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News Release

Board of Education Schedules Rulemaking Hearing on Healthy Beverage Policy

The Colorado State Board of Education today approved notice of rulemaking for rules for the Administration of the Healthy Beverages Policy.

State statute (Senate Bill 08-129) requires that the rules follow the Alliance for a Healthier Generation Beverage Guidelines. The proposed rules set the minimum nutritional standards for beverages. School districts may adopt more restrictive policies based on these rules if they choose to do so.

If approved, the rules will limit beverages sold to students on school grounds to those beverages that meet nutritional standards. The rules will apply to beverages sold during the regular and extended school day, effective July 1, 2009.

The proposed rules state that the sale of beverages to students from any source includes but is not limited to school cafeterias, vending machines, school stores and fund-raising activities conducted on school campuses. Among other elements, the rules also require each school district board of education and the state charter school institute to adopt and implement a policy for the sale of beverages that at a minimum meet the standards set forth in the rules.

The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the proposed rules on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m.

Other Agenda Items

In other action, the State Board of Education:

- Approved a contingency reserve request from Costilla Centennial School District R-1 to relieve the district of revenue losses due to extreme emergency. The request included \$321,993 in total—\$261,793 for the district's general fund and \$60,200 to the district's Bond Redemption Fund.
- Approved a waiver request from certain statutes by Adams 12 Five Star Schools on behalf of Colorado Virtual Academy
- Accepted recommendations for the School Counselor Corps Grant Program 2008 grantees.
- Approved notice of rulemaking for amendments to the Student Pilot Program Assessment Rules. One portion of Senate Bill 08-212 establishes a pilot assessment project for high schools. The State Board adopted the permanent rules for the administration of the Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Assessments Pilot Program on Sept. 11, 2008. The new round of rulemaking covers four minor revisions recommended by the Office of Legislative Legal Services so the rules are compliant with law. A public rulemaking hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m.
- Approved disciplinary proceedings concerning a license, certificate and application for a license charge no. 2008EC17
- Approved disciplinary proceedings concerning a license, certificate and application for a license charge no. 2008EC16
- Denied an application for a license charge no. 2008EC18
- Denied an application for a license charge no. 2008EC19
- Approved disciplinary proceedings concerning licenses and certificates charge no. 2008EC20
- Approved a settlement agreement concerning a license charge no. 2007EC40
- Approved a settlement agreement concerning a license charge no. 2007EC48

- Approved requests for initial emergency authorizations (26)
- Approved requests for emergency renewal authorizations (3)
- Approved cut scores for the mathematics and special education generalist PLACE content tests
- Approved the Principal Induction Program submitted by Falcon School District 49
- Approved the Teacher/Special Services Provider Induction Program submitted by Cesar Chavez School Network
- Approved the Teacher/Special Services Provider Induction Program submitted by Charter School Institute
- Re-approved the Teacher Induction Program for Boulder Country Day School.
- Approved the Teacher/Special Services Provider Induction Program submitted by the Humanex Academy

School Readiness Description

During its work session Wednesday (Nov. 11), the board held a public hearing on the proposed description of school readiness. The description is scheduled for adoption at the December 2008 meeting and is part of the requirements under Senate Bill 08-212.

The description outlines both what skills children need to enter school and what schools need to do to be prepared to serve all entering students.

Speakers at the public hearing Wednesday supported the proposed description. Board members discussed some minor language adjustments.

Board Member News

Board member Evie Hudak, who represents the 2nd Congressional District, announced Wednesday that she would remain on the board through the Dec. 11, 2008. On Nov. 4, she was elected to the Colorado Senate, representing District 19. Her successor will be chosen by a Democratic party vacancy committee. The appointee would join the State Board of Education at its first meeting in January.

Board member Elaine Gantz Berman, who ran unopposed to represent the 1st Congressional District, and Jane Goff, who was elected to represent the 7th Congressional District, both begin full six-year terms in January, 2009. Both Berman and Goff were previously appointed to fill vacancies on the board.

And retired teacher Marcia Neal won her bid to represent the 3rd Congressional District. She will replace Board Chair Pamela Jo Suckla, who chose not to run for re-election.

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