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## **News Release**

### ***State Board Work Session and Regular Meeting Agendas for Aug. 12 & 13***

The Colorado State Board of Education will hold meetings this week on Wednesday, Aug. 12 and Thursday, Aug. 13. The meeting on Wednesday will be held in a regular meeting format. The meeting on Thursday will be the board's regular meeting. Both meetings will begin at 9 a.m.

Following are the agendas:

#### **Wednesday, Aug. 12 – Work Session**

- 9 a.m. – Staff introductions, reports from board chair, board members and state board office
- 9:45 a.m. – Reports from CDE staff
  - Communications office
  - Budget update
  - State board of education office
  - Legislative update
- 10 a.m. – Morning break
- 10:15 a.m. – Reports from CDE staff (continued)
  - Model content standards review update. Assistant Commissioner Jo O'Brien will update the State Board of Education on the progress of the revisions of the Colorado

Model Content Standards as mandated by Senate Bill 08-212. She will introduce the first draft of the revised social studies standards—civics, economics, geography, and history and the expectations that have been developed for personal financial literacy as mandated by House Bill 08-1168. The board will also be briefed on the early stages of revision work in dance, physical education and health, theatre, visual art, and world languages. Dr. Stanley Rabinowitz, Senior Program Director at WestEd and consultant to CDE on the standards revision process, will provide the board his evaluation of the standards revision process and the work produced to date.

- Noon – Lunch and executive session
- 1 p.m. – Rulemaking hearing on proposed amendments to the rules governing the Educator Licensing Act of 1991, concerning career and technical education licensing.
- Senate Bill 08-017, concerning Occupation Educational Credentialing, requires CDE to issue credentials to secondary occupational instructors or career and technical education instructors. Prior to the enactment of S.B. 08-017, the Colorado Community College System issued secondary and postsecondary credentials. They will continue to issue postsecondary credentials, but not secondary credentials.
- 1:30 p.m. – Rulemaking hearing on proposed amendments to the Rules for the Administration of the Public School Finance Act (Passing Time). The state board will consider testimony and written comments and make a determination to approve one of two options. The proposed changes to existing rule are:
  - Option one excludes “passing time” and the time provided for lunch from the definition of “educational process” for the purposes of calculating a student’s scheduled hours.
  - Option two permits “passing time” in the definition of “educational process” for purposes of calculating a student’s scheduled hours.
- 3 p.m. – Rulemaking hearing on the proposed amendments to the Rules for the Administration of the Exceptional Children’s Educational Act.

These proposed amendments are required in order to align rules with the Oct. 2006, May 2007 and Dec. 2008 amendments to the regulations implementing the Federal Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004. These amendments are proposed to address:

1. The change in name of disability category from "Speech-Language Disability" to "Speech or Language Impairment"
  2. The addition of a section regarding parental revocation of consent
  3. The clarification in the definition of "school day"
  4. The addition of a state requirement regarding assessment programs.
- 3:15 p.m. – Rulemaking hearing on the proposed amendments to the Rules for the Administration of the Public School Finance Act of 1994.

The state board adopted these rules as emergency rules on June 12, 2009. They will expire on or about September 12, 2009. The rules establish regulations and procedures regarding out-of-district-placed pupils and the payment of state average per-pupil revenue to approved facility schools and state programs.

- Staff reports (continued):
  - Report on the Compliance Policy Interpreting the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Rights Act of 1974
  - Presentation on the application submitted by Denver Public Schools for designation as a district of innovation with regard to Cole Arts and Science Academy
- Issues and Trends
  - Adams County School District 50, Initiatives Concerning a Competency Based System of Education
  - Colorado State, Business and Education Talent Readiness Program
- 5 p.m. – Adjourn

**Note:** Testimony is welcome at each of the rulemaking hearings at the time designated above; however, it may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

For additional information about each agenda item or to review the proposed rules, please visit the state board's Web page for agendas: <http://www.boarddocs.com/co/cde/Board.nsf/Public>

### **Thursday, May 14 – Regular Board Meeting**

- Call to order, approval of agenda, opportunity for consent agenda
- Recognition of Outstanding Colorado Educators
  - Toni Theisen, 2009 American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, National Foreign Language Teacher of the Year; and Janine Erickson, 2009 ACTFL President.
  - Colorado Online Teachers of the Year, Christina Narayan, Elementary Online Teacher of the Year from Branson School Online, and and DeAnn Chasarik, Secondary Online Teacher of the Year from Colorado Online Learning. Each teacher will give a brief demonstration of how they teach online.
- Report from Commissioner Dwight D. Jones
- Board matters
  - Proposed 2010 state board calendar
  - Approval of resolution in support of Colorado's standards adoption process

### **Innovation and Transformation**

- Approval of the certification of the multi-district online program submitted by Provost Academy Colorado.

### **Student Support Services**

- Approval of proposed amendments to the rules for the administration of the Exceptional Children's Educational Act.

- Request for approval of notice of rulemaking regarding proposed amendments to the rules for the administration concerning the Protection of Persons from Restraint Act. The purpose of these amendments is to better align the rules to the Protection of Persons from Restraint Act, to clarify language, and to reorganize the rules to provide clearer guidance for their implementation.

## **Professional Services**

- Approval of proposed amendments to the rules governing the Educator Licensing Act of 1991, Concerning Career and Technical Education Licensing.
- Approval of nine requests for emergency initial authorizations.
- Approval of three requests for emergency renewal authorizations.
- Disciplinary proceedings concerning an application for a license charge number 2008EC19.
- Approval of the Teacher Induction Program submitted by Longmont Christian School.
- Approval of new Special Education Generalist Teacher Preparation Program from Colorado State University-Pueblo.
- Approval of the Teacher Preparation Program from the University of Colorado at Boulder for the New Applied Mathematics Program.
- Approval of the Teacher Preparation Program from the University of Colorado at Boulder for the Integrated Physiology Program.
- Approval of the Teacher Preparation Program in Geology from the University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Approval of the Molecular, Developmental and Cellular Biology Teacher Preparation Program from the University of Colorado at Boulder.
- Approval of the Teacher Induction Program submitted by the West Denver Preparatory Charter School.

- Approval of the Undergraduate and Graduate Special Education Generalist Teacher Preparation Programs from Colorado Christian University.
- Assignment of cut scores for Program for Licensing Assessments for Colorado Educators exams in six content areas.

## **Management Budget and Planning**

- Adoption of the Compliance Policy Interpreting the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Rights Act of 1974. CDE developed a FERPA policy and supporting documentation as a result of legislation requiring the state board to adopt an interpretation of FERPA to support data sharing to the greatest extent possible in compliance with the regulations.
- Approval of amendments to the rules for the administration of the Public School Finance Act of 1994.
- Approval of proposed amendments to the rules for the administration of the Public School Finance Act (Passing Time).
- Approval of Alternative Education Campus Designation Schools.
- Certification of amounts payable to school districts for the Public School Finance Act of 1994.
- Approval of Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Grant Award recommendations. Among the projects are fire safety equipment, kitchens and cafeterias, classrooms, ventilation systems, boilers, telephone systems, security cameras, restroom upgrades, preschool facilities, roofs and pool and shop renovations. Recommendations forwarded from the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board include 43 BEST Cash Grant projects for a total of \$14.9 million and matching funds of \$18.7 million. Another 12 projects are recommended with BEST Lease-Purchase Funding for a total of \$112.5 million and matching funds of \$56.9 million.
- Re-affirm Denver Public Schools as a district of innovation and grant certain waivers from state statutes for the benefit of Cole Arts and Science Academy.

## **Public Comment**

## **Adjournment**

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