



Aurora
Public
Schools

Board of Education

Agenda

meeting of

September 2, 2008

Aurora Public Schools

1085 Peoria Street
Aurora, Colorado 80011

AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Aurora, CO 80011

A G E N D A
BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 2, 2008
6:30 p.m.

I – PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. WELCOME TO VISITORS

The regular meeting of the Aurora Public Schools Board of Education will convene in the Dr. Edward and Mrs. Patricia Lord Boardroom of Educational Services Center 4. Individuals wishing to address the Board of Education on a specific agenda item are requested to sign up at the table on the south side of the boardroom prior to discussion of the Information and Action Items. Individuals wishing to address the Board of Education on a non-agenda item are requested to sign up and will be provided an opportunity, limited to three minutes, at the beginning of the meeting and, limited to three minutes, at the end of the meeting during Opportunity for Audience.

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D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The September 2, 2008, agenda is presented for approval.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on August 19, 2008, are presented for approval.

F. OPPORTUNITY FOR AUDIENCE

August 19, 2008, Minutes

I. PRELIMINARY

Cook called the August 19, 2008, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Matt Cook, president
Jeanette Carmany, vice president
Jane Barber, secretary
Peter Cukale, treasurer
Judith Edberg, director
Mary W. Lewis, director
Amy Prince, director

Also meeting with the Board of Education were:

John L. Barry, superintendent of schools
Anthony Van Gytenbeek, deputy superintendent
Lisa Escárcega, chief accountability and research officer
Rod Weeks, chief financial officer
Kari Allen, chief personnel officer
William Stuart, chief academic officer
Anthony Sturges, chief operating officer
Tonia Norman, assistant to Board of Education

Pledge of Allegiance

Cook led the Board and audience in the pledge to the flag. He then welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

The August 19, 2008, agenda was approved as written.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held August 5, 2008, were approved as written.

Student Performance

The Gateway Athenians, under the direction of John Richards, performed two musical selections at the August 19 Board meeting. Barry presented Richards with a Superintendent recognition coin for his leadership and directing of the talented musical ensemble.

Opportunity for Audience

II. INFORMATION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Reports from the Board of Education

Prince attended back-to-school nights at Jewell and North. She had a wonderful experience helping parents and interacting with middle school students.

Barber attended back-to-school nights at Wheeling and Virginia Court. She also attended an ice cream social at General's Park hosted by community neighbors partnering to support Paris and Montview. Many families attended the ice cream social and it was a wonderful way to start the year.

Lewis spoke to parents about the bond and mill levy override at back-to-school night at Aurora Frontier. She will be attending many school events in the upcoming weeks to talk to parents about the bond and mill levy override.

Carmany attended the grand opening ceremony at Aurora Quest K-8 and back-to-school night at Side Creek. She commented that nothing matches the excitement seen and felt during the first few weeks of school. She thanked district staff for all their work and efforts in preparing schools to open.

Cukale attended back-to-school nights at Paris, Wheeling, Montview, Arkansas and Mrachek. He was impressed with schools visited and saw lots of enthusiasm from kids. Teachers were excited about new classroom technology, and school buildings were absolutely spotless. Cukale thanked Anthony Sturges, Bob Ropkin and the district custodial staff for all their hard work and efforts to ensure buildings are clean and well maintained.

Cook shared that former APS Board Member Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Tauriello passed away on Monday, August 11. Tauriello was instrumental in creating the APS finance department and securing funding for improvements at Aurora Central. He did so much for the district and will be missed.

Items of Current Interest

Barry shared that the APS Board of Education and the Risk Management Department applauds every APS site for promoting a safe workplace with overall decreased employee injuries. Total reported claims were down last year as well as initial funds reserved for those claims. We commend staff at Crawford, Elkhart, Park Lane, Aurora Hills, East, ESC 4 and the Warehouse for having an extremely safe year with no employee injuries. We also praise Maintenance and Operations, Transportation, Custodial Operations and Nutrition Services for decreasing their claims or leveling off from last year.

Barry presented sites with certificates of recognition. Cook commended all of the safe work sites. This is truly a remarkable accomplishment for a large organization and will allow us to put savings from decreased claims back into the classroom. Well done!

