

## I. PRELIMINARY

Cook called the November 10, 2009, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### ***Roll Call***

The following members were present:

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

Also meeting with the Board of Education were:

John L. Barry, superintendent of schools  
Tony Van Gytenbeek, deputy superintendent  
Barbara Cooper, chief equity and engagement 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/Welcome to Visitors***

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

### ***Approval of Agenda***

The November 10, 2009, agenda was approved as written.

### ***Approval of Minutes***

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held October 6, 2009, were approved as written.

### ***Student Performance***

Hinkley High School students, under the direction of Annell Weissenbuehler, performed a selection from their all-school musical "Beauty and the Beast."

Jinger Haberer, Hinkley High School principal, thanked Annel Weissenbuehler, Marie Heck and Phil Emery, performing arts teachers at Hinkley.

Haberer shared that Hinkley has a wonderful performing arts department, and asked Heck to highlight the recent a cappella festival in which a number of students who performed tonight took part in.

Heck shared that a number of featured artists were at the festival including The Bobs, House Jacks, Face and Blake Lewis of American Idol. Two years ago,

Blake Lewis was the second runner up at the festival held at Hinkley. We had a number of people at the concert on Friday. On Saturday, we had a choir festival for a cappella high school choirs and college groups. At the evening competition between high schools and colleges, the Hinkley a cappella choir placed second by one point. Wonderful things are happening in the music program at Hinkley.

Heck thanked the Board on behalf of Emery and Weissenbuehler, and invited everyone to the student production of "Beauty and the Beast."

Carmany commented that Heck and Weissenbuehler are two of the best music teachers. A former graduate of Hinkley, who now attends Metro State College, had both teachers and recently wrote a play in which Metro has decided to run as their fall production. They are in the process of raising funds to take the play on the road. Carmany encouraged the students to take advantage of their time with these two wonderful teachers.

### ***Recognition of Outgoing Board Member***

Cook recognized outgoing Board member, Judy Edberg, for all her dedication and years of service on the Board.

Edberg thanked and acknowledged staff throughout the district on October 6. These last four years have been wonderful, and I am excited about all of the wonderful things that are occurring in the district. Thank you for making my experience so positive.

Brenna Isaacs, president of the Aurora Education Association, thanked Edberg for all her years of service in APS. Public service is truly a commendable endeavor. School board members should be especially thanked for all their hard work and efforts. Board members are in charge of very large budgets, make decisions that impact a large number of employees, and spend long evenings at school board meetings. Work often goes unnoticed with little praise, thanks or a salary. On behalf of the Aurora Education Association officers and APS teachers, thank you for your dedication, commitment to students and unflagging confidence in the staff that work with them everyday. We thank you for everything that you have done as an APS Board member and we will miss you. Isaacs presented Edberg with flowers and a gift certificate.

Cook announced that the Kids Clinic at Crawford will be renamed the Judy Edberg Kids Clinic. He presented Edberg with a framed photograph of the clinic and a plaque for all her years of service on the APS Board.

### ***Swearing-In Ceremony for New Board***

Kathleen Hostetler, district legal counsel, swore in board members Jane Barber, Jeanette Carmany, Matthew Cook, and JulieMarie Shepherd. Barber, Carmany and Cook are starting their second term in office. Shepherd is beginning her first term on the Board.

Shepherd is excited about the opportunity to serve on the APS Board. Shepherd was a student in the International Baccalaureate Program at Hinkley and graduated in 2004. She has earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in political science through the University of Colorado at Boulder and is pursuing her Ph.D. She is interested in education policy and state budgeting, and looks forward to jumping in and making a difference.

Shepherd took her seat on the Board immediately following the swearing-in ceremony.

## **II. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

### **Reports from the Board of Education**

Shepherd recently attended a meeting with the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and heard a report regarding concurrent enrollment. Concurrent enrollment is very prominent on their radar, and it was a good opportunity to share what APS is doing. Jim Polsfut, chairman, is very interested in concurrent enrollment and looking at strategies to encourage more students to attend college.

