



Aurora  
Public  
Schools

# Board of Education

## Agenda

meeting of

**May 19, 2015**

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**Aurora Public Schools**

1085 Peoria Street  
Aurora, Colorado 80011

**AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**May 19, 2015**  
**4:30 p.m.**

**I – PRELIMINARY**

A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

B. WELCOME TO VISITORS

The regular meeting of the Aurora Public Schools Board of Education will convene in the third floor conference room of the Ritchie Center, University of Denver, 2240 Buchtel Blvd.

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015, the Aurora Public Schools Board of Education is expected to recess into executive session under the authority of C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) to discuss a personnel matter, specifically the superintendent's evaluation. The executive session will be held at 4:40 p.m. in the third floor conference room of the Ritchie Center, University of Denver, 2240 Buchtel Blvd.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The May 19, 2015, agenda is presented for approval.

**II – INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

1. **Accreditation Contract Report**

An accreditation contract report was provided to the Board for review. The Board will be asked to approve the accreditation contract at its June 2 Board meeting.

III – CONSENT AGENDA

A. BOARD OF EDUCATION

No Items

B. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- 1. **Annual Contract Renewal: Futures** **Staff Responsible – Stuart  
4:30 - 4:31**

The Board was presented with the alternative education services renewal agreement for Colorado Youth for a Change (Futures) on May 5, 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board approve the alternative education services renewal agreements for Colorado Youth for a Change (Futures) as presented.

- 2. **Policy AED, Accreditation** **Staff Responsible – Eyre  
4:31 - 4:32**

**(Attachment III-B-2)**

The Board of Education reviewed district Policy AED, Accreditation, on May 5, 2015. The policy was revised to correspond with recommendations from the Colorado Association of School Boards.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board approve Policy AED, Accreditation, as presented.

- 3. **Policy 2.1, Unity of Decision** **Staff Responsible – Eyre  
4:32 - 4:33**

**(Attachment III-B-3)**

The Board of Education was presented with suggested changes to Policy 2.1, Unity of Decision, within the Board Policy Manual on May 5, 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board of Education approve changes to Policy 2.1, Unity of Decision, as presented.

C. DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESEARCH

No Items

D. DIVISION OF EQUITY IN LEARNING

- 1. **Instructional Materials Adoption – Middle School Sexual Health Curriculum Adoption** **Staff Responsible – Youngquist  
4:33 - 4:35**

The Board of Education was presented with proposed middle school sexual health

curriculum, HealthSmart and F.L.A.S.H., for grades 6-8 on May 5, 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board of Education adopt the instructional materials as presented.

**E. DIVISION OF FINANCE**

1. **Acceptance of Metro Migrant Education Program Funds and Assurances** **Staff Responsible – Trautenberg 4:35 - 4:36**

Aurora Public Schools is submitting the 2015-16 Migrant Education Program (MEP) Grant application to the Colorado Department of Education, pursuant to Title I, Part C, of NCLB. The Board of Education will be asked to accept funds in the amount of \$1,535,382 and the administration and accountability of the MEP Grant, and appoint Jesús Escárcega as the budget authority.

APS serves as the fiscal agent for the Metro Region MEP, which services eligible migrant students in 18 school districts located in 10 counties for the region.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board of Education accept the administration and accountability of the Metro Migrant Education Program funds and appoint Jesús Escárcega as the authorized representative for this application.

2. **2015-16 Proposed Budget** **Staff Responsible – Trautenberg 4:36 - 4:39**

The proposed 2015-16 General, Charter, Athletic, Bond Redemption, Building, Capital Reserve, Colorado Preschool Program, Grants, Internal Service-Print Services, Nutrition Services, Pickens Technical College, Pupil Activity Agency, Risk-Related Activity, School Health Services and Special Programs budgets are submitted for consideration as follows:

