

THE BOARD REPORT

April 8, 2009

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GOOD THINGS

Martinez Elementary School – National PTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence

The National PTA has certified Martinez Elementary School as a Parent Involvement School of Excellence, recognizing Martinez as a school that upholds the highest standards in parent involvement. Martinez principal Bobbie Long says, “This award exemplifies our families’ commitment to and participation in their child’s education. The positive partnerships between home and school make Martinez a special place to love and learn.”

Coronado – Tops in State ProStart Competiton

Coronado High School’s ProStart team brought home the traveling trophy given annually to the top ProStart school in the state. Coronado had the highest combined total of points from management and culinary teams. Coronado is the first school to win this trophy three times and the first school to win it back to back (they also won the trophy in 2008). Leona Lindvall is the Coronado ProStart teacher and is very proud of the entire ProStart class.

Special congratulations to the Coronado management team, which placed second in state competition – Kenny Londono, Hannah Rogers, Judy Santero and Jordan Sveen – and to the culinary team, which placed sixth in the state – Joshua Berntsen, Evan Ronnesbeck, Michael Harris and Katherine Jager.

Coronado Robotics Team Goes to Championship Competition

The Coronado High School robotics team, Cougars Gone Wired, received more awards at this year’s Colorado FIRST Robotics Competition than any other team. There were 48 teams at the competition, some from as far away as California and Florida. Cougars Gone Wired won the Web site award, the Autodesk animation award, the Rookie All-Star award and the Colorado Regional competition. Both the Rookie-All-Star award and the Regional Championship award qualify the team to participate in the championships in Atlanta, GA, April 16-18, where they will join other regional winners from the United States, Europe and Israel. Bryce McLean is the team’s teacher/sponsor.

ACTION ITEMS

Two-Hour Delayed Start on April 2, 2009

According to board policy, the superintendent or his designee is authorized to close schools for specified emergencies. School District 11 had a two-hour delayed start on April 2, 2009, due to inclement weather.

The Board of Education approved the two-hour delayed start on April 2, 2009.

Budget Transfer – Howbert Four-Room Addition

The Board of Education approved the appropriation and transfer of \$1,200,000 from the capital reserve fund to the Howbert four-classroom addition project, to be completed by January 2010.

Budget Transfer – West, Buena Vista, Stratton, Jefferson, Martinez and Bijou school Site Facility Modifications

The Board of Education approved the appropriation and transfer of \$1,140,000 from the general fund contingency reserve with the additional requirement that the contingency reserve be replenished by \$1,140,000 from the reutilization savings as soon as practicable.

Budget Transfer: Transition of Staff, Students and Community to New Schools

The Board of Education approved the appropriation and transfer of \$250,000 from the general fund contingency reserve with the additional requirement that the general fund contingency reserve be replenished with \$250,000 from the reutilization savings as soon as practicable.

Resolution – Volunteer Week

The Board of Education – recognizing the invaluable benefits of volunteers in public schools – approved a resolution that recognizes the week of April 28-May 2, 2008, as National Volunteer Week in School District 11.

New Policy JLDBA – Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Crisis Response

At the direction of Dr. Terry Bishop and the urging of the Board of Education, the administration has developed a suicide prevention, intervention and postvention crisis response policy. The policy is fashioned after the policies of other large districts in Colorado and modeled after the sample policy developed by the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB).

The Board of Education reviewed and approved new policy JLDBA – *Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Crisis Response*.

Personnel Recommendations

The Board of Education approved personnel recommendations presented by the administration and amended by the removal of Executives/Professionals Promotions item 2 and Assignments item 1.

Capital Plan Amendment

Capital projects in support of the recent reutilization decisions are necessary to create more effective, efficient and safe learning environments for students. Fortunately, some excess bond funds can be used for some of the projects, but only with approval by the Board of Education of a formal capital plan amendment. On March 12, 2009, the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee voted to recommend an amendment as stated below.

The Board of Education approved an amendment to the capital plan and appropriated and transferred \$2,140,000 from the program contingency fund to the following projects:

- Delete work scheduled for present campus of The Bijou School and reprogram \$651,093 budgeted for this work
- Add miscellaneous minor renovations at Whittier Elementary for use of that site by The Bijou School (\$360,000)
- Add miscellaneous minor renovations at Hunt Elementary School (\$280,000)
- Add an addition to Jackson Elementary School (\$1,500,000)

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Proposed Boundary Recommendations

The administration presented recommended boundary changes needed to implement the reutilization changes for school year 2009-10. Such boundaries are for only elementary and middle school levels and do not include changes for any K-8 implementation or high schools.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the proposed boundaries for various elementary and middle schools and approve the proposed transported area changes for various elementary and middle schools.

Board of Education President Hasling advised that a public hearing on boundary changes is scheduled for April 15 at 7 p.m. followed by a work session at 8 p.m. and that the proposed boundary changes would be an action item for board approval on April 22. Dr. Bishop commented that both meetings would be held at Tesla Educational Opportunity Center.

Preliminary Budget Assumptions

Each year, prior to preparing the proposed budget document, the D-11 Budget Office provides preliminary budget information to the Board of Education for approval.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the preliminary budget development assumptions as presented by the administration.

Instructional Materials Approval

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the list of instructional materials – textbooks, periodicals, newspapers, computer software and content posters – presented by the administration. Such materials have been selected and recommended for adoption according to board policy IJJ-R.

Secondary Courses Approval

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve new, changed and/or deleted courses, as presented by the administration, which have been developed according to board policies IG and IGD. These courses are designed to support the needs of secondary students and are related to content standards and benchmarks.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on Response to Intervention (RtI) / Positive Behavior Support (PBS) This item postponed until April 29.

The Board of Education requested a mid-year report on RtI and PBS implementation. A focused review was completed at all schools between November 2008 and January 2009 to assess progress in two of the six components of successful RtI implementation: problem solving team functioning and progress monitoring. The report to the board provides a summary of mid-year status and identifies challenges and additional activities necessary to fully implement RtI in all schools. Additionally, in the next year, actions to ensure sustainability of the RtI/PBS framework must be completed prior to expiration of the RtI office funding.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Magnet School Concepts

Task Force Recommendations on Closing Achievement Gap

FUTURE MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS

A special meeting/public hearing (7 p.m.) on boundary recommendations followed by a work session (8 p.m.) on proposed boundary recommendations is scheduled for April 15, 2009, at Tesla EOC.

A work session on Project Now is scheduled for April 29, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

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