



Colorado State Board of Education

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
BEFORE THE  
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMISSION  
DENVER, COLORADO  
January 7, 2015, Part 1

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT on January 7, 2015,  
the above-entitled meeting was conducted at the Colorado  
Department of Education, before the following Board  
Members:

Marcia Neal (R), Chairman  
Angelika Schroeder (D), Vice Chairman  
Steven Durham (R)  
Valentina (Val) Flores (D)  
Jane Goff (D)  
Pam Mazanec (R)  
Debora Scheffel (R)



1                   MADAM CHAIR: The State Board will come back  
2 to order. Perhaps you remember that Chairman Lundeen, last  
3 time he was here, actually took us out of -- out of order,  
4 because we had -- we generally tend to stay in order, just  
5 reconvene. But since he did, we need to come to order, so  
6 we will do that. Staff, please call the roll.

7                   MS. BURDSALL: Steve Durham?

8                   MR. DURHAM: Present.

9                   MS. BURDSALL: Val Flores?

10                  MS. FLORES: Present.

11                  MS. BURDSALL: Jane Goff?

12                  MS. GOFF: Here.

13                  MS. BURDSALL: Marcia Neal?

14                  MS. NEAL: Here.

15                  MS. BURDSALL: Pam Mazanec?

16                  MS. MAZANEC: Here.

17                  MS. BURDSALL: Debora Scheffel?

18                  MS. SCHEFFEL: Here.

19                  MS. BURDSALL: Angelika Schroeder?

20                  MS. SCHROEDER: Here.

21                  MADAM CHAIR: We will now say The Pledge of  
22 Allegiance. Val, as our new Board Member, would you like  
23 to lead us in the pledge?

24                  ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the  
25 United States of America and to the Republic for which it



1 stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty  
2 and justice for all.

3 MADAM CHAIR: Thank you. First order of  
4 business this morning. I have to remember to do my -- my --  
5 -- first order of business this morning is the election of  
6 chairman and vice chairman for a two-year period, pursuant  
7 to 22-2-105 (4) CRS.

8 Oh, I was reading it. At this time I would  
9 accept a motion to nominate the next Chairman of the Board.

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I'd like to nominate  
11 Marcia Neal as chairman.

12 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I'd like to second  
13 that, please.

14 MADAM CHAIR: It's been moved and seconded.  
15 Any other nominations? I have to -- okay. If -- if no  
16 other nominations, staff, please call the roll.

17 MS. BURDSALL: Steve Durham?

18 MR. DURHAM: Aye.

19 MS. BURDSALL: Val Flores?

20 MS. FLORES: Aye.

21 MS. BURDSALL: Jane Goff?

22 MS. GOFF: Aye.

23 MS. BURDSALL: Marcia Neal?

24 MS. NEAL: Aye.

25 MS. BURDSALL: Pam Mazanec?



1 MS. MAZANEC: Aye.

2 MS. BURDSALL: Debora Scheffel?

3 MS. SCHEFFEL: Aye.

4 MS. BURDSALL: Angelika Schroeder?

5 MS. SCHROEDER: Aye.

6 MADAM CHAIR: Thank you. I appreciate that.  
7 And I -- I really am excited about this. I think it'll be  
8 a good opportunity to move forward, and perhaps do some  
9 things, new things, and deal with all the old things that  
10 we always have to deal with anyway.

11 The next order of business will be the  
12 election of vice chair. Is -- are -- are there any? At  
13 this time I would accept a motion to nominate the vice  
14 chair of the Board.

15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I nominate Steve  
16 Durham.

17 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I nominate Angelika  
18 Schroeder to serve as vice chair of the State Board of  
19 Education on the condition that in the event the chair does  
20 not serve her full term, then an immediate election shall  
21 be called to nominate and elect a new chair of the Board.

22 MADAM CHAIR: And do we need seconds for  
23 both of those? We don't need seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No, Madam Chair, we do  
25 not.



1                   MADAM CHAIR: Okay. Because there are two -  
2 - more than one nominee, and in accordance with the Board's  
3 governing procedures, I would ask the staff to distribute  
4 ballots to the State Board. Would it be okay if -- if  
5 either one of them wanted to speak for a minute or two  
6 before we actually filled in our ballots or do we just --

7                   UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: That's in your  
8 discretion, Madam Chair.

9                   MADAM CHAIR: That's at my discretion. Oh,  
10 I have all this discretion all the time. Would -- how do  
11 you feel about that, Steven, and Angelika? Would you like  
12 to say a word or two?