Thanks to bond dollars, APS will open the new Jamaica Child Development Center dedicated solely to preschool-aged at-risk students. Please join the APS Board of Education and district leadership at a grand opening celebration on Thursday, August 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Anschutz Medical Campus Partnership

Van Gytenbeek invited Carol McBride, development director for the APS Health Sciences Collaborative; Ryann Patrick-Stuart, district science instructional coordinator; and Marilyn Achten, district science coach to the staff table to present an overview of efforts that will significantly impact the instruction in APS

by forging and leveraging a partnership with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

McBride reviewed a list of University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus partners and community partners including CCA, Metropolitan Community Provider Network, Denver Museum of Nature and Science and APS. The list of partners is referred to as the health science collaborative, and every member shares the APS vision and mission.

The United States Department of Labor is predicting a 28 percent increase in the health profession field by 2012, which would add 3.5 million jobs to the economy. The Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education predicts a 30 percent increase in the demand for physicians, a 58 percent increase in the demand for pharmacists, a 12 percent increase in the demand for dentists and a 43 percent increase in the demand for physical therapists. The Area Health Education Center predicts that to keep up with population growth, Colorado will require more than 10,000 healthcare professionals by 2012. APS students have great potential to meet the needs of the demand, and we have envisioned and started to create the Aurora Lights Career Pipeline (Leading the Way in Health Sciences). The vision of Aurora Lights is to create a pool of APS students to graduate and enter allied health profession programs. Our mission is to develop and maintain a P-20 pipeline to support and guide APS students to health science professions through rigorous academic programs, associated field experiences and exposure to career opportunities.

McBride reviewed the APS health sciences collaborative logo that represents the partnerships and the pipeline. The logo will appear on all APS documents and all documents pertaining to the pipeline on the Anschutz campus.

Patrick-Stuart shared that three elementary schools, one middle school and four high schools have been identified for the partnership and we are working to create pathways for APS students to enter health science careers. Each of the partner schools has five main components including standards-based content and pacing guides for science that are enriched with health science connections, career exposure and opportunities, field experience and presentations of learning. At the elementary level, we have started to form a design team to help create the curriculum. Professional development will be provided for teachers on content topics and we will partner with other health institutions in the community to prepare our students. We will begin to integrate professionals from the Anschutz Medical Center into the classroom and provide field experience for elementary students to visit the campus.

North Middle School has launched the Academy of Health Sciences and Technology into their curriculum. Ninety-six students have been identified and are currently experiencing enriched curriculum and will be participating in field experiences at the medical center throughout the year. A video of students interested in the program was presented to the Board and audience.

Patrick-Stuart shared that the goal is to identify students at the high school level by November 2008 and start the ninth and tenth grade portion of the pipeline by January 2009. High schools students will have opportunities to participate in Saturday and summer academies as well as mini medical school. Seniors and juniors will have opportunities for internships with medical professionals and opportunities to participate in research labs.

McBride concluded that we are creating state-of-the-art schools, working with a

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state-of-the-art medical campus, forming state-of-the-art partnerships and building a state-of-the-art pipeline for our students. We are transforming lives and creating partnerships that will make us strong.

McBride thanked the partners, APS Board, district leadership team and the Division of Instruction. She also thanked APS principals for their wisdom and energy, APS teachers for their amazing commitment to student success, and Tony Van Gytenbeek and Superintendent Barry for their amazing vision.

Barber commented that when she saw the North Middle School Academy of Health Sciences and Technology on August 2, it brought tears to her eyes. She complimented presenters on how far they have come in such a short time.

Lewis was also amazed on how far the program has progressed. She asked how many students were currently enrolled in the program. McBride replied that the North Middle School Academy of Health Sciences and Technology has admitted 96 students, 32 students per grade level. The high school identification process is currently underway. We hope to identify 30 students per grade level at each of the four high schools. The entire student body will be immersed in health science at the elementary level.

Prince asked how high school students would be identified. Achten replied that the identification process will be similar to the process used at North. We looked at math CSAP scores, attendance, motivation and overall GPA. During the student interview process at North, teachers lowered the GPA requirement to 2.5. A similar process will be used at the high school level but we will incorporate more test scores in the identification process.

Edberg commended staff and district leaders for having the foresight and dream to make this a reality. This is an incredible opportunity for our students to have the medical center in our district.

McBride shared that the first group of students from North will visit the medical center on September 4. Seventh grade students studying cells will interact with medical professionals about what they have learned and will be able to see the actual process.

