

## THE BOARD REPORT

May 6, 2009

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### GOOD THINGS

#### **D-11 Celebrates 2008-2009 Crystal Apple Teacher Awards**

The D-11 Crystal Apple Teacher Awards program, sponsored by El Paso Council PTA, honors teaching excellence and recognizes outstanding examples for young people who want to be teachers.

The 2009 Crystal Apple Teacher Award recipients are Erin Christopher Ahnfeldt, Doherty High School; Charlee Passig Archuleta, Rogers Elementary School; Leslie J. Barthlow, Holmes Middle School; Alan Combs, Coronado High School; Charlotte C. Hood, Penrose Elementary School; and Anita Waller, Fremont Elementary School.

The 2009 Crystal Apple Teacher Award nominees are Diana Biggs, Jenkins Middle School; Gale Derrick, Taylor Elementary School; and Christina Watson, Audubon Elementary School

All Crystal Apple nominees and recipients were recognized at a formal awards banquet on Tuesday, May 5, at the Crowne Plaza Colorado Springs.

### SPECIAL REPORT

#### **D-11 Third Grade CSAP Reading Scores**

District 11's 2009 third-grade reading scores have improved by three percentage points overall compared to 2008 and have improved each year for the past three years. Fifty-seven percent of D-11 elementary schools had scores that were higher than the Colorado State average. Sixty-four percent of our elementary schools had the same or better scores than last year. Twenty-two schools' scores went up, while only 16 went down.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **Districtwide Closure April 17, 2009**

According to Board of Education policy, the superintendent or his designee is authorized to close schools for specified emergencies. School District 11 was closed on April 17, 2009, due to inclement weather.

The Board of Education approved the April 17, 2009, districtwide closure because of inclement weather.

#### **Departure Agreement – Current Superintendent**

The Board of Education approved delegating authority to the president of the board to sign the Superintendent's Departure Memorandum of Understanding in the form presented to the board.

#### **Dr. Gledich as Acting Superintendent/Dr. Bishop as Transitioning Superintendent**

The Board of Education approved, effective June 1, 2009, the appointment of Dr. Nicholas Gledich as acting superintendent, with the full power, authority and responsibilities of superintendent, to be performed under the terms of a transitional letter with Dr. Gledich until his contract takes effect July 1, 2009. The board further approved, effective for the period from June 1, 2009, through June 30, 2009, that Dr. Bishop will be assigned duties to assist the board and acting superintendent to make a smooth transition of district leadership, taking advantage of Dr. Bishop's wealth of knowledge and experience regarding the role of superintendent; and Dr. Bishop will perform such other duties and responsibilities of the superintendent as may be necessary in the absence of Dr. Gledich, upon request of Dr. Gledich or the Board of Education president.

#### **West Intergenerational Learning Center Relocation to Buena Vista**

The board had previously approved West Middle School to become a K-5 school and a 6-8 school for school year 2009-2010. The new K-5 school will occupy the west wing of West Middle School, which is occupied by the City of Colorado Springs as the Intergenerational Learning Center. Under the terms of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) C2000-0227 with the city, the district can terminate the IGA; however, D-11 must provide the city with a comparable facility that will satisfy the needs of the intergenerational program. D-11 has negotiated a title transfer of the Buena Vista School site to the city for the intergenerational learning program.

The Board of Education approved the title transfer of the Buena Vista property to the City of Colorado Springs.

### **Personnel Recommendations**

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

### **Cinco de May Resolution – 2009**

The Board of Education approved a resolution in honor of Cinco de Mayo, a celebration of freedom, honor, valor and determination in the Mexican community. District 11 salutes the richness and beauty of the Mexican contribution to our community's culture.

### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Consideration of the District 11 Hearing Impaired Program** (will move to action at the May 20, 2009, board meeting)

On February 25, 2009, the Board of Education recommended that the Jefferson Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program be relocated to Stratton Elementary School. On April 8, the Board of Education directed the administration to reconsider the relocation of the program and return to the Board of Education with a recommendation. The administration returned to the board with three options (Stratton, Bates and Edison) but again recommended that the program be moved to Stratton.

It is recommended that the Board of Education continue with the reutilization plan to move the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Pre-K-5 Program to Stratton Elementary School.

#### **Chipeta and Trailblazer Boundaries** (will move to action at the May 20, 2009, board meeting)

Boundary recommendations for Chipeta and Trailblazer elementary schools were revisited by the D-11 Boundary Advisory Committee to determine if a more balanced approach to student enrollment could be achieved.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following approach:

1. Leave the boundaries between Chipeta and Trailblazer as they are until a decision about a PK-8 program for Trailblazer has been approved and then determine a true boundary balance between the two schools based on programs approved for each building.
2. Move the area west of Centennial from Jackson to Chipeta (33 students).
3. Move the Kissing Camels area from Howbert to Chipeta (17 students, 10 of these students already permitting into Chipeta).

### **Superintendent/Administrative Reports**

- Employee Benefits Philosophy Discussion – Miguel Nuñez (postponed until May 20 because of time constraints)
- Swine Flu Update – Mr. Nuñez presented an update on the H1N1 Influenza Virus.

### **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Director Tanner mentioned that several students from Colorado have placed at the national level of the PTA Reflections program.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Magnet School Concepts**

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS**

May 13, 2009 – work session/retreat

May 20, 2009 – regular meeting

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

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