
Colorado State Board of Education

BOARD REPORT

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Board Actions – December 11, 2003 Department of Education, Denver

Colorado State Board of Education 2004 Legislative Agenda by: **D. Rico Munn**

*“Charged by the Constitution of the State of Colorado with the general supervision of the public schools, the **Mission** of the Colorado State Board of Education is to provide all of Colorado’s children equal access to quality, thorough, uniform, well-rounded educational opportunities in a safe and civil learning environment.”*

As the General Assembly convenes for its legislative session in 2004, the State Board of Education, mindful of its Mission, intends to provide guidance and leadership on the following **priority issues** as they may arise in the legislature:

- **School Finance** – The State Board has a standing priority to provide guidance and leadership on the financing of

Colorado’s public schools. As needed, the State Board will identify program and budgetary priorities within the state budget.

- **School Accountability Reports** – The State Board is committed to a strong system of accountability. To that end, the State Board will be working to provide greater flexibility in the SARs so that the Department of Education and districts may provide meaningful information to the community in appropriate formats.
- **Charter Schools** – Various school districts, charter school administrators and community members have identified concerns in the creation and administration of charter schools. The State Board will assist in resolving these concerns by providing legislators and others with information on what issues exist and on best practices from around the state and from other states.

- On-line Education – A growing number of community members have an interest in attending virtual schools and in taking select on-line courses. The State Board will help the General Assembly address the financial and logistical situations caused by this increase in demand.
- School Trust Lands – The School Trust Lands are a precious resource for Colorado’s children. The State Board will seek to enhance the value of that resource and maximize its use as a long term source of income for Colorado’s schools.

As the state’s educational authority, the State Board of Education recognizes that many issues in addition to these priority issues may arise and impact the educational system. While the State Board will not take a position on all such issues, the State Board will communicate some themes and identify some emerging issues during this legislative session in an effort to offer assistance to the General Assembly:

- Stability – Meaningful reform takes time. In order to implement and

evaluate the impact of any given reform, there must be a window of time where the General Assembly does not alter the reform mechanism.

- Longitudinal Analysis – There should be a focus on reasonable growth over reasonable time. Accountability measures such as Accreditation should be supported in order to measure and encourage such growth.
- Lost Curriculum – There is a growing concern that state and federal mandates are marginalizing certain material. The State Board wants to encourage measures that address how to maintain a balanced educational system.
- School Conversion – The state may soon face one of the consequences established by SB 186. The General Assembly and the State Board need to consider certain logistical concerns related to the possible conversion of “alternative” schools and how the law may impact schools that already exist as charter schools.

ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE)

State Board / Commissioner

- Distributed 2004 funds to eligible school districts in accordance with the English Language Proficiency Act in the total amount of \$3,617,887.00

Learning and Results

- Scheduled a hearing on February 12 to consider Amendments to the Rules for the Administration of the Colorado Basic Literacy Act, 1 CCR 301-42

Professional Services

- Approved the proposed teachers and special services providers induction program for RE-1 Valley School District
- Approved the proposed teacher induction program for J. K. Mullen High School
- Approved the Type III Authorizations as follows:
 - Initial - 69
 - Renewal – 94
- Instructed department staff to issue a notice of denial and appeal rights to the applicant pursuant to § 24-4-104, C.R.S. concerning an Application for an Authorization, Charge No. 2003EC10
- Instructed department staff and 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. 171928, Charge No. 2003EC15
 - Authorization No. 162221, Charge No. 2003EC32
- Signified acceptance and approval of the terms and conditions of the settlement agreement by directing the commissioner to sign the original copy of the agreement concerning Authorization No. 220514, Charge No. 2003EC17
- Dismissed the charge concerning License No. 11900, License No. 58396, License No. 126814, License No. 127147 and an Application for a License, Charge No. 2003EC21
- Approved the waiver request for a 5 year period ending June 30, 2008 as follows: Douglas County School District for Academy Charter School: 22-1-112; 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(f)(t); 22-32-126; 22-33-102(1); 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401, C.R.S.
- Approved the waiver request for a 29-day period ending January 8, 2004 as follows:
 - Park County School District RE-2 for Lake George Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(b)(f)(n)(I)(t)(w)(x)(z); 22-32-110(1)(h)(i)(k)(ee)(2); 22-32-126; 22-33-105; 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 206, 301, 302, 402, C.R.S.
 - Pueblo School District No. 60 for the Youth and Family Academy Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(f)(h)(n)(I)(II)(t)(w)(z); 22-32-110(1)(i)(j)(k)