Lewis attended the Veterans Day luncheon at Wings Over the Rockies sponsored by the Aurora Center for Active Adults. The Dalton Elementary choir, under the direction of music teacher and choir director Mikey McDermott; the AFJROTC CO-861st Squadron for Gateway and Rangeview under the direction of Colonel George Wade; and the AFJROTC CO-21st Squadron for Aurora Central and Hinkley under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel John Plaza were all amazing. It was a very moving event.

Lewis noted that the VISTA 2015 Listening Tour has begun and Board members have taken part in many presentations. One presentation was held with the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee with middle and high school students. Our students know what they need and they know we will listen to their concerns. APS will be just fine if we continue to listen to our students.

Lewis attended the Colorado Youth for Risk breakfast. Colorado Youth for Risk is a nonprofit that has been in the Denver metropolitan area for about 11 years. Representatives will be working with 40 students at Aurora Central High School starting in January. Colorado Youth for Risk provides mentors for students as well as a training program for both mentors and mentees. The students and mentors that spoke this morning shared how the program has changed their lives. Lewis asked the audience to contact her if they wish to be a mentor to one of the Aurora Central students.

Barber attended the Early Childhood Advisory Council meeting. We have so many great things that are occurring with early childhood in APS.

Barber took part in VISTA 2015 presentations with Tri-County Health and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee. She also attended the VISTA 2015 Town Hall Kickoff on October 20.

Barber had a choice of three student productions on Friday and elected to attend the student production of "Harvey" at Gateway High School. It was a wonderful production and all the sets were great.

Barber shared that this is a challenging and invigorating time in APS. I am glad to be a part of it.

Prince attended the Elkhart fall music program. They did such a good job, and had a canned food drive.

Prince attended the Veterans Day salute at Wings Over the Rockies. Dalton's principal and I were extremely impressed with the Dalton students who

performed at the event.

Prince attended the Rangeview football game. The kids played their hearts out, but did not make it as far as we would have liked. Kudos to the entire Rangeview football team for a great season.

Prince had an opportunity to tour the new Aurora Hills building with Darla Stumpp, principal. Stumpp is working hard to make good things happen at Aurora Hills.

Cukale was privileged to attend a walkthrough of the IB program at Wheeling Elementary. Having the IB program at an elementary school that feeds into the middle school IB program is very important. Jan Lotter, principal at Wheeling, and Tony Van Gytenbeek, deputy superintendent, did a phenomenal job implementing the program.

Carmany is excited about the next four years. APS is facing some financial challenges, but this district can weather challenges in a way that students can continue to do well and we can honor our employees. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Cook noted that on the night that Barber attended the student production of "Harvey" at Gateway, he attended the student production of "Grease" at Aurora Central. It was a wonderful show.

Cook announced that the Colorado Association of School Boards has selected the APS Board for the 2009 All State Colorado Board Award. The APS Board is one of two school boards selected to receive the prestigious award. The Board will be recognized on December 4 at the Colorado Association of School Boards Convention at The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. The Gateway Athenians will be the keynote performer at one of the general sessions.

Cook thanked Tonia Norman, Sue Clark, Tony Van Gytenbeek and John Barry for all their work and efforts with the application. It is always gratifying to be recognized. The APS Board has done a good job in accomplishing what is best for students. It is my privilege to serve on the APS Board for another four years.

### **Superintendent's Celebrations**

Barry commended the APS Compensation Department for their willingness to accept change in order to increase efficiencies and save the district money.

Previously, contract letters were sent to home addresses via US Mail, involving many hours of work across the district. After reports were run, printed, folded, stuffed in envelopes and stamped, the compensation team tracked the returned and signed letters, which took months. Today, these reports are sent and tracked via email, saving the district thousands of dollars. The compensation office checked and rechecked the data before the e-mails were sent. The outcome was great.

