
Colorado State Board of Education

BOARD REPORT

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Board Actions – October 9, 2003
Department of Education, Denver

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LAUNCHES TWO NEW TOOLS FOR COLORADANS

The Colorado State Board of Education is pleased to announce two new interactive tools developed by the Colorado Department of Education.

www.TeachInColorado.org

TeachInColorado.org will offer the opportunity to anyone interested in working in any aspect of education in the state to apply online for vacancies in Colorado school districts or schools of their choice. The site is intended to provide one common application which can be used by all districts to find matches between jobs and applicants. This service is free for all users and there is no cost to the districts. Vacancies are posted by districts and are searchable by applicants in several ways, including by job type, region, district, position and qualifications. The site will also offer an interactive map of Colorado, divided into regions, as well as a District

Profile page, and district demographic information to highlight local features that would attract candidates to a community.

“Ensuring a quality teacher for every Colorado classroom, every day, is essential to increasing student achievement,” stated State Board Chairman Randy DeHoff. “I commend the Department of Education and the Alliance for Quality Teaching for teaming up to create this valuable tool to help meet this goal.”

“This will most certainly prove to be the best search engine in the state for identifying education opportunities,” predicts State Board Vice Chairman Jared Polis.

AskColorado.org, unveiled October 8th by the Colorado State Board of Education, allows never before, around-the-clock access

www.AskColorado.org

to librarians. AskColorado.org is a free service, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in English and Spanish. This valuable service, provided by the Colorado State Library, part of the Colorado Department of Education, and 43 Colorado libraries, allows anyone in Colorado to use the Web to ask librarians reference questions and get the information they need in real time.

“During these tough economic times, it is difficult for an individual library to provide all of the staff needed to offer this service around the clock,” says Chairman Randy

DeHoff. “With all of the different libraries involved, we have a wealth of collective experience and specialized knowledge available beyond what any single library could offer.”

“AskColorado.org uses innovative technology to assist students in learning, and by providing the service in both Spanish and English, it can help close the achievement gap,” said Vice Chairman Jared Polis.

ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, (APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE)

State Board / Commissioner

- Granted approval to the facilities listed below to establish on-grounds schools:
 - Roundup Day Treatment – Colorado Springs
 - Arapahoe House/Centennial Peaks – Louisville

Learning and Results

- Scheduled a hearing for the December 11, 2003 Board meeting to consider adoption of permanent Rules for the Administration of Colorado Cyberschools, 1 CCR 301-56
- Teach-In-Colorado website presentation

Educational Services

- Approved the waiver requests for the Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning as follows: 22-5-107, 22-9-101, et seq., 22-32-126, 22-63-101, et seq., 22-45-103 (e)

Professional Services

- Approved the Type III Authorizations as follows:
 - Initial - 71
 - Renewal - 124

- Scheduled a hearing to consider proposed amendments to the rule for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991 – 1 CCR 301-37 for the December 11, 2003 meeting (Requirements for fingerprints, educator misconduct, and grounds and procedures for denial, annulment, suspension or revocation of educator licenses, and performance based standards for Colorado teachers and principals)

Special Services

- Approved the waiver request for a 5-year period ending June 30, 2008 for Harrison 2 School District for James Irwin Charter Middle School as follows: 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(b)(f)(t)(z); 22-32-110(1)(i)(j)(k)(ee); 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401, 402, 403, C.R.S.
- Approved the waiver request for a 36-day period ending Nov. 13, 2003 for Adams 12 School District for Colorado Virtual Academy as follows: 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(f)(t); 22-32-110(1)(h)(ee); 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401, 402, C.R.S.
- Repealed the Rules for the Summer School Grant Program, 1 CCR 301-50
- Repealed the Rules of the Administration of the School Improvement Plan and Grant Program, 1CCR 301-52

ITEMS NOT ON CONSENT, REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS

- Conducted a hearing to amend the Rules for the Administration of the Accreditation of School Districts, 1 CCR 301-1. Closed the oral portion of the hearing, directed revisions, and scheduled for consideration for the Board's November 13, 2003 meeting.

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

- Conducted a hearing to consider an amendment to the rules for the Annual Inspection and Preventative Maintenance of School Transportation Vehicles, 1 CCR 301-29. Closed the oral portion of the hearing, directed revisions, and scheduled for consideration for the Board's November 13, 2003 meeting.

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

- Conducted a Board-only discussion to consider the Rules for the Administration and the Assessment of Students Whose Dominant Language is not English, 1 CCR 301-62, closed the oral portion of the hearing, directed revisions, and scheduled for consideration for the Board's November 13, 2003 meeting.

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

Future Business

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| 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

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| December 11, 2003 10:00 a.m. | Proposed amended rules for the <u>Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991</u> , 1 CCR - 301-37 |
| December 11, 2003 10:30 a.m. | Rules for the <u>Administration of Colorado Cyberschools</u> , 1 CCR 301-56 |

Charter School Appeal Hearings

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| December 10, 2003 1:30 p.m. | Centennial School District No. R-1 and San Luis Heritage Language and Culture Academy |
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