

THE BOARD REPORT

June 10, 2009

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GOOD THINGS

Holmes Students Win National Recognition

Two students from **Holmes Middle School** have won National PTA recognition for their Reflections entries this year: Aaliyah Rodriguez for dance choreography and Justin Ramsey, for film/video production. Both students won Awards of Merit at the national level.

The Reflections Program was started in 1969 by Mary Lou Anderson, who served as Colorado PTA president at the time. In its more than 30-year history, the program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six areas: literature, dance choreography, musical composition, photography, film/video production, and the visual arts, including art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage.

The Colorado School Public Relations Association Communications Excellence Awards

The Colorado School Public Relations Association Communications Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding communications and public relations work by schools, school districts and educational agencies and associations. The School District 11 Office of Communications and Community Relations received COSPRA Communications Excellence awards for 2009 for two publications: the *Choice Booklet 08-09* and the *Enrollment and Community Involvement Guide 08-09*. The District 11 Budget and Planning Office earned a COSPRSA Communications Excellence award for the *Citizen's Guide to the Budget*.

ACTION ITEMS

Contract Award – Space Foundation

The Board of Education approved a contract with the Space Foundation for the Space Foundation to occupy Building C on the Emerson Middle School campus for a basic contract period of five years with three five-year options. The key considerations of the contract are:

- The contract will be for five years with three five-year options, for a total contract term of 20 years if all options are exercised.
- District 11 will provide the Space Foundation rent-free use of Building C. The estimated value for the first five years is \$344,000.
- The Space Foundation will reimburse District 11 for the utility costs and other operational costs if the Space Foundation requests the services from the district.
- District 11 will provide approximately \$60,000 in one-time, site-necessary renovations to include asbestos abatement.
- In consideration for the rent-free use of Building C, the Space Foundation will offer space curriculum and various space laboratories to all District 11 teachers and students. The estimated value over the first five years is \$510,000.
- Starting in year two, the Space Foundation will pay the district 10 percent of all revenue received for out-of-district students and adults who attend classes, laboratories and conferences on the Emerson campus. The estimated revenue to the district during the first five years is \$144,000.

Personnel Recommendations

The Board of Education approved the June 10, 2009, personnel recommendations submitted by the administration, after an amendment that removed item #1 from Security resignations.

Renaming the Emerson Facility

After determining the need to rename Emerson Middle School, a renaming committee met and reviewed names submitted by the public in order to recommend names for Emerson. The process that was followed – according to policy and regulation – included:

- 1) a review of all names received and removal of inappropriate names
- 2) selection of the top three choices of each committee member and discussion of those names
- 3) selection of rank-ordered names to recommend to the Board of Education for approval
- 4) selection of an alternative name for consideration if the top name is not approved

The committee proposes the following names for consideration: first choice, Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy; alternate choice, Samuel Avalos Middle School.

The Board of Education approved Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy as the name of the former Emerson Middle School.

7 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING
MLO PLAN AMENDMENT AND FY09-10 PROPOSED BUDGET
The public is invited to comment on the proposed Mill Levy Override Plan amendment
and the FY09-10 proposed budget.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Mill Levy Override Plan Amendment – Charter Schools

When the District 11 Mill Levy Override (MLO) Plan was approved in 2000, one of the line items was funding for the district to offset the cost of charter schools. Subsequent to the passage of the MLO, the Board of Education approved a plan amendment to modify the Program Implementation Plan (PIP) and the definition in order to allow existing charter schools to participate in the MLO for applicable line items. One of those existing charter schools was the Emerson-Edison Charter School. Now that Emerson-Edison will no longer exist as a District 11 charter school, the district needs to amend this portion of the MLO plan.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the MLO Plan amendment allowing Emerson-Edison's funding to be redirected to all District 11 charter schools on a per-pupil basis.

Adoption of the FY09-10 Proposed Budget

Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-44-110(4), require that the Board of Education adopt a budget with an appropriation resolution by fund for the next fiscal year. The appropriation resolution sets the maximum level of expenditures, subject to re-appropriation, for each fund for the entire 2009-10 fiscal year. In effect, the appropriation resolution "adopts" the budget for School District 11.

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the FY09-10 proposed budget and approve the appropriation resolution.

Resolution –Use of Portion of Beginning Fund Balance

Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-44-105 (1.5)(a), state that a duly adopted budget shall not provide for expenditures, interfund transfers or reserves in excess of available revenues and beginning fund balance. This resolution authorizes the use of beginning fund balance as a means to balance revenues and expenditures.

