

BOARD REPORT

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Karen A. Gerwitz, Director of State Board Relations

Board Actions – February 10, 2005 Department of Education, Denver

“REPORT CARD LAW
GETS ITS OWN
REPORT”

The Rocky Mountain News,
February 17, 2005

STATE BOARD PRESENTS PROGRESS REPORT ON FIVE YEARS OF SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

On February 16, 2005, the State Board of Education fulfilled its statutory requirement and presented to the Joint Education Committee a five-year progress report on School Accountability Reports. The recurring theme during the presentation was the Board vying for more

flexibility to carry out the design and logistics of this most prescriptive law, which now includes details such as font size, color and even the folds of the paper.

“Give the State Board direction and legislative intent, but let us manage the details, especially those related to design, layout and exact wording,” stated Vice Chairman Jared Polis. “Micromanaging the design of the SARs in statute is not the most efficient way to make improvements along the way.”

Some of the highlights of the Board’s suggestions include: (1) All three measures of accountability (Accreditation, School Accountability Reports and No Child Left Behind) need

to be explained briefly on the SAR. (2) Change the rating title, “Overall Academic Performance” to “Overall Academic Performance on State Assessments.” (3) Include but change the display of Adequate Yearly Progress and add the district’s Accreditation status. (4) Include information on Highly Qualified Teachers, as defined by No Child Left Behind. (5) Include both dropout and graduation rate information on high school SARs. (6) Change the fiscal information on the Taxpayer panel to match district-level financial terminology.

The Board would sincerely like to thank all parents, educators and education organizations statewide who

provided valuable feedback over the past five years, which was used to develop this report of recommendations. In particular, the Board would like to thank COSPRA,

CASE, Donnell Kay Foundation, the Independence Institute, and superintendents from around the state for providing specific recommendations on the

progress of SARs from their perspectives.

For a copy of the State Board's recommendations, please see www.cde.state.co.us

ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (approved by unanimous vote)

Professional Services

- Approved the Type III Authorizations as follows:
 - Renewal - 2
 - Initial – 55
- Signified its 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 License No. 252160, Charge No. 2004EC23
- 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. 166875, Charge No. 2004EC12
 - License No. 169231, Charge No. 2004EC34
 - License No. 164694, Charge No. 2004EC40
 - License No. 208908, Charge No. 2004EC47
- Approved Colorado Christians University's proposal to offer the Special Education Generalist endorsement through their approved Alternative Licensing Program
- Denied the exceptions filed and upheld the decision of the Administrative Law Judge in the matter of the educator license DOAH Case No. ED 2004-006, CDE Charge No. 2003EC52

Special Services

- Approved the waiver request for a five-year period ending June 30, 2009 as follows: 22-9-106(4); 22-32-109(1)(f)(t); 22-32-110(1)(h); 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401 & 403, C.R.S., concerning West End School District RE2 on behalf of West End Learning Center Charter School

Management, Budget and Planning

- Approved \$228,462,401.12 payable to school districts for the Public School Finance Act of 1994 (as amended) state share of total program for February 2005

ITEMS NOT ON CONSENT, REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS

Professional Services

- Instructed department staff and the attorney general's office to prepare the documents necessary to request a formal hearing for the annulment or revocation of the holder's authorization pursuant to §22-60.5-108, C.R.S. concerning the following:
 - Authorization No. 257730, Charge No. 2004EC14
 - Authorization No. 287174, Charge No. 2004EC49

(8-0) The motion was carried unanimously

Management, Budget & Planning

- Conducted a Board-only discussion at the February 10, 2005 State Board meeting and adopted the proposed changes to the Rules for the Administration of the School District Capital Construction Assistance Program, 1 CCR 301-63

(8-0) The motion was carried unanimously

CHARTER SCHOOL HEARING DECISIONS:

February 9, 2005 3:00 p.m.	Madison Charter High School vs. Jefferson County School District CASE NO 04-CS-05 Decision of the Jefferson County School District Board of Education is upheld (4-4) Mr. Polis, Ms. Hudak, Mr. Munn and Ms. Middleton concurred. Ms. Suckla, Mr. DeHoff, Mr. Orr and Ms. Littleton dissented
February 9, 2005 4:30 p.m.	Colorado Arts & Achievement Academy vs. Jefferson County School District Decision of the Jefferson County School District Board of Education was upheld (8-0) The motion was carried unanimously
February 10, 2005 10:30 a.m.	College Prep High School vs. Jefferson County School District Decision of the Jefferson County School District Board of Education was upheld (8-0) The motion was carried unanimously

Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action

Charge No.: 2004EC23
License Holder: Charlotte A. McCormick
License Number: 252160
Last Known Employment: Douglas County School District No. RE-1
Last Known Residence: Denver, Colorado
Reason for Disciplinary Action: Charlotte A. McCormick pled guilty to one felony count of forgery
Final Action of the State Board: Suspension through April 19, 2006
Date of State Board Action: February 10, 2005

Information for Future Action

Reviewed proposed resolution entitled, "Colorado Declaration on Higher Education," asked amendments to be made and will consider adopting in the March meeting

Future Business

March 09	Work Session	
March 10	Regular Meeting	
April 13	Work Session	
April 14	Regular Meeting	
May 11	Work Session	
May 12	Regular Meeting	
June 8-9	Board Retreat -	Off Site / TBA
July 13	Work Session	
July 14	Regular Meeting	
August 10	Work Session -	Off-site / TBA
August 11	Regular Meeting -	Off Site / TBA
September 14	Work Session	
September 15	Regular Meeting	
October 5	Work Session	
October 6	Regular Meeting	
November 09	Work Session	
November 10	Regular Meeting	
December 7	Work Session	
December 8	Regular Meeting	

Future Hearings

RULE HEARINGS:

April 14, 2005
09:45 a.m. Rules for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act 2 CCR 301-37
Alternative Principal Authorization

CHARTER SCHOOL HEARINGS:

March 9, 2005
1:30 p.m. Lotus School for Excellence vs. Adams Arapahoe 28J School District

March 9, 2005
3:00 p.m. Centennial Charter School vs. Centennial School District

March 9, 2005
4:30 p.m. Mountain Peaks Montessori School vs. Jefferson County School District
2nd Hearing

March 10, 2005
10:00 a.m. New Vision Charter School vs. Thompson School District

March 10, 2005,
1:00 p.m. Zenith Academy of Sciences, Arts and Mathematics vs. Boulder Valley
School District

March 10, 2005
3:00 p.m. Teddy Roosevelt Academy vs. Jefferson County School District
2nd Hearing

EXCLUSIVE CHARTERING AUTHORITY - CHALLENGE

April 14, 2005
10:00 a.m. Colorado League of Charter Schools re: Exclusive Chartering Authority for
Adams-Arapahoe 28J School District

April 14, 2005
11:00 a.m. Jefferson County Parents for School Choice re: Exclusive Chartering
Authority for Jefferson County School District

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