McBride thanked Susan Olezene, director of student achievement, curriculum and professional learning. She also thanked Brenda Lane for her amazing energy in helping to get the health science center up and running.

Van Gytenbeek commented that we have an incredible group of people who are inspired to make this happen for our students, parents and district. He thanked district leadership for all their help and support. This program will be institutionalized and will be a part of the APS district and community for a long time. It is an amazing opportunity for APS students.

Vanguard Special Education Agreement/Amendment to Charter School Contract

Kathleen Hostetler, district legal counsel, and Ralph Albertson, director of exceptional student services, provided an update on the Vanguard special education agreement/amendment to the charter school contract.

Hostetler shared that last year the district entered into an agreement with Vanguard Charter School in which they were given primary responsibility for

special education services for their learning disabled students. The district is primarily responsible for special education services for learning disabled students at all other charter schools. Two changes are being proposed to the updated amendment as follows: continue terms of amendment for one year, August 19, 2008 through May 22, 2009, and revise the funding rate received by Vanguard for assuming special education services for their learning disabled students.

When we provide special education services to charter schools, APS retains funding. This year, we retained \$650 for each learning disabled student, which is \$60 more than last year. We agreed to portion the \$60 increase with the charter; Vanguard will retain \$45 and APS will retain \$15. Vanguard will retain a total of \$485 for providing special education services to their learning disabled students and APS will retain \$165. APS will continue to provide a few specified services as stated in the contract including:

- orientation and mobility services
- assisted technology
- services to expelled students
- nursing services

Cukale asked how improvements to services and instruction would be provided and evaluated. Albertson replied that last year was introductory and growing, this year is evaluating. Student progress and achievement will be the primary focus of our evaluation. We will also evaluate how services are rendered as well as time and cost to implement within the agreement. We will no longer have to look at teaching services because Vanguard will provide it. Our oversight will review how IEPs are written and how services are provided to ensure we remain in compliance with state mandates. We will evaluate in January to determine if it is working and financially feasible to continue.

Rob Miller, director of operations at Vanguard, commented that we are looking forward to working with the district.

Cukale moved and Carmany seconded to amend the agenda to move information item II-A-4 to action.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8018

Approved on a vote of 7-0

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESEARCH

No Items

DIVISION OF FINANCE

No Items

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items

DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

No Items

DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

No Items

III. CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

No Items

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESEARCH

No Items

DIVISION OF FINANCE

No Items

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Classified Personnel

Licensed Personnel

Non-Licensed Administrative and Professional/Technical Personnel

Negotiated Agreement

Allen invited Brenda Isaacs, AEA president, to the staff table to review the negotiated settlement of the master agreement.

Isaacs shared that we successfully reached an agreement after one of the most difficult bargaining sessions. It is a credit to the hard work of the negotiators on both the AEA and district bargaining teams that we have made this agreement possible.

Isaacs acknowledged regret for not providing cost of living increases for employees that will keep up with inflation. It is a credit to the employees of APS that they are willing to sacrifice to help resolve a difficult budget situation. This is especially true for our classified colleagues who may suffer more than teachers or administrators. AEA is moving forward and will support the passage of 3A and 3B in November. We recognize the short-term budget needs for this election and the need to provide long-term stability for APS students in order to remain competitive with services provided in Colorado school districts. If we are to meet the goals of VISTA 2010 and offer a world class education for our students, we cannot do it without the appropriate resources.

Isaacs thanked the Board of Education for their tireless commitment in working for APS students. She also thanked the district and AEA bargaining teams for going above the call of duty to ensure we had a negotiated agreement to present to teachers and the Board this school year.

We concluded our vote this afternoon during the AR meeting. We had roughly 50 percent of our membership vote, and 80 percent of those voting approved the negotiated agreement. From the AEA membership perspective, we have ratified the tentative agreement.

Allen thanked the AEA and district bargaining teams. She also thanked the Board of Education for their consultation, advice and support during negotiations. It was a long negotiation session but it was carried out with a high degree of professionalism and with the goal of providing the best education possible for our students.

Allen noted that the communication plan was reviewed with the Board and Isaacs earlier today to ensure changes to the negotiated agreement that have been ratified are thoroughly communicated.