We appreciate all of their hard work and efforts in moving our district forward. We value all that they do.

Barry recognized work and efforts of Cynthia Miller Hubbard, Domenica Ortega, Natalie Riepe and Carl Walker. He presented each with a Superintendent recognition coin. He also recognized efforts of Diane Simmons and Debra

DeVries, who were not present at the meeting.

We are very grateful for the Aurora Youth Options organization and all that they do for our youth. This program links at-risk adolescents with appropriate community resources in order to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors such as truancy, substance abuse, gang involvement, unwanted pregnancy and legal and emotional problems.

We are thankful that this organization designated 300 slots in their youth programs specifically for Aurora Public Schools students.

Kathie Snell, Aurora Youth Options Board Member, and Vicki Scott, Aurora Youth Options Coordinator, are here with us tonight. We appreciate their commitment and efforts to help our at-risk students. They truly make a difference in our community. Barry presented Snell and Scott with Superintendent recognition coins.

We would like to recognize Tollgate Special Education Paraprofessional Alyssa Cheguer for her bravery in the midst of a very traumatic event. On her way to work, she came upon an accident. An elderly woman was running to catch a bus and was, unfortunately, hit by a car. She lay in the street critically injured and Cheguer stopped to give her CPR until paramedics arrived. Although the woman did not survive, we are thankful for citizens like Cheguer who care about the well-being of others...even strangers. Two other citizens stopped to help as well. Cheguer says she lives by the saying, "You do whatever you can for whomever you can whenever you can." Your actions have not gone unrecognized and you are very much appreciated. We are lucky to have you on our team. Barry presented Cheguer with a Superintendent recognition coin.

The APS Board of Education and I would like to acknowledge Barbara Holter, Marisela Flores, LuAnn Tallman, Mona Martinez-Brosh, Sue Wranosky, Wendy Kickland and other Iowa Elementary staff for helping a colleague in need. Ramona Anderson, who works in the school's cafeteria, was experiencing high blood pressure, stress and exhaustion one morning at work when these individuals stepped in to offer assistance. LuAnn Tallman even gave up her day to stay in the hospital with Ramona until she was released.

We commend you all for the compassion you've shown for your teammate and want you to know that what you did for Ramona has not gone unnoticed. Barry presented Holter, Flores, Tallman, Martinez-Brosh, Wranosky and Kickland with Superintendent recognition coins.

Congratulations to Rangeview High School Counselor Arlene Lanier for being recognized as "October Counselor of the Month" by Collegenest and the Colorado Council on High School and College Relations. Lanier was nominated by her colleague Ann Atencio.

Lanier is known for being a leader and trainer for equity issues. Because of Lanier's work and a few others, Rangeview was recognized as a No Place for Hate School by the Anti-Defamation League.

Thank you for all the countless hours you commit to ensuring our students are emotionally well, for helping them plan for college and for keeping them on track academically. You truly make a difference. Barry presented Lanier with a Superintendent recognition coin.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Leadership Team Reports

#### Instructional Materials Adoption

Barry shared that the list of proposed instructional materials for adoption is presented to the Board as information. Cook shared that instructional materials listed for adoption are available for public inspection. The list is presented to the Board as information and will be returned for approval on November 17.

#### School Without Borders

Barry invited Kathleen Hostetler, legal counsel, to the staff table to provide an update on the School Without Borders charter application.

Cook shared that the School Without Borders charter application was the only one that the district received this year. The application was reviewed thoroughly and was found insufficient.

Lewis asked if the charter had an opportunity to re-submit the application. Hostetler replied yes. We received the application on September 1 and found it insufficient after a preliminary review. We notified the charter on September 15 and gave them 10 business days to correct concerns. The proposed charter provided an additional submission, but after further review from the Division of Finance and the Division of Instruction, it was still too deficient to bring to the Board for review.

