

## **THE BOARD REPORT** **December 17, 2008**

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### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Delayed Start December 9, 2008**

According to Board of Education policy, the superintendent or his designee is authorized to close schools for specified emergencies. School District 11 had a two-hour delayed start on December 9, 2008, due to inclement weather. The Board of Education approved the two-hour delayed start that occurred on December 9, 2008.

#### **Revisions to Policies BDFB – Vocational Advisory Council, JKF – Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students, and JKG – Expulsion Prevention**

As a result of House Bill 08-1079, C.R.S. 23-8-103(2)(c), any statutory reference to “vocational education” is now “career and technical education.” This verbiage change requires updates to policies JKF – Educational Alternatives for Expelled Students, JKG – Expulsion Prevention Program, and BDFB – Vocational Advisory Committee.

The Board of Education reviewed and approved revisions to policies BDFB, JKF and JKG.

#### **Revision to Policy JKD/JKE-2 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities**

Due to changes in state and federal law, IDEA (formerly Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) has been changed to IDEIA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act).

The Board of Education reviewed and approved revisions to policy JKD/JKE-2.

#### **Revision to Policy DFA/DFAA – State of Investment**

Board of Education Policy DFA/DFAA is the District 11 investment policy, which governs management and operations of the district’s investment portfolio. The district’s Investment Advisory Committee annually reviews the policy and suggests changes to keep current with various laws, regulations and investment practices.

The Board of Education reviewed and approved proposed revisions, which are primarily “housekeeping” in nature, to Board of Education Policy DFA/DFAA.

#### **Personnel Recommendations**

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

#### **Emerson-Edison Academy Charter School Restructure**

Under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), Emerson Edison Academy Charter School must be restructured as a consequence of not making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the last six years. A restructuring team was established to meet the requirements for NCLB, which requires community input, Emerson-Edison staff input, and District 11 staff input. After studying the options (reopen as a charter school, reopen as a District 11 focus school, or close the school) and considering the community input, the restructuring team recommends keeping Emerson as a District 11 focus school.

The Board of Education approved restructure of the Emerson-Edison facility for the 2009-10 school years, as required by No Child Left Behind, to reopen as a District 11 school. The administration is directed to hire a principal and administrative assistant to facilitate the opening of the new District 11 school with such funds approved from the FY08-09 general fund contingency fund.

#### **Administration Proposal for Emerson Facility**

The Board of Education has been briefed throughout the fall regarding the status of Emerson-Edison. As the Board of Education considered a course of action to respond to Emerson-Edison’s inability to make AYP, the administrative team began to explore options and opportunities if District 11 took back this site and made it a District 11 school. The administration recommends reopening Emerson as a District 11 school.

The Board of Education approved using the Emerson-Edison facility as a district-run magnet school with an aeronautical focus beginning with the 2009-10 school years with support from community partners including, but not limited to, The Space Foundation, Economic Development Corporation, The Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, and Peterson Air Force Base.

#### **Mid-Year Budget Modifications FY2008-09**

Each year the district prepares a mid-year budget document, which reflects the final certified pupil count, property tax revenues based on the county's final assessed valuations, the audited beginning fund balances, and other revenue and expenditure adjustments as needed.

The Board of Education approved the FY2008-09 Mid-Year Budget Update modifications and revised appropriation levels presented by the administration.

### **Permit Window Extension**

In accordance with Board of Education policy BG – *School Board of Education Policy Process*, the Board of Education elected to waive the requirement ending the Choice Permit application acceptance window on February 1, 2009, and extend the application acceptance window to April 1, 2009, in order to accommodate parents who may want to utilize the choice program as a result of the reutilization plan/study.

## **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Phase II of Draft Plan of the Utilization Study**

Mike Poore provided an update on the school utilization study to the Board of Education.

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

Director Tanner advised that the legislative session was getting ready to start.

Director Null stated that the nepotism policy needs to be updated, and four board members gave head nods to ask the policy subcommittee to proceed with updating.

Director Gudvangen advised that the audit committee had a good meeting and will meet again in January.

Director Null enjoyed attending the Palmer Night School annual holiday celebration.

Director Null, who is on the charter school subcommittee, and Director Strand attended the Life Skills Center's graduation ceremony. It was heartwarming to see the challenges the students have overcome.

Director Tanner invited everyone to meet with two legislators and will set up another meeting in January.

Director Hasling, president of the board, commented on the fact that the Project Now committees need board representation and asked other board members to let her know which one they would like to attend.

Director Hasling advised that there would be a board retreat on January 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Tesla.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **School Utilization**

Phase I (November): draft plan to steering committee and administration develops recommendation

Phase II (December): draft plan/recommendation to staff

Phase III (January): draft plan/recommendation to community

Phase IV (February): draft plan/recommendation to the Board of Education (hearing, non-action, action)

The Board of Education will be provided with updates under Reports and Discussion Items November through January with a possible work session on February 4, followed by a public hearing and non-action item on February 11 and action item on February 25.

### **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.

### **January 21, 2009, Work Session**

Board Input for FY2009-10 Budget Development

Superintendent Search Work

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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