

*Colorado State Board of Education*

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# BOARD REPORT

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## Members of the Board

**Randy DeHoff**, Chairman, 6th Congressional District  
**John Burnett**, Vice Chairman, 5th Congressional District  
**Evie Hudak**, 2nd Congressional District • **Clair Orr**, 4th Congressional District  
**Jared Polis**, Member-At-Large • **Gully Stanford**, 1st Congressional District  
**Pamela Jo Suckla**, 3rd Congressional District

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

## Board Actions – Thursday, February 14, 2002

### Department of Education, Denver

#### State Board/Commissioner

- Rescheduled hearing on proposed new Rules for the Administration of the ACT Assessment on a National Test Date to April 11, 2002

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent.)*

#### Educational Services

- Renewed waiver request of the Delta County School District 50 (J) for Vision Academy from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2007, statutes as follows: 22-9-106 (4); 22-32-109 (1) (b) (f) (t), 110 (11) (h), 126; 22-63-201, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401, 402, 403, C.R.S.

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

#### Professional Services

- Adopted the Rules for the Administration of the Teacher Pay Incentive Program, 1 CCR 301-53

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

- Approved the Type III Authorizations as follows:
  - Initial – 68
  - Renewal – 17

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

- Approved the proposed principal/administrator induction program for the Roaring Fork School District Re-1.

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

- 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 the following: *(See final disposition page 3)*

- License No. 58359, Charge No. 2001EC28
- License No. 165358, Charge No. 2001EC33

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

- Instructed department staff to issue a notice of denial and appeal rights to the applicant concerning Charge No. 2001EC36, pursuant to 24-4-104, C.R.S. *(See final disposition on page 4.)*

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

- Instructed department staff to issue a notice of denial and appeal rights to the applicant concerning License No. 151448, Charge No. 2001EC41, pursuant to 24-4-104, C.R.S., and instruct department staff and the Attorney General's office to prepare the documents necessary to request a formal hearing for the revocation of the holders license pursuant to 22-60.5-108, C.R.S. *(See final disposition on page 4.)*

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

### **Management, Budget and Planning**

- Approved amounts payable to School District as follows:
  - Public School Finance Act of 1994 (As Amended) state share

of total program for the period of February 2002 through May 2002.

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

- Funds under Exceptional Children's Educational Act, 2001 – 02 (Gifted and Talented Program) to School Districts in the amounts indicated.

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

- Approved \$379,027.82 as a loan in the amount of the principle amount of lost revenue to Weld County District Re-1, due to property tax abatements. These funds would be repaid through the recovery of monies from an abatement tax levy, with proceeds expected prior to June 30, 2002 and \$75,039.20 as a contingency grant, not to be repaid, due to interest paid by Gilcrest on property tax collections that will not be recoverable through an abatement levy.

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

- Denied request from Sierra Grande School District R-30 for the \$142,874.56 from the Contingency Reserve due to insufficient property tax collections for fiscal years 1997-1998, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000 that are deemed non-recoverable.

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

## Special Services

- Approved waiver request for a 29-day period ending March 14, 2002 pertaining to Boulder Valley School District RE-2, Summit Middle Charter School, statues are as follows: 22-9-106; 22-32-109 (l) (b) (f) (n) (II) (B) (t); 22-32-110 (l) (h) (i) (j) (k) (ee), 126; 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401, 402, 403, C.R.S.

*(6-0 The motion was carried unanimously. John Burnett was absent)*

## Future Meetings

March 14, 2002  
April 11, 2002  
May 9, 2002  
June Retreat 2002  
July 11, 2002  
August 8, 2002  
September 12, 2002  
October 10, 2002  
November 14, 2002  
December 12, 2002

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### Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action

Charge No.: 2001EC28

License Holder: Paul A. Keeney  
License Number: 58359  
Last Known S.D.  
of Employment: Weld County School  
District No. RE-5J

Last Known Comm.  
of Residence: Fremont, Nebraska  
Reason for  
Disciplinary  
Action: Paul A. Keeney  
engaged in improper  
conduct toward a  
female student.

Final Action of  
The State Board: Permanent revocation  
Date of State Board  
Action: February 14, 2002

### Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action

Charge No.: 2001EC33  
License Holder: Kris A. Hagans  
Authorization : 165358  
Last Known S.D.  
of Employment: Weld County School  
District No. RE-5J

Last Known Comm.  
of Residence: Miliken, Colorado  
Reason for  
Disciplinary  
Action: Kris A. Hagans pled  
guilty to one  
misdemeanor count of  
child abuse and one  
misdemeanor count of  
disorderly conduct,  
and failed to disclose  
these convictions on  
her authorization  
application.

Final Action of  
the State Board: Permanent revocation  
Date of State Board  
Action: February 14, 2002

### Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action

Charge No.: 2001EC36

Last Known S.D. of Employment: Denver Public Schools  
Last Known Comm. Of Residence: Denver, Colorado  
Reason for Disciplinary Action: Lamont M. Shannon pled guilty to one felony count of criminal attempt to commit sexual assault on a child.

Final Action of The State Board: Denial of the application

Date of State Board Action: February 14, 2002

### **Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action**

Charge No.: 2001EC41  
Applicant: Susan M. Dion  
Last Known S.D. of Employment: Aurora Public Schools  
Last Known S.D. of Residence: Aurora, Colorado  
Reason for Disciplinary Action: Susan M. Dion falsified her license application using forged academic history and educator certification records to convey false information about her qualifications. Also, she misrepresented her qualifications to Aurora Public Schools.

Final Action of The State Board: Denial of the application

Date of State Board Action: February 14, 2002

Congressional District. Ms. Suckla joins the Board with over a decade of educational leadership experience, most notably with the Delores County School Board (1989-1997), where she served as Treasurer and President; and with the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) (1990-1997), where she served as Treasurer, Vice President and then President. Her appointment runs through January 2003.

The Board also appointed Karen Gerwitz to the position of Director of State Board Relations. Ms. Gerwitz brings extensive public relations and communications experience to the Department of Education. Her State of Colorado experience includes serving former Governor Romer as his Chief of Protocol, hosting a variety of international dignitaries and planning major international events hosted by the State. She also served in a public relations and marketing capacity for a local international marketing agency, for the defense-engineering firm, Raytheon, for a science institute in Vienna, Austria, and for Unisys Corporation.

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### **SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS Charter School Appeal Hearings**

**2/14/02** Jefferson County School District No. R-1 and George Washington Academy Charter School (02-CS-01)

Found that the decision of the local board was contrary to the best interests of the pupils, school district, or community, and remanded the matter to the local board of education with instructions to reconsider.

*(4-2) Mr. DeHoff, Mr. Orr, Mr. Polis, and Mrs. Suckla concur. Mrs. Hudak and Mr. Stanford dissent. Mr. Burnett was absent.*

### **BOARD RETREAT Broadmoor Hotel - Colorado Springs**

The Board welcomes the appointment of Pamela Jo Suckla, who will represent the 3<sup>rd</sup>

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