Barry shared that we now have a charter application process that has been approved by the National Association of Charter Schools on the APS Web site. It provides a good, credible and fair application process for charter schools. We received advice from charter groups in regard to the School Without Borders application and all agreed that the application was deficient. School Without Borders can reapply for a charter next year.

Carmany noted that DAAC also reviewed the charter application. They had a lot of questions and noted discrepancies in the application.

Lewis asked if the proposed charter could appeal the decision. Hostetler replied no. The application was insufficient and is not subject to appeal by the Colorado Department of Education.

Escárcega recommended that Schools Without Borders work with the Charter League Institute of Colorado. They have a nice review process, and will support and help the proposed charter in the development of a sufficient charter application.

#### State of Colorado Interest-Free Loan Program

Cook shared that the Board of Education authorized the district to borrow up to \$10 million from the state of Colorado during the 2009-10 budget year at its June 2009 meeting. Updated cash flow projections, which now include the delayed receipt of ARRA stimulus funds, require that the amount to borrow needs to be increased to \$20 million.

Weeks shared that the district does an analysis of cash balances throughout the year. This is done specifically in May before the start of the budget year and in November in order to meet December payroll. Our initial analysis for this year was \$10 million, but we need to increase the amount to \$20 million. This is a required resolution for the Board of Education to approve. This item will return for action on November 17.

Cook clarified that this is not a funding increase as noted in a local newspaper. The loan request is to help the district alleviate a cash flow deficiency that occurs in December. Weeks shared that the district receives cash at various intervals in the year. We need additional funds in December to meet payroll. We plan to pay the loan back as early as March and as late as June 25. It does not impact or change our budget in any amount.

This item will return for action on November 17.

### **VISTA 2010 Update**

Cook shared that at the first Board meeting of the month, the Board reviews a different element of PACE -- people, achievement, community and environment, in the VISTA 2010 Strategic Plan.

#### People

Allen introduced Susan Olezene, director of student achievement, curriculum and professional development, to present information in the people section of the VISTA 2010 Strategic Plan.

Olezene reviewed action 12, develop an annual learning plan with individual teachers based on their specific knowledge, skills, experience and job assignment. Data is collected from student achievement directors and compiled by the director of professional learning. Twenty percent of schools have completed reviews and 60 percent of those schools had 100 percent of teachers revise their plans to date. Individual learning plans were developed initially as part of our coaching agreements, prior to the collaborative coaching and learning professional model that we implemented. The collaborative coaching and learning professional model has changed the concept as most teachers now have plans based on their work as part of the professional learning model. We hope that individual teacher learning plans will be revised as part of VISTA 2015.

Lewis asked if 20 percent was accurate in terms of schools that had completed reviews. Olezene shared that teachers have individual learning plans, and as part of the plan, teachers begin them at the start of the school year or complete them at the end of the school year. Plans are revised quarterly. Only a few APS schools have completed reviews. One reason for the low percentage rate of schools that have completed reviews is due to the collaborative coaching and learning professional model that has been implemented at school sites.

#### Achievement

Olezene reviewed action 30, data team process and use of accurate, timely data to monitor student progress, identify potential problem areas and implement student targeted intervention strategies. We continue to train newly hired administrators and teachers in data driven decision making.

Olezene just completed a professional learning session for all new

administrators. Doug Reeves, nationally recognized leader and leading expert on data teams, will facilitate a professional learning session at South. Teachers and administrators from South, Montview, and Virginia Court will share their data analysis process. As part of our practice, we are working toward having teachers lead data teams; about 90 percent are currently teacher led. We are developing a process to monitor student progress and implementing targeted instruction and intervention strategies that we hope will remain a part of the VISTA 2015 achievement plan.

#### Community

Bonnie Lavinder, coordinator for school services, reviewed goal one, strengthening and increasing collaboration with parents to enhance learning and increase attendance by improving parent and student engagement. We are currently working to increase the number of home visits by 10 percent annually.

We have conducted 434 home visits so far this year, which is a 38 percent increase. Prior to the October count this year, we tripled the number of home visits from the previous school year. Our goal is to conduct 790 home visits; we are currently at 56 percent.

