

## THE BOARD REPORT

June 24, 2009

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### GOOD THINGS

#### **District 11 Transportation Employee Wins State Awards**

D-11 Certified Bus Mechanic **Ryan Texer** competed in the Colorado Department of Education/Colorado State Pupil Transportation Association School Bus Roadeo and Technicians Contest for 2009 in Denver and was recognized as the Colorado #1 Overall School Bus Technician and the Colorado #1 School Bus Inspector (two separate competitions).

Ryan is now eligible to represent the state of Colorado at the National Association for Pupil Transportation competition to determine America's Best School Bus Inspector and School Bus Technician. The competition will be held in Greenville, S.C., September 22-25.

Ryan has been with the District 11 Transportation Department for five years and is a certified bus mechanic with an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification as a master automobile technician. He also has his bachelor's degree in business management.

Ryan attended **Bates Elementary School, Mann Middle School** and **Palmer High School** for his freshman year. District 11 Transportation is extremely proud of Ryan's accomplishments.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **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).

The Board of Education adopted the resolution authorizing the district's participation in the state treasurer's interest-free loan program for FY09-10, 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. The Board of Education approved the revised 2009-2010 calendar with the corrected professional development date in September.

#### **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 Pasto Street. The asterisked dates on the schedule are tentatively designated for special meetings/work sessions as needed.

The Board of Education approved 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 by June 1. A draft has been submitted, but the plan needs to be approved by the Board of Education to become finalized.

The Board of Education accepted the District Improvement Plan submitted by the administration.

#### **Personnel Recommendations**

The Board of Education approved the June 10, 2009, personnel recommendations submitted by the administration.

### **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 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.

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

### **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.

The Board of Education authorized the use of the beginning fund balance resolution submitted by the administration.

### **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.

The Board of Education adopted the FY09-10 proposed budget and approved the appropriation resolution.

### **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.

Effective June 24, 2009, the Board of Education designated the fund balance amounts for the purpose of restriction and segregation of fiscal year 2008-2009 general fund balance and authorized the appropriation of such funds in FY2009-2010, 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.

The Board of Education approved, effective June 30, 2009, the reserves and designations applied to fiscal year spending as defined in Article X, Section 20, 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.

The Board of Education authorized, effective July 1, 2009, 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.

The Board of Education approved, effective July 1, 2009, the Student Activities Fee Schedules and authorized 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.

### **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.

The Board of Education reviewed and approved revised policy JICE and the deletion of policy JICEA and the regulation attached to policy JICE.

### **Acceptance of Policy Revision to Policy AD – Educational Philosophy – District Vision, Mission and Goals**

The Board of Education approved revised Board of Education Policy AD – Educational Philosophy – School District Vision, Mission and Goals, thereby approving a new vision, mission and message platform, which includes the brand promise, and allowing the administration to move forward in marketing the district and its programs, developing policies and procedures for communications standards, and filtering district initiatives and communications.

## **BOARD REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Gledich called attention to the task list at the end of the agenda. He has asked staff for a status report by July 1.

### **Board Discussion**

Director Mann asked about the Evaluation Notebook, and Dr. Gledich explained.

Director Gudvangen suggested a Board of Education office with reference materials.

Director Mann announced that we are hosting a Board of Education welcome reception for Dr. Gledich and his wife on August 6. Invitations will be mailed to individuals suggested by the Board of Education. El Pomar will host the reception.

Director Gudvangen asked about the memo of understanding with the Colorado Springs Education Association. Dr. Gledich received a draft copy of the memo on June 24. The charge is due September 1.

Director Bobbitt would like the policy subcommittee to look at analyzing the threshold and reducing the purchasing authority amounts presented to the board. The board agreed. He asked that the policy subcommittee review the practice of paying re-assigned employees their current salaries for one year.

Director Bobbitt suggested the district reward a school or department that saves money by giving back to the school/department a portion of that money. Dr. Gledich will work on this, but dollars are awarded on an annual basis.

Director Tanner would like to put together a legislative agenda for the 2009-2010 school year. She sent everyone a note about the Colorado Association of School Boards meeting. She feels we need to keep local control relevant.

Director Null expressed concern about not getting information on closing the gap and dropout retrieval. He wants to get information on all district/school partnerships.

Director Gudvangen hopes that the board thinks about its role in community engagement. Director Hasling would like to re-examine community engagement and board subcommittees in the fall.

Director Strand asked if the board is going to tackle policy governance. He does not know where the district is with regard to Continuous Quality Improvement. Director Strand feels the superintendent does owe the board an explanation of how they are going to look at his incentive pay.

Director Hasling asked for a status report on the nepotism policy. It has gone to the district's legal advisors.

Director Null is disappointed that there were no cuts in programs that the district no longer needs. What is the definition of a program? Mike Poore is working on a status report on the 25-30 directions from the board. This will be part of the business plan aligned with the seven goals.

The first meeting of 2009-2010 is scheduled for August 12, 2009.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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