Cukale thanked Isaacs for helping him understand the negotiation process and for her overall professionalism.

Classified Nonsupervisory Salary

Administrator and Professional/Technical Salary Adjustment

DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

No Items

DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

No Items

Cukale moved and Prince seconded to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8019

Approved on a vote of 7-0

IV. ACTION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Vanguard Special Education Agreement/Amendment to Charter School Contract

Cukale moved and Carmany seconded to approve the Vanguard special education agreement/amendment as presented.

Barber asked if the charter agreement would expire in January 2009. Hostetler clarified that the agreement was for the entire year but we will begin negotiating the contract for next year in January. Cukale added that we will look at the effectiveness of the agreement in January.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8020

Approved on a vote of 7-0

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESEARCH

No Items

DIVISION OF FINANCE

Expenditure Summary and Financial Report as of June 30, 2008

Weeks noted that the Board received the June 30 Interim Financial Report under separate cover and the expenditure summary report showing an expenditure of \$352 million for the year ended, June 30, 2008.

The recommendation is that the Board approve the Expenditures Summary and Financial Report dated June 30, 2008, as presented.

Edberg moved and Barber seconded to approve the Expenditures Summary and Financial Report dated June 30, 2008, as presented.

Weeks commented that due to increases in utilities and fuel, opening of new buildings and the reduction of funding, we were not able to hit our targeted spending rate of 92 percent. This will impact our balance and will be noted in the audit that the Board will receive in a couple of months.

Interfund borrowing in the amount of \$1.6 million has occurred in three funds: nutrition services, copier services and the grant fund. The scheduled payment for outstanding bonds was made on June 1. Our current outstanding debt is \$212 million with the capacity of \$370 million.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Edberg, Lewis, Prince #8021

Approved on a vote of 7-0 vote

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items

DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

No Items

DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

No Items

IV. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Opportunity for Audience

Correspondence

Next meeting date

The next business meeting of the Board of Education will be held September 2, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dr. Edward and Mrs. Patricia Lord Boardroom.

Adjournment

The regular meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

President

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ATTEST _____
Secretary

Information Items

II - INFORMATION ITEMS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- 1. **Reports from the Board of Education** **Staff Responsible – Board**
6:40 - 6:50
- 2. **Items of Current Interest** **Staff Responsible – Barry**
6:50 - 7:00
- 3. **VISTA 2010 Update** **Staff Responsible – Leadership**
7:00 - 7:10

B. DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESEARCH

- 1. **AYP** **Staff Responsible – Escárcega**
7:10 - 7:25
(Attachment under separate cover)

Chief Accountability and Research Officer Lisa Escárcega will provide the Board with an update and explanation of the annual Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results for Aurora Public Schools.

C. DIVISION OF FINANCE

- 1. **Tax Increment Financing (TIF) – Technology Park at Fitzsimons** **Staff Responsible – Weeks**
7:25 - 7:35
(Attachment II-C-1)

The Board of Education will be presented with both information and the final report prepared by the Joint Task Force on Tax Increment Financing relative to the Technology Park portion of the Fitzsimons Urban Renewal Area on the Fitzsimons campus.

D. DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items

E. DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

- 1. **MONDO Workshop** **Staff Responsible – Stuart**
7:35 - 8:20

The Board of Education will be presented with an update on the MONDO Literacy Program.

F. DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

No Items

Consent Agenda – Action Items

III - CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

No Items

B. DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESEARCH

No Items

C. DIVISION OF FINANCE

No Items

D. DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Classified Personnel

**Staff Responsible – Allen
8:20 – 8:22**

a. Resignation

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| 1) | Souad Benradi | 08-22-08 | Assistant, Nutrition Services, Mrachek |
| 2) | Jeremy Herber | 08-15-08 | Mechanic, Fleet, Transportation |
| 3) | Patrice LaMotta | 08-18-08 | Paraeducator, Classroom, Virginia Court |
| 4) | Hyon Morris | 06-30-08 | Custodian, Kenton |
| 5) | Consuello Thomas | 08-26-08 | Paraeducator, Transportation |
| 6) | Angela Townsend | 05-21-08 | Paraeducator, Classroom, Tollgate |
| 7) | Jillian Walker | 09-16-08 | Paraeducator, Before & After Assistant, Dalton |
| 8) | Wendy Wall | 09-12-08 | Clerk, Department, Hinkley |

b. Declined Appointment

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|----|-------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) | Clara de la Garza | 08-20-08 | Paraeducator, Classroom, Paris |
| 2) | Evelyn Whitlock | 08-01-08 | Paraeducator, Preschool, Jamaica CDC |

c. Termination

Michelle R. Anderson	5-21-08	Paraeducator, Classroom, Aurora Century
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d. Appointment

