occurred concerning the configuration of Wasson High School. During the Board of Education meeting on February 25, 2009, numerous motions were made in an effort to determine the future direction of Wasson. When no decision was reached on February 25, the Board of Education asked central administration and the staff of Wasson High School to work together and come forward with a proposal that might offer a good compromise.

After reviewing a recommendation from the administration, the Board of Education directed the administration to work with the Wasson High School staff, the Curriculum and Instruction staff, the Human Resources staff, the Wasson Math/Science Committee and other appropriate groups during the 2009-2010 school year to complete a four-year plan (with key milestones) for Wasson High School as a comprehensive high school. The plan will include student enrollment figure recommendations, boundaries and the following specific educational program strands:

- a Performing and Visual Arts Magnet Program (school within a school)
- a Math/Science Magnet Program (school within a school)

The study will review current boundaries, potential reduced-boundary areas and a walk-in boundary. A recommendation will be developed to be presented to the Board of Education no later than January 31, 2010. Wasson

High School will continue to operate as a comprehensive, boundaried high school until the Wasson plan is completed and approved by the board.

Permit Window Extension

The Board of Education temporarily extended the permit application acceptance window until May 29, 2009, thereby accommodating parents who may want to use the choice option as a result of the boundary changes and school reutilization plans.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

2009-2010 School Year Calendar

The 2009-2010 calendar is being recommended for approval. The calendar includes the following highlights:

Summer School: July 1 – July 29

First Day of School for Students: Tuesday, August 18

Thanksgiving Break: Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27 (three-day break)

Winter Break: December 21 – January 5 (Last day for students and school staff prior to winter break will be December 18.)

Spring Break: March 22 – March 26

Graduation Dates: May 25 and May 26

Last Day of School for Students: May 26

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2009-2010 school year calendar. This item is scheduled for action on March 18, 2009.

New Policy, KDE – Crisis Management

In 2000, legislation was enacted which required school districts to develop crisis management policies. To date, School District 11 does not have a policy that mandates development and use of a safety or emergency response plan. The 2008 legislative session resulted in three new laws that directly affect this required policy. In order to be legally compliant, the district must develop a crisis management policy.

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve new policy *KDE – Crisis Management*. This item is scheduled for action on March 18, 2009.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee has prepared its third annual report to the Board of Education covering the progress of the 2005-2009 Bond Program during calendar year 2008. The committee made a presentation that highlighted key points.

District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Budget Subcommittee Preliminary Report

The DAAC Budget Subcommittee preliminary report is intended to provide the superintendent, the Board of Education, the full DAAC and, most significantly, the public with a status report on the work and fiscal oversight actions conducted by the DAAC Budget Subcommittee from September 2008 to January 2009. A final report, spanning February 2009 to June 2009, will be developed and delivered in June 2009.

Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Brenda LeBrasse's update on the district's Response to Intervention (RtI) and Positive Behavior Support (PBS) programs was rolled forward to the regular Board of Education meeting on April 8, 2009.

Board of Education Reports/Discussion Items

Director Null would like to hear a report on Everyday Math and why it doesn't seem to be working. Dr. Bishop suggested an update on Everyday Math in his Friday night notes to the board.

Director Null recommended that the board accelerate K-8 discussions. Deputy Superintendent Mike Poore responded that the K-8 recommendations won't come back to the board until the fall. Director Tanner suggested addressing parent concerns, not the K-8 concept itself.

Director Null is concerned about Special Education programs. Dr. Bishop said the district is not dropping Special Education programs but is changing some programs, which may involve shifting students. This topic will be addressed as a Friday night note item.

Director Null stated his concern about an incident last week involving a suspicious white van. He wanted to be sure that the word went out widely, not just for one or two schools. He said CSPD will follow up with him on their

investigation.

Director Strand would like to see information on EASy and wonders if the district is using it as well as possible. He is hearing grumbling in the schools about the program. Dr. Bishop responded that it is taking some time to get every report into EASy.

Director Tanner attended the Hispanic Student Success Conference last weekend.

Director Null advised that the policy subcommittee has a lot on its plate. He asked about DVDs as official records and a nepotism policy. He thinks the boundary committee meetings are going well and are well-attended.

FUTURE MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS

A work session is scheduled on April 15, 2009, to discuss boundary study recommendations.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Magnet School Concepts

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

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