

## THE BOARD REPORT October 8, 2008

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### GOOD THINGS

#### **District 11 Transportation Employee Wins State and National Awards**

Ryan Texer, District 11 certified bus mechanic, was selected as the #1 School Bus Inspector in the state of Colorado in the Colorado Department of Education / Colorado State Pupil Transportation Association Technician Skills Competition. Ryan then represented Colorado at the National Association for Pupil Transportation School Bus Technician Skills Competition in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Sept. 11 and was named third-place winner of the 2008 America's Best School Bus Inspector Award (he was the youngest competitor).

Ryan has been with the District 11 Transportation Department for four years and is a certified bus mechanic with Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification as a Master Automobile Technician. As a youth, Ryan attended Bates Elementary School, Mann Middle School and Palmer High School for his freshman year.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### **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.

The Board of Education designated 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.

#### **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 board approved the submission of the new state District Accreditation Contract.

#### **Contract Award – Administration Building Renovations**

The Board of Education approved the award of a construction contract to JE Dunn Rocky Mountain, Inc., in the amount of \$1,584,356 to renovate the District 11 main administration building.

#### **Personnel Recommendations**

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

#### **Resolution 2009-3, ESP Week**

The Board of Education approved the week of October 20-24, 2008, as Educational Support Professionals Week to recognize and honor Educational Support Professionals as an essential part of the district's educational system.

#### **Resolution 2009-4 – Amendment 59**

The Board of Education adopted a resolution in support of Amendment 59, unofficially titled Savings Account for Education (SAFE).

### NON-ACTION ITEMS

#### **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 being 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. Currently, the policy indicates 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.

### **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 have been reviewed by the administration, who now asks the Board of Education to review and approve these recommendations.

## **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Superintendent/Administrative Reports**

Gwen Giddens presented an update on *Lunch to Launch*. The business community is invited to attend *Lunch to Launch* on Oct. 14, 2008, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort. District 11 and the Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation will host the event. District 11 is seeking stronger partnerships with community leaders so that the Colorado Springs community can have the kind of graduates it needs: graduates who are team players, who know how to problem solve and who are ready for the 21st century. District 11 staff will share information, get feedback from the community and invite community leaders to join in helping to prepare 21st century graduates. Community leaders will have an opportunity to follow up with mentorships, business partnerships, or joining the task force with committee work on graduation requirements, policy, transitions, pathways to differentiated diplomas (and concurrent enrollment) and communication/culture.

There is no charge for this event. To secure a seat, registrations should be made in advance as soon as possible. To register online, please visit [www.coloradosprings.org](http://www.coloradosprings.org), click on "Investors & Events" and then click on "EDC Events."

### **Other Discussion Items and Board Subcommittee Reports**

Dr. Bishop announced that this was the last Board of Education meeting at 1115 North El Paso until spring of 2009. Personnel from the main administration building at 1115 North El Paso will be housed at the Galileo School of Math and Science, the Bijou Building and the Volunteer Services and Community Education offices. The designated location for the Board of Education meetings will be the Tesla Educational Opportunity Center at 2560 International Circle.

Director Strand asked if there was a future date for the restorative justice item. President Hasling commented that the administration was putting together a position paper on what the district currently does and how we could incorporate restorative justice. The item will be placed on an agenda in November.

Director Null apologized for missing the School Configuration and Use Study meeting. His new committee assignment is Safe and Drug Free Schools. He commented on the good work the group is doing and would like to bring a report to the board in the future. This was added as a future agenda item.

Director Mann announced that there is a reutilization meeting in the future.

Director Gudvangen reminded the public of the new Coronado auditorium built with bond money approved by voters in November 2004.

Director Bobbitt announced that on Sept. 27, at the Wasson Homecoming celebration, he was awarded the Gib Fund Award for his efforts in behalf of Wasson High School.

Director Tanner distributed her report and mentioned the School Finance Committee. She also praised the *Citizen Guide to the Budget* published by the District 11 Finance Office.

Director Null asked the administration to look at TABOR reserves. Also, he read an article regarding algebra and wondered if seventh- and eighth-grade students were struggling with the subject.

Director Mann reported a newspaper article on how school districts are being affected by the stock market. She and Director Null asked for a Friday note on the matter.

Director Hasling distributed calendars for the superintendent search timeline and commented on possible conflicts with the school utilization committee public meetings. Dr. Bishop suggested changing dates. Director Hasling will meet with the secretary to the Board of Education to look at new dates for the timeline.

Director Hasling volunteered to help the *Lunch to Launch* follow-up task force and the Emerson-Edison restructuring study. She will be seeking board input.

## **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.

### **Challenger Learning Center**

At the October 22, 2008, board meeting, the Board of Education will discuss approving a contingency fund transfer for the 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.

**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 9:15 p.m.

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