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| 1) | Marisol Alba | 08-14-08 | Paraeducator, Preschool, William Smith |
| 2) | Jessica Bell | 08-12-08 | Paraeducator, Severe Needs/Life Skills, Hinkley |

- 3) Ketrick Copeland 07-16-08 Paraeducator, Before & After Assistant, Aurora Century
- 4) Mary Cottle 08-05-08 Paraeducator, Before & After Assistant, Arkansas
- 5) Sandra Duran 08-07-08 Paraeducator, Preschool, Aurora Century
- 6) Beth Gardner 08-01-08 Paraeducator, Cross Categorical, Side Creek
- 7) Brandon Gordon 08-12-08 Educational Assistant, Technology, Arkansas
- 8) Shannon Hermanson 8-11-08 Paraeducator, Classroom, Crawford
- 9) Claudia Hernandez 08-04-08 Clerk, General Ed Support, Child Development Center
- 10) Alison Keating 08-13-08 Paraeducator, Emotionally Disabled, Hinkley
- 11) Jeorgina Morrison 07-28-08 Paraeducator, Health/Office, Jamaica CDC
- 12) Michele Shazier 08-04-08 Paraeducator, Preschool, Child Development Center
- 13) Brennan Streeter 08-01-08 Paraeducator, Severe Needs/Life Skills, ESC 2
- 14) Jowanna Thomas 08-12-08 Paraeducator, Cross Categorical, Laredo
- 15) Jalisa Williams 08-12-08 Paraeducator, Before & After Assistant, Sixth Avenue

e. Extension of Leave of Absence

- 1) Allen Russell 07-31-08 Medical
Bus Driver, Transportation
- 2) Linda White 07-31-08 Medical
Bus Driver, Transportation

f. Leave of Absence

- 1) Sheila Dailey 08-18-08 Medical
Preschool Facilitator, Montview
- 2) Chandra Doris 05-21-08 Maternity
Paraeducator, Cross Categorical, South
- 3) Felicia Jimenez 05-21-08 Medical
Assistant, Nutrition Services, Crawford
- 4) Heather Nannie 05-21-08 Medical
Paraeducator, Classroom, Side Creek
- 5) Roxanne Norris 05-21-08 Formal study
Educational Assistant, Classroom, Park Lane
- 6) Logan Reece 08-22-08 Medical
Paraeducator, Transportation

- 7) Shandra Tucciarone 06-25-08 Maternity Clerk, General Ed Support, Child Development Center

- g. Return from Leave of Absence
 - 1) Bonni Romero-Cruz 08-04-08 Paraeducator, Severe Needs/Life Skills, Aurora Central
 - 2) Allan Russell 08-13-08 Bus Driver, Transportation
 - 3) Cherina Sanchez 08-01-08 Educational Assistant, Classroom, West

- h. Reassignment
 - 1) Diann Feakes 08-01-08 Paraeducator, Preschool, Park Lane to Jamaica
 - 2) Pamela Headding 08-06-08 Paraeducator, Cross Categorical, Park Lane to ESC 2
 - 3) Danny Lomeli 08-01-08 Paraeducator, Preschool, Jamaica to Park Lane
 - 4) Cherina Mason 08-01-08 Educational Assistant, Classroom, North to West
 - 5) Shawna McCowan 08-01-08 Assistant, Orientation Mobility/Travel Trainer, Pickens Technical College to Crossroads
 - 6) Sonja Reddick 08-01-08 Facilitator, Preschool, Child Development Center to Dalton

- i. Reclassification
 - Patricia Cook 08-01-08 Educational Assistant, Classroom to Educational Assistant, ELA, Paris

