
Colorado State Board of Education

BOARD REPORT

Members of the Board

Randy DeHoff, Chairman, 6th Congressional District

Jared Polis, Vice Chairman, Member-at-Large

♦ **Christine Baca**, 7th Congressional District ♦ **John Burnett**, 5th Congressional District

♦ **Evie Hudak**, 2nd Congressional District ♦ **Rico Munn**, 1st Congressional District

♦ **Clair Orr**, 4th Congressional District ♦ **Pamela Jo Suckla**, 3rd Congressional District

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

Karen A. Gerwitz, Director of State Board Relations

Board Actions July 10, 2003

Department of Education, Denver

State Board/Commissioner

- Approved waivers for the Ignacio School Board as follows:

22-63-202 (3) Employment contracts

22-63-203 Probationary teachers –
renewal and non-renewal of
employment contracts

22-63-302 Procedure for dismissal –
judicial review

22-9-106 (3.5) Personnel performance
evaluation

22-9-106 (4.5) Personnel performance
evaluation

*(5-3 Mr. DeHoff, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Munn,
Mr. Orr, and Mrs. Suckla concurred. Mr.
Polis, Mrs. Baca, and Mrs. Hudak dissented.)*

- Approved the contract between the State of Colorado – for the use and benefit of the Colorado Department of Education,

Special Education Services Unit - and the Parent Education for Assistance for Kids dba PEAK Parent Center, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$288,013.39, from August 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Approved the contract between the State of Colorado – for the use and benefit of the Colorado Department of Education, Special Education Services Unit - and University of Colorado at Denver, School of Education, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, from August 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Scheduled a hearing to consider Rules for the Administration and the Assessment of Students Whose Dominant Language

is Not English, 1 CCR 301-62 for the September 11, 2003 meeting

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Updated the public record on the State Board of Education's Advisory Committees

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Instructed the Attorney General to request that the State Board of Education file an amicus brief to enforce its order in the Steamboat Springs Montessori Charter School case

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Waived the attorney/client privilege rights in releasing the informal Attorney General opinion to the public regarding the effects of amending the Enabling Act

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

State Library

- Approved expenditure of \$40,289.00 from the Mary Jones Trust fund for the Colorado Talking Book Library

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Approved the contract between the State of Colorado – for the use and benefit of the Colorado Department of Education, Colorado State Library and Plains and Peaks Regional Library Service System, in an amount not to exceed \$337,431.00, from August 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

Professional Services

- Approved the Type III Authorizations as follows:

- a. Initial - 57
- b. Renewal - 70

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Continued the hearing to consider proposed amendments to the rules for the Administration of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991 – 1 CCR 301-37 (Art, Drama, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health, Music, Physical Education)

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Adopted the cut scores for the content area PRAXIS tests for the following endorsement areas: Elementary Education, English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Conducted a hearing to repeal the Rules for the Administration of the Teacher Pay Incentive Program, 1 CCR 301-53

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Approved the proposed teacher induction programs for the following:
 - Ridge View Academy
 - University of Denver High School

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Instructed department staff to reinstate the holder's license concerning License No. 125869, Charge No. 2000EC04

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Dismissed the charge concerning the following:
 - Application for a License and an Authorization, Charge No. 2003EC12

- Application for an Authorization, Charge No. 2003EC13

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- 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. 154696, Charge No. 2002EC31
 - License No. 212601, Charge No. 2002EC52
 - Authorization No. 220514, Charge No. 2003EC17

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- 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 a License, Charge No. 2003EC07 (See final disposition page 5)

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- 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 5)
 - Authorization No. 202706, Charge No. 2002EC46
 - Application for an Authorization, Charge No. 2002EC48
 - Authorization No. 157713, Charge No. 2003EC02

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

Special Services

- Approved waiver requests for a 35-day period ending August 14, 2003 as follows:
 - East Grand 2 School District for Indian Peaks Charter School: 22-9-106(4); 22-32-109 (1)(b), (f), (n), (t); 22-32-110 (1) (h), (k), (y); 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401- 403, C.R.S.
 - Jefferson County R-1 School District for Compass Montessori Secondary Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 203, 206, 302, 402, C.R.S.
 - Jefferson County R-1 School District for Woodrow Wilson Academy Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401-403, C.R.S.
 - Jefferson County R-1 School District for Jefferson Academy Elementary Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401-403, C.R.S.
 - Jefferson County R-1 School District for Jefferson Academy High Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401-403, C.R.S.
 - Lewis-Palmer School District # 38 for Monument Academy Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(b), (f), (t); 22-32-110 (1)(h), (i), (k); 22-32-126; 22-63-201-203, 206, 301, 302, 401-403, C.R.S.
 - Jefferson County R-1 School District for Center for Discovery Learning Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-126; 22-63-201, 202, 203, 206, 302, 401, C.R.S.
 - Gunnison Watershed RE1J School District for Marble Charter School: 22-9-106, 107(2); 22-32-109 (1)(b), (f), (t); 22-32-110(1)(f), (h), (i) (y), (ee); 22-32-126; 22-63-202, 203, 206, 301, 302, 401-403, C.R.S.

