

Colorado State Board of Education

BOARD REPORT

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COLORADO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Strategic Plan

February 2005 – 2007

The State Board of Education adopted its two-year strategic plan in its March meeting. Following are excerpts from it:

MISSION

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.

VISION

By accomplishing this mission,

All children in Colorado will become educated and productive citizens.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. Fulfill our role as the state's educational authority.

- a. Lead the conversation on the evolution of the public education system.
- b. Positively and proactively impact state and federal legislation.
- c. Continue and strengthen our partnerships with and leadership within the educational community.
- d. Optimize and responsibly exercise our authority.

2. Maintain commitment to and support of accountability reform and accreditation.

- a. Develop and advance a plan to close the achievement gap.
- b. Prioritize, increase and coordinate resources to support our field services.
- c. Take leadership in the implementation, connection and coordination of state standards.
- d. Advance the collection and utilization of relevant and objective data about public education.
- e. Encourage the integrated delivery of educational services.

3. Take a leadership role in improving the long-term financial stability of education funding.

- a. Play a constructive role in developing a comprehensive school finance solution.
- b. Participate in prioritization and protection of the budget, including libraries.
- c. Continue our leadership in and educating the public about the School Lands Trust issue.

4. Improve educator quality, recruitment, retention, and placement.

- a. Improve quality and accountability of preparation programs.
- b. Support professional development that increases student achievement through teacher quality.

5. Improve choice opportunities for Colorado students.

- a. Increase access to online programs.
- b. Increase accountability of online programs through Accreditation.
- c. Support implementation of accountability measures that apply to all choice models.
- d. Adhere to the Board's position statement on the Principles of School Choice.

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

ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (approved by unanimous vote)

State Board / Commissioner

- Approved the interagency agreement between the State of Colorado – for the use and benefit of the Department of Education, Exceptional Student Service Unit – Gifted Education, and the College Entrance Examination Board, in an amount not to exceed \$91,624.00, from April 4, 2005 through September 30, 2005

Professional Services

- Approved the Type III Authorizations as follows:
 - Renewal - 3
 - Initial – 64
- Reauthorized the licensure/endorsement preparation content of programs at Mesa State College, Grand Junction, and forwarded approval to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education
- 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 authorization pursuant to §22-60.5-108, C.R.S. for the following:
 - Authorization No. 270363 Charge No. 2005EC02
 - Authorization No. 201960 Charge No. 2005EC04
- Instructed department staff to issue a notice of denial and appeal rights to the applicant pursuant to §24-4-104, C.R.S. concerning Applications for Licenses Charge No. 2004EC48

Special Services

- Approved Ault-Highlands RE-9, Burlington RE-6J, Center 26 JT and Sheridan 2 school districts for exclusive chartering authority according to 22-30.5-504(5) (b), C.R.S.
- Approved Garfield RE-2 for a renewable one-year grant of exclusive chartering authority according to 22-30.5-504(6), C.R.S.

- Approved the waiver request for a 36-day period ending April 14, 2005 as follows: 22-32-109(1)(b)(n)(t); 22-32-110(1)(k)(y), C.R.S. for East Grand 2 School District on behalf of Indian Peaks Charter School
- Approved the waiver request for a three-year period ending June 30, 2008 as follows: 22-32-109(1)(b)(t), C.R.S. for Douglas County School District RE 1 on behalf of American Academy 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 March, April and May for a total amount of \$685,387,203.36

<p>ITEMS NOT ON CONSENT, REQUIRING A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS</p>

State Board / Commissioner

- Adopted the resolution proposed by Colorado Commission on Higher Education as amended

(7-0) The motion was carried unanimously. Ms. Hudak was absent

- Approved the 2005-2007 Strategic Plan of the State Board of Education and directed staff and advisory committees to submit a response and disseminated it to our education partners

(7-0) The motion was carried unanimously. Ms. Hudak was absent

CHARTER SCHOOL HEARING DECISIONS:

<p>March 9, 2005 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Lotus School for Excellence vs. Adams Arapahoe 28J School District Parties filed a Motion of Continuance and the hearing was cancelled</p>
<p>March 9, 2005 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Centennial Charter School vs. Centennial School District Decision of Centennial School District R-1 was upheld (6-0) Ms. Suckla, Mr. Polis, Ms. Littleton, Ms. Middleton, Mr. Munn and Mr. Orr concur. Ms. Hudak and Mr. DeHoff did not participate</p>
<p>March 9, 2005 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Mountain Peaks Montessori School vs. Jefferson County School District Decision of the local board was denied and was remanded back to the local board with instructions to approve the Charter Application</p>

<p>March 10, 2005 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>(4-2) Ms. Suckla, Mr. Polis, Ms. Littleton and Mr. Orr concur. Mr Munn, and Ms. Middleton dissent. Board members DeHoff and Hudak did not participate</p> <p>New Vision Charter School vs. Thompson School District Decision of the local board was denied and was remanded back to the local board with instructions for reconsideration (7-0) Ms. Suckla, Mr. Polis, Mr. DeHoff, Ms. Littleton, Ms. Middleton, Mr. Munn and Mr. Orr concur. Ms. Hudak did not participate</p>
<p>March 10, 2005, 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Zenith Academy of Sciences, Arts and Mathematics vs. Boulder Valley School District Decision of the Boulder Valley School District is upheld. (5-1) Ms. Suckla, Ms. Hudak, Ms. Littleton, Ms. Middleton and Mr. Orr concur. Mr. Polis dissented. Mr. Munn and Mr. DeHoff did not participate</p>
<p>March 10, 2005 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Teddy Roosevelt Academy vs. Jefferson County School District Decision of the Jefferson County School District R-1 is upheld (5-2) Ms. Suckla, Mr. Polis, Ms. Hudak, Ms. Middleton and Mr. Munn concur. Ms. Littleton and Mr. Orr dissent. Board member DeHoff did not participate</p>

Final Disposition of State Board Disciplinary Action

Charge No.:	2004EC48
Applicant:	Jane L. Lahman
Last Known Residence:	Longmont, Colorado
Reason for Disciplinary Action:	Jane L. Lahman failed to make a required report concerning child abuse
Final Action of he State Board:	Denial of the application
Date of State Board Action:	March 10, 2005

Future Business

April 13	Work Session	
April 14	Regular Meeting	
May 11	Work Session	
May 12	Regular Meeting	
June 8-9	Board Retreat -	Keystone, Colorado
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
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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

Charter School Appeal Hearings

None Scheduled

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