

Colorado State Board of Education

BOARD REPORT

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Board Actions October 14, 2004 Department of Education, Denver

The Colorado Reading Summit: What Works!

By Peggy Littleton

On October 12, 2004 close to 800 leading educators and policy makers gathered in Denver for the Colorado Reading Summit: What Works! The message to be disseminated to those in attendance was, "Let's look at what research says works for teaching children how to read."

Commissioner Bill Moloney opened the event by encouraging all to take the message being presented to heart to ensure that all students in Colorado learn to read. Following the Commissioner, Dr. Keith Owen, 2003 CO Elementary Principal of the year, shared his first hand experience in seeing the difference

effective research based reading instruction can make.

The next two and a half hours were mesmerizing as Dr's Sally and Bennett Shaywitz shared how, through scientific imaging methods, we can now "see" how the brain responds to reading instruction. They pointed out the fact that while oral language is innate, reading is not, and can only be mastered when specific strategies are implemented. In addition, they dispelled the myth that reading problems are often developmental and will be outgrown. The brain research indicates that reading programs that focus on explicit and systematic instruction which include phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension will support the development of the part of the brain that processes these linguistic skills. Once this part of the brain is activated and developing, the alphabetic code and patterns of language are locked in and children will experience reading success. The excuses that minority children or children of

poverty cannot learn as well or as fast as others, are not supported by scientific research. Early identification and targeted intervention for students at-risk can prevent the reading failure that is currently experienced by too many of our children!

During lunch, the theme of using what works and having a 'no excuses' policy in our schools was continued when Chris Doherty, Director of Reading First for the USDOE presented statistics on schools that are beating the odds and are experiencing reading success. Immediately after lunch, participants were able to attend two back to back breakout sessions. All 20 choices were well attended. Half of the breakout sessions had "beating the odds schools" present. These CO schools had to have the following qualifications: Over 40% free and reduced, 10% or greater improvement in CSAP reading performance from 2002-2004 in grades 3, 4 and 5 and a clear description of how they used research to drive their reading instruction and curricular choices.

The day was full with fascinating information and ideas to take back and implement in the schools. The CO Reading Summit: What Works! has brought a new discussion about reading to the forefront amongst educators in CO. All in attendance were encouraged to take a critical look at the instructional materials and practices in their schools and to align reading instruction with the recently revised K-3 Colorado Basic Literacy Act (May 2004).



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A RESOLUTION:

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2005

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Longitudinal Growth/SAR - Propose clean-up legislation to ensure reliability and meaningfulness of the longitudinal growth rating on the School Accountability Reports.
- SARs and Unsatisfactory Schools – Propose increased flexibility and State Board discretion in directing multiple remedies for ‘Unsatisfactory’ schools beyond what is currently in statute (SB-186).

FINANCE

- At-risk Funding for Non-English Speakers – Encourage the Legislature to restore the \$4 million in the at-risk funding factor of the School Finance Act for ELL students.
- Full-day Kindergarten/Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) – Back the proposal of the Office of State Planning & Budgeting (OSP) to restore funding in 05-06 of CPP to the original 11,050 slots and encourage full-day kindergarten as an effective intervention for at-risk populations.
- Online Education Funding – Ensure accessibility for all Colorado students.
- School Trust Lands – Encourage the Legislature to follow the state Constitution’s requirement that school trust land funds are to be used to supplement, not supplant, the School Finance Act.
- Restoration of Library Funding – Reiterate the Board’s current budget request of \$60,500 for libraries.

SCHOOL CHOICE

- Resolution on Principles of School Choice – Reaffirm the Board’s resolution on school choice and encourage the Legislature to follow the guidelines in it when considering any bill related to school choice.
- Bonding for Institute Charter Schools – If the Charter Institute Board is interested in securing bonding access through the Cultural Facilities District, the State Board will support their efforts.

GENERAL

- State Board Authority – One overall principle favored by the Board is to have legislation give the Board more flexibility to put specifics of implementation in rule.

Seated February 2004

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Adopted: October 14, 2004

ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (approved by unanimous vote)

Educational Services

- Approved the waiver requests submitted by the Boulder Valley School District No. Re-2 and Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies (BCSIS) for a 2-year period beginning August 1, 2004, relative to Section 22-9-106 (4) (a) C.R.S. and Section 22-32-126 (4) C.R.S.
- Approved the waiver request submitted by the Denver Public School district and Escuela Tlatelolco, Inc. for a one-year contract for the following: 22-9-106; 22-32-110(1)(h); 22-32-110(1)(ee); 22-32-126; and 22-63 et.seq., C.R.S.

