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**News Release**

***State Board Meeting Agendas For Wednesday, March 10 and Thursday, March 11***

The Colorado State Board of Education this week will hold a regular board meeting that will begin on Wednesday, March 10 and continue through Thursday, March 11.

The meetings both days will begin at 9 a.m. in the first-floor board room at the Colorado Department of Education offices, 201 E. Colfax Ave. in Denver.

Following are the agendas:

**Wednesday, March 10**

- State board of education reports
- Report from Colorado Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones
- 11 a.m.—Appeal by South Central BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) requesting that the state board of education overturn CDE's decision to allow Fremont RE-2 School District to leave the South Central BOCES Administrative Unit for special education.
- Vote on South Central BOCES appeal
- Executive session; lunch. (The state board will convene an executive session to discuss matters required to be kept

confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes pursuant to 24-6-402(3)(a)(III) C.R.S. and 2-3-103(2) and 2-3-103.7(1) C.R.S.)

- 1:30 p.m.—Rulemaking hearing on rules for the Annual Inspection and Preventative Maintenance of School Transportation Vehicles.
- 1:45 p.m.—Rulemaking hearing on the repeal of rules related to the Administration of Academic Performance Rating.
- 1:50 p.m.—Rulemaking hearing on the rules for the administration of the Colorado School Awards Program.
- 2:00 p.m.—Rulemaking hearing on the rules for the Administration of the Accreditation of School Districts. More detail about this important hearing can be found in this March 4 news release <http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/download/PDF/20100304sb163ruleshearing.pdf>
- 3:15 p.m.—Final statewide facility assessment report
- Communications report
- Colorado Basic Literacy Act
- Budget report
- Legislative update

#### **Thursday, March 11**

- Approval of the agenda
- Update on Colorado CLASS (Children’s Land Alliance Supporting Schools) from co-chairs Bruce Caughey, deputy executive director of the Colorado Association of School Executives and Colleen Heinz, vice-president of the Colorado Education Association.
- Report from Colorado Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones

- 1:30 p.m.—Charter School Appeal, Prospect Ridge Academy vs. Adams 12 Five Star School District.
- 3:00 p.m.—Recognition of Kathryn Eyolfson (Coyote Hills Elementary School, Cherry Creek School District) as a finalist for the 2008 Presidential Award for Elementary Mathematics and Lana Hansen (Willow Creek Elementary School, also Cherry Creek) for the 2008 Presidential Award for Elementary Science.
- Recognition of the 2009 Colorado Distinguished Title I Principal, Richard Hargrove of Springfield High School (Springfield School District) and the 2009 Colorado Distinguished Title I Teacher Award to Bernadette and Susan Medina, first grade teachers at Las Animas Elementary School (Las Animas School District).  
*Please note the time of this agenda item may change to accommodate the schedules of the award winners.*

### **Action Items**

- Adoption of rules for the Annual Inspection and Preventative Maintenance of School Transportation Vehicles.
- Adoption of rules for the administration of the Colorado School Awards Program.
- Adoption of rules for the administration of the accreditation of school districts under the Education Accountability Act of 2009. (Note: the state board is expected to vote on this item in April 2010.)
- Repeal of the rules related to the administration of academic performance ratings.
- Approval of an application for a new General Education Development (GED) testing center planned for 231 N. Main Street, Brighton.
- Approval of waiver requests from certain statutes by St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J on behalf of Flagstaff Academy.
- Approval of waiver requests from certain statutes by Harrison School District 2 on behalf of Atlas Preparatory School.

- Appointments to the Facility Schools Type 1 Board. The Facility Schools Type 1 Board, required under 22-2-404 CRS, has nearly completed its first year of work and the two members who began with one year terms are at the end of those terms. They are Barbara Taylor from the Division of Youth Corrections (representing state placing agencies) and Laura Writebol from the Denver Department of Human Services (representing county placing agencies). Both are willing to continue to serve on the Facility Schools Board; no other persons representing the designated types of agencies have expressed an interest in serving on the board.
- Approval of a request by the Lewis-Palmer School District 38 for exclusive chartering authority.
- Approval of requests for initial emergency authorizations (monthly total of 8).
- Approval of the principal/administrator induction program submitted by Telluride R-1 School District.
- Approval of the teacher/special services provider induction program submitted by Fowler School District R4J.
- Approval of the five-year reauthorization of the teacher preparation program at the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design.
- Approval of new master's degree program in elementary education from Metro State College.
- Approval of new master of arts American Sign Language teacher preparation program from the University of Northern Colorado.
- Approval of the notice of rulemaking to amend 1 CCR 301-5, rules for the administration of the accountability for alternative campuses to comply with the Education Accountability Act of 2009. Section 22-11-210 (1) (b) authorizes the state board to promulgate rules establishing objective, measurable criteria that the department shall apply in recommending to the state board that an alternative education campus implement a performance, improvement, priority improvement, or turnaround plan or that an alternative education campus shall be subject to restructuring.

- Approval of notice of rulemaking concerning alternative teacher preparation programs. The passage of S.B. 09-160 requires the state board to promulgate rules regarding the Alternative and Teacher In Residence Teacher Preparation Programs. Prior to the enactment of S.B. 09-160, there was a one-year Alternative Teacher preparation program and a two-year Teacher In Residence program referenced in different places in statute and rules. The bill simplified and made consistent requirements for the alternative programs by creating the one-year or two-year alternative programs.
- Approval of notice of rulemaking for the rules governing the Renewal Energy and Energy Efficiency for Schools Loan Program. The goal of the program, created by H.B. 09-1312, is to provide low interest loans to school districts for the purpose of installing renewable energy systems and purchasing hybrid school buses.
- Approval of notice of rulemaking concerning rules for the administration of the Teacher of the Year Program.

### **Information Only**

- Appoint new members to the Colorado Special Education Advisory Committee.
- Rules concerning Dropout Prevention and Student Re-Engagement
- Rules requiring parental notification when an arrest is made or charges are brought against an employee of a school.

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>

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