We are working to refine how we track home visits. Data provided to the Board shows a minimum of home visits. We will work with information technology and the Division of Accountability and Research to develop a better tracking system.

Carmany asked if home visits by counselors, nurses and staff were counted. Lavinder replied yes. We have requested that school staff members record visits in Infinite Campus, the district's student database, but they may be recording information in different sections of Infinite Campus. Our goal is to establish a system that is consistent for everyone.

Lewis asked if certain student population groups were targeted for home visits. Lavinder shared that School Services targets truant students. A lot of the data recorded is a reflection of home visits by truancy specialists. Individual schools target students based on specific behavior or other concerns.

Barber shared that administrators and teachers at East Middle School often conduct home visits. Are these visits recorded? Lavinder replied that we count what is recorded in Infinite Campus.

Shepherd asked if repeat visits were captured in data. Lavinder replied yes.

#### Environment

Lavinder reviewed Goal two: develop and nurture a professional and high-performing culture based on trust, compassion, mutual respect and integrity, and Action 92: adopt Positive Behavior Support (PBS) in every school and clearly communicate to students, staff and parents by August 2010.

We began the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) program at three schools in 2007. We have added schools incrementally to bring the total number of PBS schools to 24. At this rate, we will have PBS in all district schools by August 2012. We have invited schools to apply to become a PBS school by next August, and an open house has been scheduled for principals who are interested in implementing PBS at their sites. Interested principals will have an opportunity to talk to principals who are currently implementing PBS. The program has been

very successful in reducing the number of discipline offenses and we have seen a 23 percent decrease.

Cook asked if there were still restrictions in place by the Colorado Department of Education in regard to how quickly we could expand PBS at school sites. Barry believes that restrictions are no longer in place.

Prince noted that PBS is a community effort and often expands out into the community. Lavinder added that there is a very specific parent engagement piece in PBS. We reach out to parents, explain the program and encourage them to implement the same types of PBS strategies and supports at home.

Lewis requested a list of all PBS school sites. Lavinder will forward the list to the Board.

## **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board has set forth in policies items that are operational and items that are considered Board work. These are items that the Board is legally responsible to take action on. If a Board member has an issue or concern with any item for action on the consent agenda, the item will be brought forward for further review. If there are no concerns from a Board member or a community member who has signed up to address an item on the consent agenda, all items submitted for action will be voted on collectively.

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

#### **Monitoring Reports**

Governance Policy 3.2 – Treatment of Staff

Cook shared that the Board adopted the policy governance model in June, and one key element is monitoring of policies. At the October 6 Board meeting, Barry submitted monitoring report 3.2 - treatment of staff. The Board requested that each item listed under the policy in regard to treatment of staff be addressed in the report and resubmitted for approval on the November 10 consent agenda.

Carmany liked how the report was structured with specific examples when applicable. Barry noted that we will report out in a responsible manner. If there is a policy in place to address the item and no specific concerns, we would not be able to provide an example. Carmany suggested adding a statement on the monitoring reports to indicate when there are no specific examples to report.

Cook asked Barry to continue this format on the next monitoring report to the Board.

### **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

**DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

No Items

**DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Long-Range Facilities Advisory Committee Applications**

**Aurora Central Mock Trial Club**

**Rangeview Mock Trial Club**

**Rangeview The Military Club**

**Rangeveiw Things Japanese Club**

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

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Lewis, Prince, Shepherd #8106

Approved on a vote of 7-0

Cook noted that items that the Board does not have to take direct action on are included on the consent agenda. The Board has the option to pull an item for further discussion if needed.

Lewis commented that all of the Long-Range Facilities Advisory Committee applications listed on the consent agenda were names of district employees. Are we courting members from the community? Sturges replied yes. We are still two or three members short, but are continuing efforts to solicit parent representatives from the community.

