

**THE BOARD REPORT**  
**August 13, 2008**

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**ACTION ITEMS**

**Contract Award – Coalition for a Thorough and Uniform Colorado Public Education System**

The Board of Education approved an intergovernmental agreement (C2008-0023) with the Coalition for a Thorough and Uniform Colorado Public Education System for FY 2008-09 in the amount of \$29,462.80 to cover annual lobbying costs.

**Contract Award – 2008 General/Coordinated Election**

The Board of Education approved executing an intergovernmental agreement (C2009-0046) with the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners and the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder to place a mill levy override question on the ballot for the general election on November 4, 2008, at an estimated cost of \$103,126.

**Budget Appropriation – Preschool Fund Appropriation Increase**

The Board of Education approved an increase in appropriations for the preschool fund from \$2,206,702 to \$2,300,197.

**Budget Transfer – Reutilization Contract**

The Board of Education approved a contingency fund transfer for a K-12 school utilization study in the amount of \$124,960.

**Budget Transfer – Bridges to Opportunity Program (5th Year)**

The Board of Education approved a contingency fund transfer in the amount of \$124,965 to fund the Bridges to Opportunity Program for 2008-09.

**Personnel Recommendations**

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

**Procedures for the Modification of the 2008 Mill Levy Override (MLO)**

The Board of Education approved the 2008 Mill Levy Override (MLO) plan amendment procedures submitted by the administration.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**Mill Levy Override Election Question**

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2008 Mill Levy Override Election Question Resolution drafted by the district's legal counsel and submitted by the administration.

The Board of Education passed a motion asking the administration to direct \$2 million from the teacher salary line item to fund targeted performance areas such as hard to staff positions, incentives for teachers at schools with declining performance and/or enrollment, incentives for teachers at Title I schools and schools below the accreditation level, and incentives to close the achievement gap. The board also voted to add \$300,000 to athletics. The board agreed that the administration could propose where to obtain the funds.

**Veritas Charter School Permission to Apply to the Charter School Institute**

Representatives from the Veritas Academy Charter School met with D-11 staff to discuss the school's program and the feasibility of becoming chartered through District 11. Veritas is seeking to locate in a manufacturing building on North Nevada and plans to open in 2009. The district must either grant permission to Veritas to apply to the Charter School Institute (CSI) or allow Veritas to apply for a district charter.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve a resolution submitted by the administration to grant permission to Veritas Academy to apply to the Colorado Charter School Institute.

**2008 Mill Levy Override Governance Plan**

The structure, format and language of the 2008 Mill Levy Override Question are of a legal nature and dictated by state statute and the state constitution. In order to supplement the election question with appropriate oversight details, the administration has presented a draft governance plan for consideration by the Board of Education.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2008 Mill Levy Override Governance Plan submitted by the administration.

**Revision to Board Policy IJOA – Field Trips      THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED AND WILL BE A NON-ACTION ITEM ON AUGUST 27, 2008.**

In order to ensure student and staff safety and limit District 11 liability, it is necessary to develop specific guidelines regarding field trips. In order to clarify and update D-11’s field trip policy for students and staff, the Board of Education Policy Subcommittee met to review the district’s current policy and discuss possible revisions.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the revisions to policy IJOA submitted by the policy subcommittee and the administration.

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Superintendent/Administrative Reports**

- Overview of CSAP Performance: Dr. Janeen Demi-Smith presented a quick overview of D-11 SCAP scores. [http://www.d11.org/boe/Meetings/08-09/boardreports/08\\_13\\_08/csap.pdf](http://www.d11.org/boe/Meetings/08-09/boardreports/08_13_08/csap.pdf)
- Bridges to Opportunity (dropout retrieval and fifth-year options): Mike Poore presented a brief discussion on dropout retrieval.
- Closing the Achievement Gap: Dr. Mary Thurman’s report on closing the achievement gap was postponed until the next meeting.

**Other Discussion Items and Board Subcommittee Reports**

Director Tanner shared legislative information through a written report.

Director Strand and Director Null attended the last School Configuration and Use Study Committee meeting.

Director Null received a request from the Central Colorado Springs Coalition (CCSC) of neighborhoods for a meeting with school board members. Directors Tanner and Null will work on a response to the group.

Director Mann and Director Tanner met with Glenn Gustafson regarding the legislative agenda. The district will hold a breakfast for area legislators in September.

Director Hasling was asked by the School Configuration and Use Study Committee to give them time at a work session, and the board agreed (head nods).

Director Hasling spoke about board member assignments to schools. She will work on setting a date for a board retreat in September. She asked Director Null and Director Tanner to coordinate various community meetings.

Director Bobbitt thanked the district and especially Elaine Naleski for all the positive publicity for the district’s dropout recovery event at the Citadel last week as well as other positive publicity for the district in the last few weeks.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**August 2008: Superintendent Search**

The board will discuss and develop a timeline and criteria for the superintendent search.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

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