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## **News Release**

### ***Next Meeting Of Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board Is Oct. 7***

The next meeting of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 7 in Colorado Springs.

The meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Facilities, Operations and Transportation Building of Colorado Springs School District 11, 5240 Geiger Blvd.

The meeting agenda includes:

- Approve minutes from July and Aug. meetings;
- Discuss current vacancy on the Capital Construction Assistance Board;
- Discuss Alta Vista Charter School grant project;
- Discuss H.B. 09-1346, which gives the Capital Construction Assistance Board rulemaking authority over the Qualified Zone Academy Bond and Qualified School Construction Bond;
- Public hearing at 10 a.m. pertaining to permanent rules for the administration of Building Excellent Schools Today Grant Program;
- Public hearing at 10:30 a.m. pertaining to permanent rules for the Public Schools Capital Construction Guidelines;

- Discuss the rule review hearing from the Committee on Legal Services pertaining to the issue of “rent” in the Full-Day Kindergarten rules;
- Public hearing at 11 a.m. pertaining to permanent rules for the administration of Full-Day Kindergarten Facility Capital Construction;
- Discuss the BEST Lease-Purchase grant for Fountain School District 8;
- Discuss the BEST Lease-Purchase grant for Silverton School District 1;
- Approve the Qualified Zone Academy Bond application for Pueblo City School District 60;
- Discuss future BEST Lease-Purchase projects and allowing a waiver in the matching requirement to allow the project to begin before the financing is complete;
- Discuss charter school applicants providing the minimum required match;
- Schedule a November meeting to discuss:
  - A policy pertaining to BEST roofing grant applications;
  - A policy pertaining to BEST security camera grant applications;
  - District “carry forward” fund balances in relation to future emergency grants;
- Public comment.

For more information on the rulemaking hearings, contact Ted Hughes, director of division of public school capital construction assistance at 303-866-6948.

## **About BEST**

The BEST legislation increases the level of financial assistance provided to school districts, charter schools and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for capital construction projects, particularly in those school districts that can’t afford to meet their own needs.

The function of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Board is to protect the health and safety of persons using public school facilities and to maximize student achievement by ensuring public school facilities provide a safe and un-crowded environment that is conducive to student learning.

For more information on the Capital Construction Assistance Board and to read board minutes, visit

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/CapConstmain.htm>

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