Sturges shared that several club sponsors were in the audience to answer questions from the Board. Barry added that the Board has already approved clubs presented on the consent agenda. Club sponsors will share information or answer questions about the clubs.

Eryn Osterhaus, assistant principal at Rangeview, was present to answer questions. Club sponsors were not present due to parent/teacher conferences at Rangeview.

Barber asked about the status of each club and how information is tracked. Osterhaus shared that sponsors maintain meeting logs and track community service hours. I meet with all of the club presidents and student body officers regularly. We submit data reports of each club to Tony Antolini, district athletics and activities director. Competition-based clubs such as the mock trail club have specific purposes and agendas that we report out on regularly.

Barber noted the importance of extracurricular activities for students. Osterhaus concurred. We advocate for students to join clubs as a hook to keep them

involved, follow their passions and build relationships with teachers.

Sturges noted that information mentioned will be included in the annual athletic and activities report that will be submitted to the Board.

Lewis asked if any other APS high school had a military club. Osterhaus does not believe so. Lewis asked if the military club was modeled after a specific club. Osterhaus shared that a group of Rangeview students were interested in starting a military club and found a club sponsor. They plan to sponsor a charity event over the holidays to help veterans in need.

## **V. BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK**

### **BOARD REPORTS**

#### Election of Board Officers

Carmany asked that the Board consider the following nominations for Board officers:

- Matthew Cook, president
- Amy Prince, vice president
- Jane Barber, secretary
- Peter Cukale, treasurer

Carmany moved and Shepherd seconded to approve the nominations for Board officers as presented.

Carmany shared that it has been a privilege to serve as vice president of the Board for the past four years. It is my personal belief that in order for an organization to continue to be vibrant and grow, it is important to change leadership positions and move members forward that will be here for a longer term. Cook added that it is also important from a policy governance standpoint. Prince and I will work closely with Superintendent Barry as we continue policy governance work.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Lewis, Prince, Shepherd #8107

Approved on a vote of 7-0

#### VISTA 2015 Update

Cook shared that the first phase of VISTA 2015 presentations has begun, and Board members have taken part in many presentations. Barry shared that the presentation structure has been revised to provide better clarification for groups. We plan to present information and collect feedback from more than 90 district and community groups. The presentations will range from 30 minutes to 60 minutes, dependent on the group's request. A copy of the revised presentation structure was e-mailed to the Board. Georgia Duran, chief communication officer, requested that copies be distributed to the Board at the meeting.

Cook shared that the initial kickoff is October to January. Barry noted that the survey will be available from November 20 to late March based on feedback from various constituents. Lewis added that the survey is available to students, staff, parents and community members. The survey is located on the VISTA page of

the district's Web site.

Lewis shared that the Key Community Response Team will provide 45 minutes on their January 5 agenda, 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., for the Board and Superintendent to present information on VISTA 2015.

Barber recognized veterans throughout the community for all they have done for the country. Cook encouraged the audience to stop by the Veterans Day ceremony at Aurora Central tomorrow morning.

## **Board Reports**

### Concerns or Issues

Lewis spoke to Dan Oates, Aurora police chief, at the Key Community Response Team meeting about additional pathway opportunities for students. Superintendent Barry had asked students about their interests in additional pathway opportunities at the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council VISTA 2015 presentation. Most of the students were interested in forensics, and Oates had mentioned that they have a wonderful person in the police lab that would be very interested in helping students. Barry requested that Susan Olezene, director of student achievement, curriculum and professional development, follow up with the Board.

Lewis had an opportunity to talk to an officer of the NAACP Aurora Chapter. Many members are excited and enthusiastic about what is occurring in APS, and feel very energized and supportive of the district.

