

THE BOARD REPORT October 22, 2008

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ACTION ITEMS

Accreditation Status of Schools

The district is required to review performance of its schools and provide accreditation status for each school. The process starts with the District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Accreditation Subcommittee, which has met and reviewed performance data from schools. The committee's recommendations were reviewed by the administration and submitted to the Board of Education.

The board approved the accreditation status for District 11 schools as submitted by the administration.

Personnel Recommendations

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

Challenger Learning Center

The Board of Education approved a contingency fund transfer in the amount of \$40,000 for the Challenger Learning Center to support funding a teacher at the center.

Legal Fees

The Board of Education approved a general fund contingency transfer in the amount of \$110,000 to cover higher than anticipated legal fees due to personnel matters and costs associated with the Hope Online lawsuit.

Resolution 2009-5 – Amended 2007-08 TABOR Reserves and Designations

Calculation of the TABOR spending limit includes designation of reserve amounts that agree to audited reserves for each TABOR-applicable fund. While the Board of Education approves the estimated reserve amounts each year as part of its budget adoption, it is necessary to amend those reserves and designations upon completion of the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The Board of Education approved a resolution amending FY07-08 reserves and designations applied to fiscal year spending.

Revised Policy JIH Student Interrogations

The Board of Education was asked to review and approve revisions to Board of Education Policy JIH – *Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests*. Policy language is amended regarding law enforcement requests to question a student so that the policy indicates the district will make an effort to notify the student's parent/guardian but cannot guarantee parent/guardian presence. In the past, the policy has indicated that the district will not permit law enforcement to question a student unless a parent is present, which could potentially inhibit a law enforcement investigation.

The Board of Education approved revisions to policy JIH – *Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests*.

Authorization to Invest in D-11 Certificates of Participation

As a result of the turbulent financial markets, the short-term interest rate on the D-11 2004 Certificates of Participation (COPs), hereafter referred to as bonds, has escalated to approximately 7%. These bonds re-set weekly, but the district receives only 67% of the London Inter-Bank Offering Rate (LIBOR), currently approximately 1.5%. As a result, the district is currently experiencing a short-term escalation in the cost of its COPs. In order to minimize this cost, the administration would like temporary approval to invest in its own COPs. Investing the district's COP reserve (approximately \$15 million) in its own COPs would basically neutralize the interest rate impact. The district can terminate the investment as soon as market conditions stabilize.

The Board of Education approved a temporary deviation from Board of Education Policy DFA – *Statement of Investment, Permissible Investments* to authorize the district to purchase/invest in School District 11 variable rate COP up to the maximum COP reserve.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Membership

Each year, the District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) brings forward membership recommendations for the board to approve: DAAC members, DAAC Accreditation Subcommittee members and DAAC Budget Committee members. The recommendations include members from parent, business and school communities.

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following recommendations:

- DAAC Membership – new member names submitted by the DAAC Executive Committee (names submitted are those of school representatives who serve on the DAAC)
- DAAC Accreditation Subcommittee Charge and Membership – member names submitted by the DAAC Executive Committee for the 2008-09 school year
- DAAC Budget Committee Charge and Membership – member names submitted by the DAAC Executive Committee

Revised Board Policies JB – *Equal Educational Opportunities* and LBD – *Relations With Charter Schools*

The Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act (C.R.S. 22-32-109) was revised and signed into law effective August 2007. The statute had already prohibited discrimination against individuals based on disability, race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry and has now been revised to include sexual orientation and religion. Policy JB requires the addition of the term "ancestry" and the revision of language that includes removing the term "handicap" and replacing it with "disability or need for special education services." Policy LBD requires the addition of the term "sexual orientation" as well as the replacement of the term "gender" with the term "sex."

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve revisions to Board of Education policies JB and LBD.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent/Administrative Reports

Reports were provided on the following topics:

- Suicide Prevention: District 11 has hired a full-time staff person, Sandy Milligan, to train staff to monitor behaviors. Kandy Claybaugh, executive director of Special Projects, introduced Ms. Milligan, who presented facts and figures about the present suicide crisis in El Paso County.
- Composite Score Book: Dr. Bishop reviewed the composite score book with the board.
- School Utilization Update: Shirley Stevens, executive director of Achievement and Accountability, presented an update, reviewing the history and timeline. The final findings are to be presented to the board during a work session on November 5, 2008, at Tesla.

Other Discussion Items and Board Subcommittee Reports

Director Bobbitt visited Palmer Night School and had positive comments about the program.

Director Gudvangen commented on ballot measure 3E and encouraged voters to go all the way to the end of the ballot in order to vote for 3E.

Director Mann commented that she and Director Tanner would attend the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Delegate Assembly the weekend of Oct. 25.

Director Strand commented that he attended a Teen Court session yesterday, another program with District 11.

Director Tanner commented that she attended the Spring Creek awards ceremonies and applauded great volunteers in our district. Galileo has a project night Oct. 27, and she plans to attend. She commented on the invitation to Kirkpatrick Bank's grand opening and said she was going to attend and thought it was important that board members attend. She held a ballot party at her house and commented on 3E.

Director Tanner is on the calendar committee. She and Director Null met with Elaine Naleski and Carol Scott of Everyday Democracy on study circles, a way to engage the community.

Board of Education President Hasling encouraged all board members to contact the schools to which they are assigned as liaisons.

Dr. Bishop commented that the superintendent's office, the board office, and curriculum facilitators and school executive directors have been re-located to Galileo; other offices from the main administration complex have moved temporarily to the Bijou Building. Future board meetings will be held at the Tesla Educational Opportunity Center. Dr. Bishop suggested that the public call 520-2000 for help finding an administrative office.

President Hasling commented that the board would meet with Ray & Associates, superintendent search consultant, in a work session on Tuesday, October 28, at Tesla.

Director Strand asked about the possibility of a work session on October 29 for strategic planning to discuss the

board's priorities for this year. Directors Mann, Null, Strand and Tanner could be available. Director Bobbitt was not sure, and Director Gudvangen could not attend. Director Tanner commented that she felt it was important to finalize policy governance first before setting goals. President Hasling talked about a board retreat for this type of item. She can't attend on October 29 but will work with Ms. Stevens, secretary to the board, on proposing some dates for a future retreat. It was decided that since not all can attend, there would be no meeting on October 29.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Restorative Justice

Board of Education members agreed to discuss how the board could proceed in establishing a Restorative Justice Program for the district.

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 discussed sometime after the November elections.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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