- j. Transfer
 - 1) Vickie Candelaria 08-11-08 Paraeducator, Classroom, Wheeling to Paraeducator, Cross Categorical, ESC 2
 - 2) Ora Haley 08-12-08 Paraeducator, Severe Needs/Life Skills to Educational Assistant, Classroom, Hinkley
 - 3) Steven Hobbs 08-11-08 Custodian, Maintenance, Aurora Central to Custodian, Head Elementary, Crawford
 - 4) Adrienne Johnson 08-11-08 Paraeducator, Media Assistant to Paraeducator, Health/Office, Dartmouth

- k. Retirement

- 1) JoAnn May 08-15-08 Paraeducator, Transportation
- 2) Lavina McCreary 10-24-08 Educational Assistant, Classroom, Altura

2. Licensed Personnel

**Staff Responsible – Allen
8:22 - 8:25**

a. Resignation

- 1) Byran Gasior 08-22-08 Teacher, Aurora Central
- 2) Anne Howard 08-22-08 Teacher, Aurora Central
- 3) Jovialis Schwarz-Mason 9-05-08 Teacher, Lansing
- 4) Stephanie Smaha 08-29-08 Teacher, Side Creek

b. Appointment

- 1) Zachary Alden 08-13-08 Teacher, Gateway
- 2) Patti Enoch 08-14-08 Teacher, East
- 3) Karen Hayward 08-13-08 Teacher, Altura
- 4) Ellen Lewis 08-11-08 Teacher, East

c. Leave of Absence

- 1) Stephanie Bolivar 08-12-08 Maternity
Teacher, Aurora Central
- 2) Jennifer Handy 08-19-08 Maternity
Teacher, Aurora Frontier K-8
- 3) Kasey John 05-22-08 Family care
Teacher, Murphy Creek K-8
- 4) Anne Kramer 08-08-08 Adoption
Teacher, South
- 5) Sarah McCombs 05-22-08 Maternity
Teacher, Gateway
- 6) Eryn Osterhaus 08-13-08 Maternity
Assistant Principal, Rangeview

d. Resign from Leave of Absence

Rianne Padilla-Clair 08-13-08 Social Worker, Elkhart/Peoria/Side Creek

e. Return from Leave of Absence

- 1) Michael Klouser 07-30-08 Teacher, Pickens Technical College
- 2) Shanna O'Dell 08-15-08 Teacher, Iowa
- 3) Janelle Phillips 07-30-08 Teacher, Columbia

f. Reassignments

- 1) Tammy Blanford 07-30-08 Teacher, Clyde Miller/Aurora Century to Jewell/Aurora Century
- 2) Mary Blomquist 07-30-08 School Psychologist, Dalton/Elkhart to Elkhart/Sixth Avenue
- 3) Barbara Booton 07-30-08 Speech Language Pathologist, Fulton/Aurora Frontier K-8 to Fulton/Vaughn
- 4) Gloria Casanave Perez 7-25-08 School Psychologist, ESC 2 to Dalton/Dartmouth
- 5) Deborah Crow 07-30-08 Speech Language Pathologist, Columbia/Murphy Creek K-8 to Columbia/William Smith
- 6) Lynn Emken 07-30-08 School Psychologist, Dartmouth/Vassar to Crawford/Murphy Creek K-8/Aurora Frontier K-8
- 7) Suzanne Farrell 07-30-08 School Psychologist, Side Creek/Tollgate to Side Creek/Aurora Century
- 8) Sharon Glenn 07-30-08 Speech Language Pathologist, Aurora Century/Rangeview to Arkansas/Rangeview
- 9) Leigh Gonzales 07-30-08 Teacher, Clyde Miller/Dartmouth to Jewell/Dartmouth
- 10) Erin Harrison 07-25-08 Speech Language Pathologist, ESC 2 to Child Development Center
- 11) Andrea Hobbs 07-25-08 School Psychologist, ESC 2 to South/West
- 12) Bridget Jackson 07-30-08 Social Worker, Wheeling/Aurora Quest/Virginia Court to Wheeling/Virginia Court/ Side Creek
- 13) Jennifer Jones 07-30-08 Social Worker, Aurora Century/North to South/North
- 14) Jennifer Joy 07-30-08 School Psychologist, Altura/Child Find/Boston to Altura/ Child Find/ ESC 2
- 15) Debbie Kennedy 07-30-08 School Psychologist, Fletcher/Paris to Fletcher/Boston/ ESC 2
- 16) Jennifer Leone 07-25-08 School Psychologist, ESC 2 to West
- 17) Michael Lubet 07-30-08 School Psychologist, Virginia Court/Vaughn to Virginia Court/Rangeview/ ESC 2
- 18) Alison Medley 07-30-08 School Psychologist, ESC 2 to Vaughn/Paris
- 19) Virginia Meenan 07-25-08 Speech Language Pathologist, ESC 2 to Lansing/Peoria
- 20) Emily Mohr 07-25-08 Speech Language Pathologist, ESC 2 to Clyde Miller/ESC 2
- 21) MaryAnn Moultrie 07-30-08 Speech Language Pathologist, Montview/Lansing to Montview/Fletcher
- 22) Dianne Moyers 07-30-08 Speech Language Pathologist, Vassar/