State Library

- Appointed J. D. Miller to the Colorado Library Advisory Board (CoLAB)

Professional Services

- Approved the Type III Authorizations as follows:
 - Initial - 71
 - Renewal - 29
- 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 license pursuant to §22-60.5-108, C.R.S. concerning the following:
 - License No. 142132, Charge No. 2003EC40
 - License No. 212369 and No. 212857, Charge No. 2004EC10
- Issued a notice of denial and appeal rights to the applicant pursuant to §24-4-104, C.R.S. concerning the following: (see page 7)
 - Application for an Authorization Charge No. 2004EC04
 - Application for a License Charge No. 2004EC08
- Dismissed the charge concerning the following:
 - Application for a License, Charge No. 2004EC28
 - Application for a License, Charge No. 2004EC29
 - Application for a License, Charge No. 2004EC30
- Approved the following Teacher Induction Programs:
 - The Colorado Springs School

- Pioneer School for Expeditionary Learning
- Friends' School
- Foothills Academy
- Approved Eagle Rock School and Professional Developmental Center as a Designated Agency for the preparation of teachers through the Alternative Teacher Programs
- Re-approved the licensure/endorsement preparation programs content for programs at Metropolitan State College, Denver, and forwarded approval to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education
- Approved the proposed licensure preparation program content of the program at Metropolitan College, Denver – in Chicano Studies, for Elementary Education candidates

Special Services

- Approved the waiver request for a 29-day period ending November 11, 2004 concerning Jefferson County R-1 School District on behalf of Compass Montessori Secondary School: 22-9-106; 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 203, 206, 302, & 402, C.R.S.
- Approved the waiver request for a 3-year period ending June 30, 2007 as follows:
 - Adams County #14 School District on behalf of the Community Leadership Academy Charter School: 22-1-110; 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(b)(f)(n)(I)(t); 22-32-110(1)(h)(i)(j)(k)(y)(ee); 22-32-119; 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401, 402, & 403, C.R.S.
 - Aspen School District on behalf of the Aspen Community Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 203, 301, 302, 401, 402, & 403, C.R.S.
- Approved the waiver request for a 10-year period ending June 30, 2014 for Pueblo 60 School District on behalf of Dolores Huerta Preparatory High Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(f)(n)(t)(z); 22-32-110(1)(i)(j)(k)(ee); 22-32-126; 22-33-104(4), 105; 22-63-201, 203, 301, 302, 401 & 402, C.R.S., **deny 22-32-109(1)(w) (x) & 22-32-110(2)** and note that 22-32-109(1)(t); 22-32-126, 22-33-105; 22-63-401, C.R.S. are delegation waivers
- Approved the list of school districts requesting Exclusive Chartering Authority as follows:
 - Academy 20, Cheyenne Mountain 12, Five Star (Adams 12), Greeley 6, and Lewis-Palmer 38 according to 22-30.5-504(9)(a), C.R.S.
 - Denver County 1, Durango 9-R, Montezuma-Cortez RE-1, Montrose County RE-1J, Pueblo 60 according to 22-30.5-504(5)(b), C.R.S.
 - Fountain 8, Garfield RE-2, Mapleton 1, Thompson R-2J according to 22-30.5-504(6), C.R.S.

- Adams County 14, Canon City RE-1, Cherry Creek 5, Douglas County RE-1, Littleton 6, Pueblo County 70, Widefield 3 according to 22-30.5-504.
- Approved the attached list of school districts , that have met the criteria of less than 3000 students (see page 9)

Management, Budget and Planning

- Scheduled a hearing for the December 9, 2004 State Board meeting to consider the proposed minor rule revisions for the Administration of the School District Capital Construction Assistance Program, 1 CCR 301-63

ITEMS NOT ON CONSENT, REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS

State Board / Commissioner

- Adopted the Resolution Outlining the State Board's 2005 Legislative Priorities
- Conducted a hearing for and approved the Rules for the Administration of Accountability for Alternative Campuses, 1 CCR 301-57

(8-0) The motion was carried unanimously

Special Services

- Approved the waiver request for a 29-day period ending November 11, 2004 for Greeley School District #6 on behalf of the University Charter Schools: 22-9-106; 22-32-109(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h)(i)(j)(n)(p)(t)(v)(z)(aa)(bb)(2); 22-32-109.1, 109.7; 22-32-110(1)(h)(i)(j)(k)(r)(y)(ee); 22-32-119; 22-32-126; 22-33-104 & 105; 22-63-201, 202, 203, 301, 302, 401, 402, & 403, C.R.S., **deny 22-9-107 and 22-32-109 (1)(a)(k)(l)(m)(q)(r)(w)(x); 22-32-109.8 and 109.9 C.R.S.** and note that 22-32-109.7, C.R.S. are delegation waivers.

(8-0) The motion was carried unanimously

- Approved the waiver request for a 3-year period ending June 30, 2007 for Adams County #14 School District on behalf of New America Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(b)(f)(h)(n)(II)(B)(t)(z)(aa); 22-32-110(1)(h)(i)(j)(k)(ee); 22-32-126; 22-60.5-301; 22-45-103(1)(f); 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401, 402, & 403, C.R.S.

(7-0) Mr. DeHoff, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Hudak, Mrs. Littleton, Mr. Munn, Mr. Orr, Mrs. Suckla concurred. Mr. Polis recused.

