

THE BOARD REPORT

August 27, 2008

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GOOD THINGS

National School Public Relations Awards in District 11

D-11 won three 2008 Publications and Electronic Media Contest awards from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA):

- Award of Excellence – D-11 Budget and Planning – *A Citizen's Guide to the Colorado Springs School District 11 Budget*
- Award of Excellence – D-11 Communications Office and Volunteer Services – *School District 11 Enrollment and Community Involvement Guide*
- Award of Merit – Communications Office – *Choice Booklet*

The publications that received Awards of Excellence were displayed in the Publications Exchange Center at the NSPRA National Seminar in Washington, D.C., July 6-9, 2008.

ACTION ITEMS

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 trying 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.

The Board of Education approved a resolution submitted by the administration to grant permission to Veritas Academy to apply to the Colorado Charter School Institute.

Personnel Recommendations

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

Mill Levy Override Election Question

The Board of Education approved the 2008 Mill Levy Override Election Question Resolution submitted by the administration, changing the designated election official from Glenn Gustafson to John Elliott in section four of the resolution.

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 presented a governance plan for consideration by the Board of Education.

The Board of Education approved the 2008 Mill Levy Override Governance Plan submitted by the administration.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Revision to Board Policy IJOA – Field Trips

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.

New Policy IHBA – Response to Intervention

A new policy is needed to ensure that all schools within District 11 implement the principles and practices of the Response to Intervention (RtI) framework in order to improve the educational benefits for students. The RtI policy is essential to full implementation of Response to Intervention and Positive Behavior Support, as required by the conclusion of the 2009-10 school year by federal/state mandates.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve new policy IHBAA as submitted by the policy subcommittee and the administration.

GLOBE Charter School Waivers

The Colorado Department of Education notified GLOBE Charter School that its state statute waivers expired on June 30, 2008. In accordance with C.R.S. 22-30.5-104 (6) (b), charter schools must go through their authorizers to the state Board of Education when requesting state statute waivers.

It is recommended that the Board of Education allow GLOBE to submit waivers to the state Board of Education for approval by signing a Request for Waiver from Colorado Statutes and/or Rules form.

Acceptance of the Vision/Mission and Message Platform in Concept

During the August 20, 2008, board work session, BoatzKnutsen presented their final report to the Board of Education and proposed the following next steps for the district:

- Embrace and approve the vision/mission, direction and message platform in concept
- Make it your own; integrate now into all you say and do within the district and to all external circles
- Hold yourselves and every level accountable for changing the way they communicate and for delivering on the evolved vision/mission

After discussion, the Board of Education will be scheduled to vote on accepting a vision/mission and message platform in concept at the next board meeting, September 10, 2008.

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept a vision/mission and message platform in concept and direct the administration to develop policies and procedures to ensure brand consistency in all school and district communications vehicles.

The board briefly discussed this topic and agreed to delay voting on their acceptance of the vision/mission and message platform until after the election

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent/Administrative Reports

•Overview of CSAP Performance: Dr. Janeen Demi-Smith and Dr. Mary Thurman presented data related to district CSAP performance.

http://www.d11.org/boe/Meetings/08-09/BoardReports/08_27_08/CSAP1.PDF

http://www.d11.org/boe/Meetings/08-09/BoardReports/08_27_08/CSAP2.PDF

•Preliminary AYP Results: Preliminary AYP results will be presented to the board at a work session on September 3, 2008.

•Bridges to Opportunity (dropout retrieval and fifth-year options): A report to the board will be presented at the work session on September 3.

•Achieve K12 online: A report to the board will be presented at the work session on September 3.

Other Discussion Items

Director Bobbitt visited 13-15 schools and reported that a lot of good things are happening in D-11 schools. Director Tanner asked for a report on how Galileo is spending grant funds.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Choice Permit Policy Discussion

The Board of Education will discuss the choice permit policy at a future meeting.

Buena Vista Montessori Magnet School

The Buena Vista Montessori School will be presented to the board, and boundary adjustments and preschool program expansion will be discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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