Barber noted that the library referendum did not pass and asked if the district could open up libraries to assist parents. Cook asked Barry to look at resources to determine what the district could do to help. Prince had discussed concerns about possible library closures and opening up district libraries to assist parents with Tony Van Gytenbeek, deputy superintendent. Barry has spoken to the city of Aurora about providing access to district libraries, and shared that the district is designing new schools with outside entry points to school libraries. It will be a challenge to provide outside entry points at older district schools. Lewis also noted that students were able to access wireless networks for homework at community libraries. It is important that we do what we can to assist students and the community at large that supported APS with the bond. Barry added that opening up elementary and middle school libraries might be a challenge, but we could certainly look at options to open libraries to assist students and parents at district high schools.

### Conference Updates

The APS Board will be recognized and receive the 2009 Colorado All State Board Award at the Colorado Association of School Boards Convention on Friday, December 4. The Board will also attend a policy governance session and several leadership sessions throughout the weekend.

## **BOARD SELF-MONITORING**

### Policy Update

Prince noted that as part of policy governance, when we see something that we feel needs to be changed, we can do so as a Board. At the October 6 meeting, I

voiced concerns in regard to time lines for Board information packets. I requested that we establish a set day to have Board packets delivered in order to have time to review information prior to Board meetings. I discussed this with Board members and Cook and Carmany formulated language to include in the APS Policy Manual.

Cook shared that items one and two, listed below, will be added to the APS Policy Manual under executive limitations, 3.8 – communication and support to the Board. The two additional items will be listed under item 1a.

1. Barring unforeseen circumstances, information intended for the community/public in regard to district programs or initiatives will be available to the Board one week in advance of disclosure to the public.
2. Items to be presented on the regular Board agenda will be due to the board assistant by noon on the Wednesday before the Board meeting. The Board information packets will be available to the Board by the Thursday before the Board meeting.

Barber moved and Carmany seconded to amend the APS Board Policy Manual and include items one and two as presented under Executive Limitations, 3.8 – communication and support to the Board, item 1a.

Roll Call: Barber, Carmany, Cook, Cukale, Lewis, Prince, Shepherd #8108

Approved on a vote of 7-0

Cook asked Norman to update the APS Board Policy Manual and bring copies to the November 17 Board meeting.

Cook shared that we will begin to see the power of policy governance as we move through this first year. We will take comments and feedback from VISTA 2015 presentations and craft our ends and means statement at the end of the year. I am excited to be continuing on this journey.

## **VI. CONCLUDING ITEMS**

### ***Opportunity for Audience***

Edward Samaniego, 15070 E. Florida Avenue, Aurora, 80012, 303-306-9931, addressed the Board as a member of the Gateway High School PTSA.

Samaniego shared that on November 17, Gateway's PTSA is sponsoring a McTeachers event at the McDonald's Restaurant at Mississippi and Chambers from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Superintendent Barry has been invited and plans to stop by to help out. In addition, Gateway High School Principal Linda Witulski, students and teachers will also be present. Twenty percent of proceeds from the window will be given to the school. In addition, pies and cookies will be sold at 50 cents and proceeds will be given to the school.

Samaniego will ask communication services to post information on the district Web site.

Lewis read that the photographer who took the photo of Superintendent Barry serving lunch to a student on the first day of school has received an award for the photo.

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Dahabo Adela, 12892 E. Center Ave., 720 951-2586 or 303 366-5281, voiced concerns in regard to continuous assaults on his son by an unidentified group of students at Aurora Hills Middle School. We have spoken to a school staff member, who shared that nothing can be done until students are identified. Cook asked Barry to look into concerns. Barry requested that Chief Operating Officer Anthony Sturges meet with Mr. Adela following the Board meeting.

Carmany commended district high schools for all their work and efforts in keeping buildings open and helping the Tri-County Health Department provide H1N1 shots to the community. It is a huge undertaking.

Cukale congratulated Barber, Carmany, Cook and Shepherd. I look forward to working with all of you for the next four years. This Board has done a tremendous amount of work. The APS students have taken hold and have produced some phenomenal work.

***Correspondence***

***Next meeting date***

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held November 17, 2009, 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 8:32 p.m.

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**President**

**ATTEST**

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**Secretary**