

THE BOARD REPORT **September 24, 2008**

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ACTION ITEMS

Secondary Courses

The Division of Educational Support Services presented new, changed and/or deleted courses 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 Board of Education approved the new, changed and/or deleted courses for the 2008-09 school year submitted by the administration.

Memorandum Regarding General Fund Undesignated Contingency Balance Reduction (Information Only)

Becky Kluck, executive director of D-11 Budget and Planning, presented information about the current contingency balance of \$1,230,035. Since board policy states that except for extreme emergencies, the total undesignated contingency reserve may not be reduced by more than 25% in one fiscal year without approval of the board, all general fund contingency requests will now go to the board for approval. When the audited fund balance is finalized, the October 1 pupil count certified, and other revenue estimates completed for the mid-year budget update, the general fund contingency will be replenished.

Budget Transfer – Emerson-Edison Academy Charter School Restructuring

The Board of Education approved a general fund contingency transfer in the amount of \$36,700 to fund the restructuring of Emerson-Edison Academy Charter School, as required by federal legislation and submitted by the administration.

Budget Transfer – Midland International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

The Board of Education approved a general fund contingency transfer in the amount of \$35,000 to various accounts in the Midland IB program and authorized a temporary increase of .38 Educational Support Professional full-time equivalency until May 31, 2009.

Budget Transfer – Challenger Learning Center

The Board of Education postponed until the next meeting a decision on approving a contingency fund transfer in the sum of \$40,000 for Challenger Learning Center to support funding a teacher to run the center's program. Historically, D-11 and D-20 have partnered to support the Challenger Learning Center

Budget Transfer – Operating Transfer From Mill Levy Override Fund to General Fund

The Board of Education approved an increase in appropriations of the general fund from \$239,938,264 to \$241,688,702 in order to facilitate an operating transfer of \$1,750,000 from the mill levy override fund to the general fund (\$1,650,800 to general instructional program supplies, \$94,000 to the academic student assessment program, and \$5,200 to the staff development program).

Personnel Recommendations

The Board of Education approved the list of personnel recommendations submitted by the administration.

Resolution in Support of the Mill Levy Override

The Board of Education approved a resolution in support of a District 11 mill levy override (Election Question 3E).

Instructional Materials Approval

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

The Board of Education approved the new instructional materials submitted by the administration.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

District Accreditation Contract

The Colorado Department of Education has established a new process for accrediting school districts. The board was provided with an overview of how the process has changed from prior years. The administration will ask the board to approve the submission of the new state District Accreditation Contract. http://www.d11.org/boe/Meetings/08-09/BoardReports/09_24_08/Accreditation.pdf

Designation of Official Posting Location for Board of Education Meetings and Notices

Colorado law and Board of Education bylaws require that the board designate each year a public place(s) for posting notices of board meetings. The Board of Education Office will be re-located to the Galileo School of Math and Science during renovation of the main administration building. Therefore, board meeting notices, agendas and other official notices will be posted at Galileo.

It is recommended that the Board of Education designate the bulletin board immediately inside the main entrance to the Galileo School of Math and Science, 1600 North Union Boulevard, as the official location for posting notices of board meetings until further notice.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Shirley Stevens presented an update on the School Utilization Study being conducted by Lantz-Boggio Architects, Western Demographics Inc. and John Kerr Consulting. A meeting has been set for Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 4 p.m. with the consulting firm. http://www.d11.org/boe/Meetings/08-09/BoardReports/09_24_08/USC2.pdf

Other Discussion Items

Director Null asked when the School Configuration and Use Study (SCAUS) Committee would have a new charge. Dr. Bishop explained that he had met with the two leaders of SCAUS and that they were trying to schedule a meeting between SCAUS, the District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) and LULAC.

Director Null attended the Mitchell High School National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony the evening of Sept. 23. He visited Palmer High School on Sept. 24 to hear their motivational speaker, Steve Fitzhugh.

Director Strand asked how the board could proceed in establishing a Restorative Justice Program for the district. The board members gave head nods to put this on a future agenda.

Director Strand heard at the last Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting that there may be between \$2-3 million in their contingency.

Director Strand asked about the possibility of discussing national, regional and/or local standards, as discussed by former Governor Romer at the Commissioner's Cup luncheon.

Board Subcommittee Reports

Director Null mentioned an article about the jump in achievement scores in Washington, D.C.

Director Tanner distributed her written report and gave out brochures about running for school boards and the Colorado Department of Education's 2008 Best Practices Guide.

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 10:35 p.m.

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