- Approved the waiver request for a 10-year period ending June 30, 2014 for Pueblo 60 School District on behalf of Cesar Chavez Academy Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-

109(1)(b)(f)(n)(t)(z); 22-32-109.7, 22-32-110(1)(i)(j)(k)(ee); 22-32-119; 22-32-126; 22-33-104(4), 105, 107 & 108; 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401, 402, & 403, C.R.S., **deny 22-32-109(w)(x), 109.8 & 109.9 and 22-32-110(2)**, C.R.S. and note that 22-32-108; 22-32-109(1)(t); 22-32-109.7, 109.8 & 109.9; 22-32-119; 22-32-126, 22-33-105 & 107; 22-63-401, C.R.S. are delegation waivers.

(8-0) The motion was carried unanimously

Management, Budget and Planning

- Conducted a board-only discussion on the Rules for the Administration of Colorado Online Program, 1 CCR 301-56. The discussion was closed and was scheduled for consideration for adoption at the November 11th board meeting

(7-0) Mr. Polis, Mr. DeHoff, Mrs. Baca, Mrs. Hudak, Mrs. Littleton, Mr. Munn and Mrs. Suckla concurred. Mr. Orr dissented.

Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action

Charge No.:	2004EC04
Applicant:	Jackie R. Shinogle
Last Known Employment:	Poudre School District R-1
Last Known Residence:	Laporte, Colorado
Reason for Disciplinary Action:	Jackie R. Shinogle pled guilty to one felony count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and one misdemeanor count of sexual assault where the victim is 15 or 16 years old and the perpetrator is at least 10 years older.
Final Action of the State Board:	Denial of the application
Date of State Board Action:	October 14, 2004

Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action

Charge No.:	2004EC08
Applicant:	Tyler D. Lievrout
Last Known Residence:	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Reason for Disciplinary Action:	Tyler D. Lievrout pled guilty to one misdemeanor count of indecent exposure.
Final Action of the State Board:	Denial of the application
Date of State Board Action:	October 14, 2004

Future Business

December 8	Work Session	9:00 a.m.
December 9	Regular Meeting	9:00 a.m.
2005 Meeting Schedule		TBA

Future Hearings

December 9, 2004 Rules for the Administration of the Waiver of Statute and
10:00 a.m. Rule,
1 CCR 301-35

Charter School Appeal Hearings

None Scheduled

School Districts Approved to Retain Exclusive Chartering Authority

School District Name
Aguilar Reorganized 6
Akron R-1
Alamosa RE-11J
Archuleta County 50 JT
Bennett 29J
Bethune R-5
Big Sandy 100J
Branson 82
Briggsdale RE-10
Brush RE-2 (J)
Buena Vista R-31
Buffalo RE-4
Byers 32J
Calhan RJ-1
Campo RE-6
Clear Creek RE-1
Cotopaxi RE-3
Creede Consolidated 1
Cripple Creek-Victor RE-1
Crowley County RE-1-J
De Beque 49JT
Deer Trail 26J
Del Norte C-7
Dolores County RE No. 2
Dolores RE-4A
East Grand 2
East Otero R-1
Eaton RE-2
Elizabeth C-1
Ellicott 22
Florence RE-2
Fort Lupton RE-8
Fort Morgan RE-3
Fowler R-4J
Frenchman RE-3
Garfield 16 (Parachute)
Genoa-Hugo C113
Gilpin County RE-1
Gunnison-Watershed RE1J
Hanover 28
Haxtun RE-2J
Hayden RE-1
Hinsdale County RE 1
Hi-Plains R-23

Holly RE-3
Holyoke RE-1J
Huerfano RE-1
Ignacio 11 JT
Johnstown-Milliken RE-5J
Keenesburg RE-3(J)
Kim Reorganized 88
Kiowa C-2
Kit Carson R-1
La Veta RE-2
Limon RE-4J
Lone Star 101
Manitou Springs 14
McClave RE-2
Meeker RE1
Mnacos RE-6
Moffat 2
Moffat County RE No. 1
Monte Vista C-8
Mountain Valley RE 1
North Conejos RE-1J
North Park R-1
Norwood R-2J
Otis R-3
Ouray R-1
Park (Estes Park) R-3
Park County RE-2
Pawnee RE-12
Plainview RE-2
Plateau RE-5
Plateau Valley 50
Platte Canyon 1
Platte Valley RE-7
Prairie RE-11
Pritchett RE-3
Rangely RE-4
Rocky Ford R-2
Salida R-32
Sangre de Cristo RE-22J
Sargent RE-33J
Silverton 1
South Conejos RE-10
Springfield RE-4
Steamboat Springs RE-1
Strasburg 31J

Stratton R-4
Summit RE-1
Swink 33
Trinidad 1
Walsh RE-1
Weld County RE-1 (Gilcrest)
Weldon Valley RE-20(J)
West End RE-2
West Grand 1-JT
Wiggins RE-50 (J)
Wiley RE-13 JT
Windsor RE-4
Woodland Park RE-2
Woodlin R-104
Yuma 1

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