
Colorado State Board of Education

BOARD REPORT

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William J. Moloney, Commissioner of Education and Secretary to the State Board of Education

Karen A. Gerwitz, Director of State Board Relations

Board Actions – April 10, 2003

Department of Education, Denver

State Board/Commissioner

- Approved the contract between the State of Colorado – for the use and benefit of the Colorado Department of Education, Special Education Services Unit, and the University of Colorado at Denver, School of Education – LEAP in the amount not to exceed \$151,592.00, from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Appointed individuals to fill vacancies on the State Advisory Committee for the Gifted and Talented Student Education (SAC-GT)

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Appointed individuals to fill the vacancies on the Colorado Special

Education Advisory Committee (CSEAC)

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- The Board suspended the rules to approve the following:
 - Position Statement on the State Board of Education's Principles of Choice
(See page 4)

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Resolution on Charter Schools Week
(See page 5)

(7-0 Mr. DeHoff, Mr. Polis, Mrs. Baca, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Munn, Mr. Orr and Mrs. Suckla concurred. Mrs. Hudak was absent.)

Learning and Results

- Data Feedback: Tools for Improved Student Learning was presented. The book is to provide educators with multiple examples of tools that display formative student and school/district data that can inform students, teachers, principals, district leaders and parents about the the day-to-day growth and gaps that exist in the process of learning

State Library

Approved merger of the two advisory committees: the Colorado Council for Library Development (CCLD) and the Colorado Library Resource Sharing and Information Access Board (RSB) to form one new advisory board, the Colorado Library Advisory Board (CoLAB)

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

Professional Services

- Approved the Type III Authorizations as follows:
 - a. Renewal - 22
 - b. Initial - 42

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Instructed department staff and the attorney general's office to prepare the documents necessary to request a formal hearing for the revocation of the holder's authorization concerning Authorization No. 157713, Charge No. 2003EC02, pursuant to §22-60.5-108, C.R.S.

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Conducted a hearing to consider proposed amendments to the rules for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991 – 1 CCR 301 – 37. (English Language Arts; Foreign Language;

Speech; Linguistically Diverse (Bilingual and ESL); School Library Media; Reading Teacher and Reading Specialist endorsements. The hearing will be continued through September 11, 2003 when a final version will be available for public inspection

(7-1 Mr. DeHoff, Mr. Polis, Mrs. Baca, Mr. Munn, Mr. Orr, Mrs. Suckla and Mrs. Hudak concurred. Mr. Burnett dissented).

Special Services

Approved the waiver request for a 28-day period ending May 8, 2003 for Mesa County Valley School District 51 for Nuestra Escuela Charter School as follows: 22-9-106; 22-32-109 (1)(b),(f),(n)(II)(B),(t); 22-32-110 (h),(i),(j),(k),(ee); 22-32-126, 22-63-201-203, 206, 301, 302, 401-403, C.R.S.

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

Management, Budget and Planning

- Approved \$206,908,160.38 payable to school districts for the Public School Finance Act of 1994 (as amended) state share of total program for April 2003

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Conducted a hearing regarding the proposed amendments of the Rules for the Annual Inspection and Preventative Maintenance of School Transportation Vehicles, 1 CCR 301-29 and closed the oral portion of the hearing, directed revisions and scheduled consideration for the Board's next meeting

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

Information for Future Action

- Establishment of Fees for Licensing Program
- Teacher in Residence Program - Brighton School District 27J

- Teacher in Residence Program – Clear Creek School District No. RE-1
- Contracts Colorado Department of Education, Special Education Services
 - University of Colorado at Boulder - Project ACT
 - University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine – SWAAC

Future Business

May 7	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
May 8	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
June 11, 12, 13	RETREAT	
July 9	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
July 10	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
August 13	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
August 14	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
September 10	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
September 11	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
October 8	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
October 9	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
November 12	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
November 13	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
December 10	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
December 11	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.

FUTURE HEARINGS

May 8, 2003 10:30 a.m.
 Continued hearing for the rules for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991 – 1 CCR 301-37 - *Teaching endorsements*: English Language Arts; Foreign Language; Speech; Linguistically Diverse (Bilingual and ESL); *Graduate endorsements*: School Library Media; Reading Teacher; Reading Specialist; *Update*: Alternative Teacher License

SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS Charter School Appeal Hearings

None scheduled for May Meeting

Board Report provides a monthly summary of Colorado State Board of Education business to the Department of Education, Colorado school districts, education-related agencies, and concerned citizens.

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A POSITION STATEMENT: PRINCIPLES OF SCHOOL CHOICE

The Colorado State Board of Education believes that our education system should include a variety of opportunities and methods for students to acquire a quality education.

Empowering families to choose schools has several benefits:

- 1) Increased choice can have a positive effect on student achievement and closing the learning gap
- 2) Increased choice can help engage families in the education of their children
- 3) Increased choice can result in additional educational opportunities for innovation

We support school choice models that conform to the following principles:

ACCOUNTABILITY

Schools participating in a choice program should require CSAP testing for publicly funded students, and follow reasonable standards for accreditation. Meaningful oversight should exist to measure the success or failure of programs over time in raising student achievement, closing the achievement gap, or achieving other stated educational goals. All schools should conduct background checks on teachers and administrators.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Schools participating in a choice program should conduct their financial affairs in a responsible way, including appropriate documentation of funds, reasonable openness to public scrutiny, and audits.

ACCESS

Schools participating in a choice program should have the same admission requirements as regular public schools consistent with the educational program and philosophy of the choice school.

FOCUS

Choice programs should initially be targeted to benefit those students most in need of educational alternatives, such as those with special needs, in low-performing schools, and from families of limited means.

IMPACT

For the foreseeable future, the vast majority of Colorado children will continue to receive their education through the public school system. Therefore, it is important to take into account the positive and negative impacts on the overall health of this system in assessing the local impact of choice and choice schools.

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A RESOLUTION:

DECLARING APRIL 28 THROUGH MAY 2, 2003 COLORADO CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Board of Education has consistently supported charter schools to encourage alternative approaches to attain student achievement of the highest standards, and

WHEREAS, charter schools increase learning opportunities for all pupils, especially for pupils who are identified as academically low-achieving, and

WHEREAS, charter schools provide parents and pupils with expanded choices in the types of education opportunities that are available within the public school system, and

WHEREAS, there are 93 charter schools operating in Colorado in the 2002-03 school year, with an enrollment of 28,785 students or 3.8% of the total public school enrollment, and

WHEREAS, charter schools around the nation are celebrating April 28 – May 2, 2003 as National Charter School Week, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Colorado State Board of Education proclaims April 28 – May 2, 2003 to be Colorado Charter School Week, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Colorado State Board of Education calls on all Colorado charter schools and their local districts to celebrate Colorado Charter School Week by showcasing charter school success stories and examining ways to spread those opportunities and successes to more local public schools and communities throughout Colorado.

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