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET**

Fund	2015-16
General	\$ 361,198,149
Charters	\$ 39,379,644
Athletic	\$ 824,251
Bond Redemption	\$ 64,774,170
Building	\$ 8,100,000
Capital Reserve	\$ 9,000,000
Colorado Preschool Program	\$ 7,716,549
Grants	\$ 38,474,083
Internal Service - Print Services	\$ -
Nutrition Services	\$ 19,473,887
Pickens Technical College Post Secondary	\$ 3,730,320
Pupil Activity Agency	\$ 3,200,000
Risk-Related Activity	\$ 5,813,852
School Health Services Program	\$ 6,327,829
Special Programs	\$ 8,991,852
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 577,004,586</b>

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Education for the Joint District No. 28-J of the Counties of Adams and Arapahoe, Aurora Public Schools, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and has been filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools where it is available for public inspection. Such proposed budget will be considered for adoption at a regular meeting of the Board of Education of said district in the Dr. Edward and Mrs. Patricia Lord Boardroom of Educational Services Center 4, 1085 Peoria Street, Aurora, Colorado, on June 16, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. Any person paying school taxes in said district may, at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget, file or register their objections thereto.

The District Accountability Advisory Committee will host a public meeting to review the proposed budget on May 21, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Dr. Edward and Mrs. Patricia Lord Boardroom of Educational Services Center 4, 1085 Peoria Street, Aurora, Colorado.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board of Education approve the proposed budget as presented.

**F. DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

**1. Licensed Personnel**

**Staff Responsible – Smith  
4:39 - 4:40**

a. Nonrenewal of Teachers for the 2015-16 Contract Year

Aaron Smith

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board approve the personnel action.

**G. DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

No Items

**H. DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

No Items

**IV – CONCLUDING ITEMS**

**A. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on June 2, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. Edward and Mrs. Patricia Lord Boardroom of Educational Services Center 4.

**B. ADJOURNMENT**

## **Attachment III-B-2**

### **Policy AED, Accreditation**

## ACCREDITATION

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The Board of Education believes its primary responsibility is to provide leadership in the area of student achievement. To foster greater accountability and enhance improvement in student achievement, the Board shall enter into an accreditation contract with the State Board of Education regarding district accreditation and shall accredit the schools within the district.

#### District accreditation

The accreditation contract shall bind the Board to manage the district and its schools to meet certain standards, goals and requirements over the term of the contract, in accordance with the Education Accountability Act of 2009 and applicable State Board of Education rules. ~~At a minimum, the accreditation contract shall address the following elements:~~

- ~~▪ the district's level of attainment on the four key performance indicators: student longitudinal academic growth, student achievement on statewide assessments, postsecondary and workforce readiness, and progress made on closing the achievement and growth gaps;~~
- ~~▪ the district's adoption and implementation of its performance, improvement, priority improvement or turnaround plan (whichever is required based on the district's assigned accreditation category);~~
- ~~▪ the district's implementation of its system for accrediting its schools; and~~
- ~~▪ the district's substantial, good faith compliance with the provisions of Title 22, C.R.S. and other statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to school districts.~~

In conjunction with accreditation, the Board is committed to adopting academic standards for student learning, achievement performance levels, systems for measuring student achievement and methods for improving student achievement.

#### School accreditation

While the state accredits the district, the Board accredits the schools within the district, including district charter schools. ~~The Board's accreditation of district schools shall emphasize attainment on the four key performance indicators: student longitudinal academic growth, student achievement on statewide assessments, postsecondary and workforce readiness, and progress made on closing the achievement and growth gaps. The Board may adopt additional accreditation indicators and measures for district schools that meet or exceed the state standards for district accreditation. In accordance~~

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~~with law, the school accreditation process shall include a review of each full-time online program's alignment to the State Board of Education's quality standards for online programs.~~

The Board directs the superintendent to develop a school accreditation process for the Board's input and approval. Such process shall be developed in accordance with the Education Accountability Act of 2009, ~~and shall assign an accreditation category to each district school on an annual basis. The accreditation process shall also require each district school to enter into an accreditation contract with the Board that is comparable to the accreditation contract between the Board and the State Board of Education. The district shall provide the Colorado Department of Education with the accreditation category assigned to each district school, by the Department of Education required deadline.~~