- Douglas County RE-1 School District for Parker Core Knowledge Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(f); 22-32-110(1)(h); 22-32-126; 22-63-101, 201-203, 206, 301, 302, 401-403, C.R.S.
- Denver Public School District No. 1 for the Denver School of Science and Technology: 22-9-106; 22-32-109(1)(b),(f), (h),(a)(i),(a)(ii),(t); 22-32-110(1)(h),(i),(j),(k), (y),(ee); 22-32-120; 22-32-126; 22-63-101 et seq., C.R.S.
- Denver Public School District No. 1 for the Denver Big Picture Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-110(1)(h)(ee); 22-32-126; 22-63-101-104, 201-206, 301, 302, 401-403, C.R.S.
- Denver Public School District No. 1 for the Wyatt Edison Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-110(1)(h)(ee); 22-32-126; 22-63-101-104, 201-206, 301, 302, 401-403, C.R.S.
- Denver Public School District No. 1 and the Odyssey Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-110(1)(h); 22-32-126; 22-63-101-104, 201-206, 301, 302, 401-403, C.R.S.

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Approved waiver requests for a 3-year period ending July 10, 2006 as follows:
 - Denver Public Schools for Northeast Academy Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-110(1)(h), (ee); 22-32-126, 22-63-101 et seq., C.R.S.
 - Denver Public Schools for Life Skills of Denver Charter School: 22-9-106; 22-32-110(1)(h), (ee); 22-32-126, 22-63-101 et. seq., C.R.S.

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Scheduled a hearing for the September 11, 2003 Board meeting to repeal the

Rules for the Administration of the School Improvement Plan and Grant Program, 1 CCR 301-52

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Scheduled a hearing for the September 11, 2003 Board meeting to repeal the Rules for the Summer School Grant Program, 1 CCR 301-50

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Conducted a hearing to repeal the Rules for the Charter School Pilot Program, 1 CCR 301-41

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

Management, Budget and Planning

- Approved \$218,007,372.64 payable to school districts for the Public School Finance Act of 1994 (as amended) state share of total program for the period July 2003 through November 2003. Total amount for the five month period is \$1,090,036,863.20. The amounts of these monthly payments will not change during this period, since relevant data on which the payments are based do not change.

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

- Presentation on Capital Construction Committee was provided by Vody Herrmann, Director Public School Finance

Information for Future Action

- ✚ Rules for Accreditation - the Administration of the Accreditation of School Districts and Gun-Free Schools Act Compliance and Budgeting, Accounting and Reporting Compliance

- ✚ Contract: Colorado Department of Education Prevention Initiatives Unit and

Colorado Department of Public Health
and Environment.

✚ Contract: Colorado Department of
Education, Exceptional Student Services
Unit and Measured Progress

✚ State Board of Education Operating
Procedures

✚ Teacher in Residence Program submitted
by Littleton Public Schools

**Final Disposition of State Board
Disciplinary Action**

Charge No.: 2002EC46
License Holder: Louis L. Brown, Jr.
License Number: 202706
Last Known
Employment: Bennett School District No.29J
Last Known
Residence: Aurora, Colorado
Reason for
Disciplinary
Action: Louis L. Brown, Jr. was
convicted of one count of
misdemeanor child abuse, one
count of misdemeanor
menacing and one count of
misdemeanor harassment, and
failed to disclose his
conviction for harassment on
his application.

Final Action of
the State Board: Permanent revocation
Date of State
Board Action: July 10, 2003

**Final Disposition of State Board
Disciplinary Action**

Charge No.: 2002EC48
License Holder: Roxanne L. Velasquez
Last Known
Employment: Pueblo School District 60
Last Known
Residence: Pueblo, Colorado
Reason for
Disciplinary

Action: Roxanne L. Velasquez pled
guilty to one felony count of
forgery.

Final Action of
the State Board: Denial of the application
Date of State
Board Action: July 10, 2003

**Final Disposition of State Board
Disciplinary Action**

Charge No.: 2003EC02
Authorization
Holder: Shannon K. DePoe
Authorization
Number: 157713
Last Known
Residence: Penrose, Colorado
Reason for
Disciplinary
Action: Shannon K. DePoe pled guilty
to one felony count of
possession of a schedule IV
controlled substance.

Final Action of
the State Board: Permanent revocation
Date of State
Board Action: July 10, 2003

**Final Disposition of State Board
Disciplinary Action**

Charge No.: 2003EC07
Applicant: Gunnar J. Kays
Last Known
Employment: Laramie County (Wyoming)
School District 1

Last Known
Residence: Laramie, Wyoming
Reason for
Disciplinary
Action: Gunnar J. Kays engaged in
inappropriate conduct toward
students and failed to disclose
on his license application his
complete employment history
and the revocation of his
California teaching credential.

Final Action of
the State Board: Denial of application
Date of State
Board Action: July 10, 2003

Board Report provides a monthly summary of Colorado State Board of Education business to the Department of Education, Colorado school districts, education-related agencies, and concerned citizens.

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

None scheduled

Future Business

August 13 Work Session 9:00 a.m.
Greeley 6 School District

August 14 Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Greeley 6 School District

September 10 Work Session 9:00 a.m.

September 11 Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.

October 8 Work Session 9:00 a.m.

October 9 Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.

November 12 Work Session 9:00 a.m.

November 13 Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.

December 10 Work Session 9:00 a.m.

December 11 Regular Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Future Hearings

September 11, 2003 10:15 a.m.
Proposed amended rules for the Administration
of the Educator Licensing Act of 1991,
1 CCR – 301-37

September 11, 2003 11:00 a.m.
Rules for the Administration and the Assessment
of Students Whose Dominant Language is Not
English, 1 CCR 301-6

September 11, 2003 11:15 a.m.
R e p e a l Rules for the Administration of the
School Improvement Plan and Grant Program,
1 CCR 301-52

September 11, 2003 11:20 a.m.
R e p e a l Rules for the Summer School Grant
Program, 1 CCR 301-50

