

THE BOARD REPORT

April 22, 2009

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GOOD THINGS

District 11 Fine Arts Facilitator Wins National Award

The National Federation of High School Music Associations has awarded Tom Fleecs, District 11 fine arts coordinator, the federation's Outstanding Music Educator Award. The award acknowledges and thanks Tom Fleecs for his outstanding service and unselfish devotion to interscholastic music programs.

Mr. Fleecs has served as the district's fine arts coordinator since 1998; and under his leadership, D-11 students have performed with the National Honor Orchestra, the National Repertoire Orchestra and the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. District 11 students have also won several gold awards from the nationally based Heritage Festival. Mr. Fleecs belongs to several different committees for the advancement of music and education at local, state and national levels. He has held executive positions with the Colorado Association for Music Curriculum and Instruction and the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony. He was a presenter at the Colorado Music Educators Clinic Conference and a facilitator for the 2008 National Performing Arts Convention in Denver.

ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent's Contract

The Board of Education approved the payment of \$35,000 to Superintendent Dr. Terry N. Bishop on or about May 1, 2009, to apply against and reduce any payments to be made to the superintendent with respect to sick leave and vacation payouts at termination under the superintendent's employment contract.

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

Colorado law and Board of Education bylaws require that the board designate a public place(s) for posting notices of board meetings at the board's first regular meeting during each calendar year.

The Board of Education Office was temporarily located at the Galileo School of Math and Science during the renovation of the main administration building; and official board meeting information was posted at Galileo. The Board of Education Office will return to 1115 North El Paso Street as of Monday, April 20, 2009.

The Board of Education designated an area outside the Board Room at 1115 N. El Paso Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903, as the official location for posting notices of remaining board meetings for school year 2008-09, effective April 22, 2009.

Personnel Recommendations

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

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.

The Board of Education approved the proposed boundaries for various elementary and middle schools as presented and approved the proposed transported area changes for various elementary and middle schools, removing Trailblazer and Chipeta boundaries from the motion and directing the administration to re-examine the proposed boundary issues concerning Chipeta and Trailblazer with the goal of better balancing the two schools.

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. The Board of Education reviewed and considered the preliminary budget development assumptions presented by the administration and directed the administration to consider adjustments to all budget items in order to meet the district's mission and goals.

Instructional Materials Approval

The Board of Education approved a list of instructional materials – textbooks, periodicals, newspapers, computer software and content posters – presented by the administration. Such materials were selected and recommended for adoption according to board policy IJJ-R.

Secondary Courses Approval

The Board of Education approved new, changed and/or deleted courses, as presented by the administration, which were 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.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of the District's Hearing Impaired Program (This item was postponed until the May 6, 2009, board meeting)

During the February 25, 2009, regular meeting, the Board of Education approved closing Jefferson Elementary School and moving the district's hearing impaired program from Jefferson to Stratton Elementary School as of August 1, 2009.

At its April 8, 2009, regular meeting, the Board of Education approved the appropriation and transfer of \$1,140,000 from the general fund contingency reserve for facility modifications at several schools in order to support reutilization decisions. The appropriation and transfer item was amended by the board's removing the amount of \$10,000 requested for improving Stratton to receive the hearing impaired program.

The administration will present a recommendation regarding the location of the district's hearing impaired **program**.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Null expressed concern about conditions at Stratton Elementary School and the possibility of a health issue.

Director Strand advised that someone at the District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting asked him to schedule a time to discuss what the board wants from the DAAC. The Board of Education agreed to do so.

Director Tanner noted that Director Strand's board account is overdrawn. The board agreed to transfer funds and asked for an update on each board member's account.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Magnet School Concepts

FUTURE MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS

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

A regular meeting is scheduled on May 6, 2009. A work session/retreat is scheduled on May 13, 2009. The meeting on May 20, 2009, will be a regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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