~~In accordance with the process required by the Education Accountability Act of 2009 and applicable State Board of Education rules, the superintendent, principals and other district administrators shall develop a proposed school performance, improvement, priority improvement or turnaround plan for each district school.~~

~~Pursuant to the Board's constitutional and statutory authority to control instruction in its schools and determine the allocation of district resources, the Board shall review and approve all school plans, regardless of whether the plan is a performance, improvement, priority improvement or turnaround plan. Each~~ All school plans shall be submitted to the Colorado Department of Education in accordance with the timelines prescribed by applicable State Board of Education rules. Any revisions or modifications to a priority improvement or turnaround plan after the date of the Board's approval must be reapproved by the Board prior to the final annual submission to the Colorado Department of Education.

State law requires that a public meeting and public hearing be held prior to the Board's adoption of a priority improvement or turnaround plan for a school. C.R.S. 22-32-142(2). Among other issues, a school's priority improvement or turnaround plan must "incorporate strategies to increase parent engagement" in the school. C.R.S. 22-11-405(4)(e.5), - 406 (3)(e.5). Each school plan shall be submitted to the Colorado Department of Education in accordance with the timelines prescribed by applicable State Board of Education rules.

LEGAL REFS.: Colo. Const. Art. IX, Sect. 15 (*board has control of instruction within the district*)  
C.R.S. [22-7-407](#) (*adoption of content standards*)

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C.R.S. [22-11-101](#) *et seq.* (Education Accountability Act of 2009)  
C.R.S. [22-11-307](#) (board accreditation of district schools)  
C.R.S. [22-30-105](#) (school district organization planning process)  
C.R.S. [22-30.5-104](#)(2)(b) (district charter schools subject to accreditation by local board)  
  
C.R.S. [22-32-109](#)(1)(t) (board duty to determine educational program and prescribe textbooks)  
C.R.S. [22-32-109](#)(1)(mm) (Board duty to adopt policy for accreditation of district schools)  
C.R.S. [22-32-142](#)(2) (parent notice and public meeting and public hearing requirements for schools on priority improvement or turnaround status)  
1 CCR [301-1](#), ~~Rules 2202-R-1.00~~ (State Board of Education rules for the Administration of the Accreditation of School Districts)  
[1 CCR 301-71](#) (State Board of Education rules for the Administration, Certification and Oversight of Colorado Online Programs)

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CROSS REFS.:

[AE](#), Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment  
[AE-R](#), Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment-Regulation  
[AEA](#), Standards Based Education  
[IKA/IKAB](#), Grading/Assessment Systems  
[Academic Achievement](#)  
[HBB](#), State Program Assessments  
[KB](#), Parental Involvement in Education

Comment [MC1]: KB is required to be adopted within the district. We do not have this policy. We do have KBA, District Title I Parent Involvement.

## **Attachment III-B-3**

### **Policy 2.1, Unity of Decision**

**Policy Category:** *Board-Superintendent Relationship*  
**Policy Name:** **2.1 Unity of Decision**

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Only officially passed motions of the Board, speaking authoritatively as a group, are binding on the Superintendent.

1. Decisions, directions or instructions from individual board members, officers, committees or liaisons are not binding on the Superintendent or staff except in rare instances when the Board has specifically authorized such exercise of authority.
2. Nothing in this section is intended to abrogate any Board Member's right to request and receive information pursuant to C.R.S. 22-32-103 and the communication provisions set forth in Section 3.8 of this Policy Governance Manual.
3. If the Superintendent determines a Board member's request is onerous to District Administration or duplicative in nature, the Superintendent may defer response to the request until such time as The Board as a body may determine whether the request should be fulfilled.
4. Documents which receive official approval by the Board shall not be subsequently amended without further Board action unless the Board has authorized future amendment of that document and provided that the Board will receive timely notice of the amendment. Technical or clerical amendments to policies or contracts may be made by the appropriate administrator provided the Board is notified of the amendment.