- 23) Cathy Mulqueen 07-30-08 ESC 2 to Dartmouth/Hinkley/ESC 2
Teacher, Jewell to Jewell/Aurora Century
- 24) Ashley Neff 07-25-08 Speech Language Pathologist, ESC 2 to
Aurora Century/Tollgate
- 25) Sheila Reiss 07-30-08 Speech Language Pathologist, West to
West/ESC 2
- 26) Melissa Roldan 07-30-08 Teacher, Clyde Miller/Dartmouth to
Jewell/Dartmouth
- 27) Camille Rossi 07-30-08 Social Worker, Clyde Miller/Sixth
Avenue to Sixth Avenue/Elkhart/ESC 2
- 28) Ashlee Saddler 07-25-08 Social Worker, ESC 2 to Clyde
Miller/Tollgate/Columbia
- 29) Jennifer Sanchez 07-30-08 Teacher, Clyde Miller/Aurora Century to
Jewell/Aurora Century
- 30) Dawn Schierling-Harder 7-30-08 Social Worker, Vassar to Crawford/
Jewell/ESC 2
- 31) Pamela Schock 07-30-08 Speech Language Pathologist, Clyde
Miller to Altura/Laredo
- 32) Kristen Silverman 07-30-08 Social Worker, Yale/Tollgate/Dartmouth
to Dartmouth/Aurora Century
- 33) Karyn Singley-Blair 07-30-08 School Psychologist, Aurora Central/
Aurora Century to Aurora Central
- 34) Marianne Stockdale 07-30-08 Speech Language Pathologist, Fletcher/
Park Lane to Mrachek/ESC 2
- 35) Christine Strater 07-30-08 Teacher, Aurora Century/Clyde Miller to
Clyde Miller
- 36) Kara Tucker 07-25-08 School Psychologist, ESC 2 to Iowa/
Clyde Miller/ESC 2
- 37) John Valdez 07-30-08 Teacher, Clyde Miller/Dartmouth to
Jewell/Dartmouth
- 38) Holly Walker-Trine 07-30-08 Speech Language Pathologist, Yale to
Yale/Dalton
- 39) Deborah Warner 07-30-08 Teacher, Intercept to Crossroads
- 40) Julie White 07-25-08 Social Worker, ESC 2 to Vassar/Hinkley
- 41) Dyanne Wooldridge 07-25-08 School Psychologist, ESC 2 to
Gateway/Hinkley/ESC 2
- 42) Kathleen Zupan 07-30-08 Speech Language Pathologist, Boston/
Sable to Park Lane/Sable

g. Transfer

- 1) Pamela Belyea 07-30-08 Teacher, Vaughn/Boston to Gateway
- 2) Karen Hart 08-15-08 Assistant Principal, Kenton to Principal,
Lansing
- 3) Tricia Rethelford 08-12-08 Teacher, Aurora Century to Consultant,
ELA, ESC 2
- 4) Cari Roberts 07-30-08 Teacher, ESC 2 to Aurora Central
- 5) Lisa Vratny-Smith 08-11-08 Social Worker, Jamaica CDC to Child

Development Center

h. Retirement

Robert Spagnola 06-17-09 Assistant Principal, Hinkley

3. **Non-Licensed Administrative and Professional/Technical Personnel**

Staff Responsible – Allen

No Items

RECOMMENDATION: The Board approve the personnel actions.

E. DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

No Items

F. DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

No Items

Action Items

IV - ACTION ITEMS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

No Items

B. DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESEARCH

No Items

C. DIVISION OF FINANCE

No Items

D. DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

No Items

E. DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

No Items

F. DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

No Items

V - CONCLUDING ITEMS

A. OPPORTUNITY FOR AUDIENCE

B. CORRESPONDENCE

C. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next business meeting of the Board of Education will be held on September 16, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dr. Edward and Mrs. Patricia Lord Boardroom at Educational Services Center 4.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Attachment II-C-1

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Technology Park at Fitzsimons

Report of The City of Aurora/Aurora Public Schools
Joint Task Force on Tax Increment Financing

Prepared by the Joint Task Force for Submittal to
The Aurora City Council & The Aurora Public Schools
Board of Education
May 2008

Introduction

Early in 2008 the City was approached by Forest City, the developer of the Colorado Science + Technology Park at Fitzsimons with a proposal to assist with project financing. Forest City's concept was to amend the existing Fitzsimons Urban Renewal Area to exclude the Technology Park, perform a new blight analysis of the 160 acre Technology Park, approve a new Urban Renewal Area for the Park and allow the establishment of multiple Tax Increment Financing Districts in the Urban Renewal Area to help finance infrastructure related to the Park over the ensuing 50 years of development. The City and Aurora Urban Renewal Authority have reached agreement in principle with Forest City on this concept. As a result, the Joint Task Force was assembled in May pursuant to the requirements of the Joint Resolution and Agreement No. R83-23 between the City, the Aurora Urban Renewal Authority and Aurora 28J Board of Education. This Agreement specifies creation of a task force if the City is considering creation or expansion of a Tax Increment Financing District in the City. The purpose of the task force is to study potential revenue sources for proposed public improvements and to review types of public projects to be financed through TIF. The task force is to provide a formal written recommendation to the Aurora City Council and Aurora Urban Renewal Authority. This document is that report and recommendation(s).

According to the terms of the Agreement, the task force was composed of the following members:

Mr. John Barry, Superintendent, Aurora Public Schools
Mr. Rod Weeks, Chief Financial Officer, Aurora Public Schools
Mr. Josh Hensley, Planning Coordinator, Aurora Public Schools
Mr. Ron Miller, City Manager, City of Aurora
Ms. Nancy Freed, Deputy City Manager, City of Aurora
Ms. Dianne Truwe, Director of Development Services, City of Aurora
Dr. Jay Gershen, Vice Chancellor, University of Colorado

The Joint Task Force met on May 6, 2008 and subsequently reviewed documents electronically before completing its report.

Deliberations and Findings

At its initial meeting the Joint Task Force reviewed the Joint Resolution and Agreement, went over the contents of the Joint Task Force report from 2001 related to forming the Fitzsimons Urban Renewal Area, discussed the Forest City General Development Plan for the Technology Park, and reviewed the details of the Forest City/AURA agreement related to the formation of a new urban renewal area with multiple TIF districts.

The School District representatives expressed the concern that if/when the legislature changes the terms of school financing related to TIF they would have the ability to comment on the formation of any future TIF districts. The group agreed that the Joint Resolution and Agreement would remain in place and allow discussion of future TIF districts both at Fitzsimons and elsewhere.

Superintendent Barry also commented that a major concern that APS had related to assessed valuation of property for bonding purposes had been answered by APS legal counsel who believes the new valuation from redevelopment of the Technology Park can be added to the District's assessed valuation for bonding.

There was also discussion of how best to inform and involve Adams County in this project and elicit the support of the Commissioners.

The Task Force agreed to review and agree upon a draft report in May to be presented to the APS Board of Education in June and then to City Council. Subsequent communications and discussions have resulted in the following agreements and recommendations.

Recommendations

1. The parties agree to waive the requirements in the Joint Resolution and Agreement for each of the remaining six TIF districts as they are established in the Fitzsimons Urban Renewal Area but continue to implement the Joint Resolution and Agreement between the School District and City to review future TIF districts elsewhere in the School District.
2. Limit the number of TIF districts in the Technology Park to no more than 7 (seven), with the last TIF district to expire 50 (fifty) years or sooner after the date of creation of the first TIF district.
3. Require that tax-exempt entities owning or leasing property in the Technology Park make payments in lieu of taxes to the Aurora Urban Renewal Authority in the full amount of any type of tax revenue forgone by the tax exempt status unless the City formally approves an exemption for a specific entity in the project.