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the use of the beginning fund balance resolution submitted by the administration.

Resolution – Designation of Fund Balance

Governmental accounting allows for the designation of fund balance in order to restrict and designate the availability of unspent funds at the end of a fiscal year.

It is recommended that effective June 24, 2009, the Board of Education shall designate the fund balance amounts for the purpose of restriction and segregation of fiscal year 2008-2009 general fund balance and authorize the appropriation of such funds in FY09/10, as submitted by the administration.

Resolution – Reserves and Designations Applied to Fiscal Year Spending

Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution defines "fiscal year spending" as all district expenditure and reserve increases, except as to both, refunds made in the current or next fiscal year of spending from gifts, federal funds, collections for another government, pension contributions by employees and pension fund earnings, reserve transfers or expenditures, damage awards or property taxes.

It is recommended that effective June 30, 2009, the Board of Education shall approve the reserves and designations applied to fiscal year spending as defined in Section 20, Article X of the Colorado Constitution, as submitted by the administration.

Resolution – Interfund Borrowing

Colorado Revised Statutes 22-44-113 authorize the Board of Education to borrow unencumbered money from one fund for use by another fund. Money borrowed from a fund pursuant to applicable laws must be repaid to said fund when needed to meet obligations of the fund, and any such loan shall be repaid no later than three months after the beginning of the following budget year. In the event money is not forthcoming from designated sources, an amount equal to the outstanding liability shall be expended from the general fund and used to repay the loan.

It is recommended that effective July 1, 2009, the Board of Education authorize interfund borrowing in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, as submitted by the administration.

Resolution – Student Fees, Fines and Charges

Board of Education Policy JQ calls for a fair mechanism by which students pay reasonable fees to help defray the cost of programs, activities and amenities to the school/district without making them prohibitively expensive. It is recommended that effective July 1, 2009, the Board of Education shall approve the Student Activities Fee Schedules and authorize the district to take further actions as may be necessary, with reasonable discretion of the superintendent or his designee, to cause the student fees, fines and such charges to comply with Board of Education Policy JQ.

State Cash Flow Loan Program FY09-10

In order to participate in the state interest-free loan program, the district must adopt a resolution and submit cash flow worksheets to the state treasurer’s office in June 2009. At this time, the district is still unsure of the final borrowing amount but anticipates that it will be less than \$10 million. It is absolutely essential that the district borrow funds in order to meet its cash flow requirements (payroll).

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing the district’s participation in the state treasurer’s interest-free loan program for FY 09-10, as submitted by the administration.

Revised School Calendar for 2009-2010

The 2009-2010 calendar was adopted on March 18, 2009, with a professional development day incorrectly scheduled on September 28, 2009. The corrected date is September 18, 2009. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the revised 2009-2010 calendar with the corrected professional development date in September.

Revisions to Policy JICE, Deletion of Policy JICEA and Deletion of Regulation to Policy JICE

The administration and the district’s attorneys have reviewed the district’s student publications policies JICE and JICEA as well as the regulation attached to policy JICE and found that it was necessary and in the best interests of the district and the students to consolidate the policies and regulation into one concise policy.

It is recommended that the Board of Education review and approve revised policy JICE and the deletion of policy JICEA and the regulation attached to policy JICE.

Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2009-10

According to Board of Education policy, the Board of Education meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month; however, special meetings may be called at any time at the board’s discretion. A schedule of the regular Board of Education meetings is posted on the bulletin board outside the boardroom in the administration building at 1115 North El Paso Street. The asterisked dates on the schedule are tentatively designated for special meetings/work sessions as needed.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the submitted meeting dates for the 2009/2010 school year.

District Improvement Plan

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) requires submission of a District Improvement Plan (DIP) by June 1. A draft has been submitted, but the plan needs to be approved by the Board of Education to become finalized.

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the District Improvement Plan submitted by the administration

BOARD REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Tanner advised that the interim School Finance Committee will start June 29.

Director Bobbitt advised that he, Director Null, and Dr. Gledich attended the Ivywild farewell event. Director Tanner also attended the farewell.

Director Null observed that children seem to be more resilient than adults about the school moves, although adults are also being resilient.

FUTURE MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS

June 17, 2009 – work session (vision, mission and goals) starting at 6 p.m.

June 24, 2009 – regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

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