

## **THE BOARD REPORT**

### **September 10, 2008**

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### **GOOD THINGS**

#### **Learning Resource Services Director Gwen Giddens Is Named Outstanding School Administrator**

**Gwen Giddens**, director of District 11 Learning Resource Services (LRS), has been named the 2008 Outstanding School Administrator by the Colorado Association of Libraries. The Colorado Association of Libraries Outstanding Administrator Award recognizes significant contributions to a school library program in the state of Colorado. Gwen manages 55 school library programs. She is a strong advocate for Power Libraries, holds her librarians accountable and keeps the district accountable to school communities. Under Gwen's supervision, D-11 librarians are curriculum experts, working in collaboration to co-teach, embed technology and provide leadership in many schoolwide initiatives.

### **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.

The Board of Education approved the revisions to policy *IJOA – Field Trips* 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.

By signing a Request for Waiver from Colorado Statutes and/or Rules form, the Board of Education approved GLOBE Charter School submitting waivers to the state Board of Education for approval.

#### **General Fund Contingency Transfer for Superintendent Search Contract**

The Board of Education approved a contingency fund transfer for a contract for a professional superintendent search and Board of Education travel expenses during final superintendent candidate interviews in the amount of \$70,500.

#### **Assessment and Research Full-Time Equivalency Conversion Approval**

The Board of Education approved the conversion of one professional position in the Academic Student Assessment program to two Educational Support Professional specialist positions. A vacant professional assessment facilitator position would be converted to a data support specialist to support the assessment program and a Management Information System support specialist to support the Technical and Support Services program. The net effect of the restructuring is an increase of one full-time equivalency position.

#### **Counselor Corps Grant FTE Approval**

The Board of Education approved the addition of two full-time equivalency positions for the Dropout Prevention and Bridges to Opportunity Program. The staffing will be paid by a Counselors Corp grant that will pay 100 percent of salary and benefits the first year, ninety percent of salary and benefits the second year, and 80 percent of salary and benefits the third year.

#### **Hispanic Heritage Month**

The Board of Education approved a resolution in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month to underscore the district's appreciation for the contributions made by all Latinos to the success of our school district, community and nation.

#### **Personnel Recommendations**

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

#### **Approval of New Board Policy IHBA – Response to Intervention**

New Board of Education policy *IHBAA – Response to Intervention* is needed to ensure that all District 11 schools properly implement the principles and practices of the RtI framework in order to improve educational outcomes for all students. The RtI policy is essential to full implementation of Response to Intervention and Positive Behavior Support by the end of the 2009-10 school year, as required by federal and state mandates.

The Board of Education approved new policy IHBAA.

### **Approval of Adequate Yearly Progress Appeals**

In accord with No Child Left Behind legislation, District 11 must give schools the opportunity to appeal their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determination if there is evidence that the determination is incorrect. Similarly, before the district AYP determination is made public, a state agency must give the district an opportunity to appeal its AYP determination if there is sufficient evidence that the determination is not correct. The administration provided the board with a summary of target areas not met by the district and some D-11 schools with applicable, appeals noted.

The Board of Education approved the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) appeals submitted by the administration.

### **Professional Learning Community (PLC) Time at Ivywild Elementary School**

On May 14, 2008, the Board of Education revised the District 11 calendar to reflect three fewer days at the elementary level in order to facilitate common Professional Learning Community (PLC) time. The 22.5 hours that equate to those three days were added to the elementary school day (excluding those elementary schools scheduled for construction projects in the summer of 2009) in 18 periods of 75 minutes each, occurring after school approximately every other Wednesday.

Ivywild Elementary School asks to be allowed to adjust its calendar to reflect the same use of time. Ivywild is the district's only extended-year school, and the Board of Education approved Ivywild's calendar to include 11 additional days of instruction. Ivywild now has an extended year of 14 additional student contact days due to the reallocation of three days from the end of the year for all other elementary schools. Ivywild's request is to revise its extended-year calendar by reallocating the last three days of its school year in order to use the 22.5 hours as PLC time consistently with other elementary schools.

The Board of Education approved a revision to the Ivywild calendar to reallocate the last three days of its school year in order to use PLC time consistently with other D-11 elementary schools.

## **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

### **Secondary Courses/Instructional Materials Approval**

The Division of Educational Support Services presents new, changed and/or deleted courses which have been developed according to Board of Education policies IG and IGD. These courses are designed to support the needs of secondary students and are related to content standards and benchmarks.

The instructional materials presented to the board – textbooks, periodicals, newspapers, computer software and content posters – have been selected and recommended for adoption according to Board of Education policy IJJ-R.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the new, changed and/or deleted courses for the 2008-09 school year submitted by the administration.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the new instructional materials submitted by the administration.

## **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent/Administrative Reports**

Twenty-first Century Summit: Gwen Giddens presented information on District 11's Lunch to Launch event on October 14, an effort to unite with community leaders to prepare 21st century graduates.

### **Other Discussion Items**

Director Strand announced that Mitchell High School's JROTC unit will hold a special ceremony in remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11.

Director Null is now participating in the Safe and Drug Free Schools committee. He reminded everyone that September is suicide prevention month.

Director Mann wants the public to know that the district's superintendent search will be a public process. The first meeting is scheduled for September 29 in the boardroom at the administration building.

Director Gudvangen explained why the board feels comfortable going to the public for a mill levy override. D-11 must fund its schools and needs the resources to ensure quality staff and programs. He asked the public to give careful consideration to Item 3E on November's ballot.

Director Bobbitt received copies of a petition signed by parents at Adams Elementary School asking the board to fully air condition the school. Director Strand will present the petition to the Bond Oversight Committee.

Director Hasling announced that the board has assigned board members to schools. A list of the assignments will be provided.

### **Board Subcommittee Reports**

Director Tanner submitted a written report and reminded board members about Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) board meetings September 19 and 20 in Denver. She pointed out that the focus of the CASB regional meeting on September 30 is the new Colorado Growth Model. She will visit a school in San Antonio, the Southside Independent School District, that just opened a Ninth Grade Academy.

Director Strand attended a meeting at CASB regarding resolutions they want to put forth this year. Directors Tanner and Strand attended Pikes Peak Restorative Justice meetings. He elaborated and asked the board to keep it on their radar.

Director Null shared comments from the leadership committee on Response to Intervention (RtI) and Positive Behavior Support (PBS); he is looking forward to committee work on Positive Behavior Support (PBS).

President Hasling advised that the next policy sub-committee meeting is September 12 at 7:30 a.m.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Acceptance of the Vision/Mission and Message Platform in Concept**

The board postponed making a decision on this item until after the November 4, 2008, election.

### **Choice Permit Policy Discussion**

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

### **Magnet School Concepts**

Magnet school concepts will be presented sometime after the November elections.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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