(ee)(2); 22-33-104(4), 105, 107, 108; 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401, 402, 403, C.R.S.

- Scheduled a hearing for the February 12, 2004 meeting to consider Permanent Rules for the Administration of the School Improvement Plan, 1 CCR 301-52

Management, Budget & Planning

- Approved \$215,501,792.62 payable to school districts for the Public School Finance Act of 1994 (as amended) state share of total program for December 2003

ITEMS NOT ON CONSENT, REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS

Professional Services

- Conducted a hearing and considered amendments to the Rules for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991 – 1 CCR 301-37. Continued the hearing to the January 8, 2004 Board meeting, giving notice of the time and date of the hearing and date when a final version will be available for public inspection

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

- Considered the exceptions filed in the matter of the Educator License Case Nos. 2000EC31 and 2002EC51 (DOAH Case No. ED2002-10) and affirmed the decision of the Administrative Law Judge

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

- Reenacted Emergency Rules for the Administration of the School Improvement Plan, 1 CCR 301-52, excluding paragraph 2.03 (4)

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

Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action

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| Charge No.: | 2000EC31 and 2002EC51 |
| Applicant: | Darcy J. Tillman |

License Number: 121927
Last Known Employment: Accelerated Schools
Last Known Residence: Englewood, Colorado
Reason for Disciplinary Action: Darcy J. Tillmann was convicted of one felony count of vehicular assault
Final Action of the State Board: Revocation of the license and denial of the application
Date of State Board Action: December 11, 2003

Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action

Charge No.: 2003EC10
Applicant: Barry A. Kalish
Last Known Residence: Walsenburg, Colorado
Reason for Disciplinary Action: Barry A. Kalish was convicted of one felony count of criminal attempt to commit possession of a schedule II controlled substance
Final Action of the State Board: Denial of the application
Date of State Board Action: December 11, 2003

Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action

Charge No.: 2003EC17
Authorization Holder: Tammy L. DiRezza
Authorization Number: 220514
Last Known Employment: Las Animas School District No. RE-1
Reason for Disciplinary Action: Tammy L. DiRezza pled guilty to one felony count of possession of marijuana concentrate, was convicted of one felony count of possession and sale of marijuana, one misdemeanor count of possession of more than one ounce but less than eight ounces of marijuana and one misdemeanor count of false reporting, and failed to disclose these convictions on her authorization application.
Final Action of the State Board: Revocation
Date of State Board Action: Decemeber 11, 2003

Future Business

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| January 7 | Work Session | 9:00 a.m. |
| January 8 | Regular Meeting | 9:00 a.m. |
| February 7-8 | RETREAT | |
| February 11 | Work Session | 9:00 a.m. |
| February 12 | Regular Meeting | 9:00 a.m. |
| March 10 | Work Session | 9:00 a.m. |
| March 11 | Regular Meeting | 9:00 a.m. |
| April 7 | Work Session | 9:00 a.m. |
| April 8 | Regular Meeting | 9:00 a.m. |
| May 12 | Work Session | 9:00 a.m. |

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

Future Hearings

- January 8, 2004 Proposed amended rules for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991, 1 CCR - 301-37
- February 12, 2004 Proposed amended rules for the Administration of the Colorado Basic Literacy Act, 1 CCR 301-42
- February 12, 2004 Amended Rules for the Administration of the School Improvement Plan and Grant Program, 1 CCR 301-52

Charter School Appeal Hearings

- January 7, 2004 St. Vrain Valley School District v. Flagstaff Academy, Inc.

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