13                  MS. SCHROEDER: Sure.

14                  MADAM CHAIR: Angelika. Ladies before  
15 gentlemen, right?

16                  MR. DURHAM: No, go -- go right ahead.

17                  MS. SCHROEDER: All right. Thank you for  
18 the nomination. I'm very interested in having both  
19 experienced members serving in the leadership position, and  
20 also inviting a bipartisan effort to demonstrate the fact  
21 that we are each one-seventh of this body.

22                  MADAM CHAIR: Steve.

23                  MR. DURHAM: Thank you, Madam Chair. I  
24 believe that this year will present a number of challenges.  
25 In my conversation with former Chairman Lundeen this



1 morning, he said there were at least 15 assessment bills  
2 that will be introduced. I think it creates a unique  
3 challenge for us at the State Capitol, and I look forward  
4 to being able to work as the vice chairman of this Board on  
5 those challenges.

6 MADAM CHAIR: All right. Would you fill in  
7 your ballots, and we'll have the staff collect them.

8 MS. BURDSALL: Madam Chair, would you like  
9 me to tally the ballots?

10 MADAM CHAIR: Yes, please.

11 MS. BURDSALL: Steve Durham. Angelika  
12 Schroeder. Angelika Schroeder. Steve Durham. Angelika  
13 Schroeder. Steve Durham. Angelika Schroeder.

14 MADAM CHAIR: And so, we have Angelika  
15 Schroeder as our new VP.

16 MS. BURDSALL: Four to three.

17 MADAM CHAIR: Four to three?

18 MS. BURDSALL: Yes, Madam Chair.

19 MADAM CHAIR: Thank you, ma'am.

20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Thank you (inaudible).

21 MADAM CHAIR: Thank you. Steve, would you  
22 and Angelika like to change chairs?

23 MR. DURHAM: (Inaudible) chair.

24 MS. SCHROEDER: Do you want to change it  
25 right now?



1 MADAM CHAIR: The vice chair usually sits  
2 here and has to do all of the --

3 MS. SCHROEDER: All the work actually.

4 MADAM CHAIR: All the work -- all the work.  
5 You're not missing anything. Yeah. Thank you all for  
6 that.

7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: That was pretty quick.

8 MADAM CHAIR: Yeah. We're ready to move  
9 forward. You'd be a few minutes to get collected there?  
10 All right.

11 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yeah.

12 MADAM CHAIR: Wonderful, a consent agenda.  
13 Is there a move -- a motion to approve the agenda?

14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Inaudible).

15 MADAM CHAIR: Any second?

16 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Second.

17 MADAM CHAIR: Any discussion? All in favor  
18 say aye.

19 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Aye.

20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Aye.

21 MADAM CHAIR: Or do we, no, if there's no --

22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Madam Chair, I believe  
23 that Mr. Durham had --

24 MADAM CHAIR: Oh, okay.

25 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: -- a comment.



1 MR. DURHAM: Thank you.

2 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It's hard to get out of  
3 the room.

4 MR. DURHAM: Thank you, Madam Chair. I  
5 think the -- I think the agenda in the future should  
6 certainly include I think the items. Some items that we  
7 certainly hear the most about at the public or from the  
8 public at large, which are assessment issues, and privacy  
9 issues. And so I would hope that in the future we will  
10 have those kind of as regular discussion items or somewhere  
11 on the agenda.

12 MADAM CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Durham. I  
13 would mention that Carrie, and Robert, and I have talked  
14 about a retreat. I think it's essential that we do a  
15 retreat, and talk about, because I have ideas. You know, I  
16 think we all have some ideas about things we'd like to do a  
17 little differently.

18 So if you -- we can move ahead with that  
19 maybe sometime in February, and do a retreat, so we can  
20 talk about those items, and how -- how the agenda. I was  
21 wondering, I know last two we had a little problem. We had  
22 two facilitators, as you recall, and it got a little  
23 confusing.

24 Maybe if you could look for a facilitator  
25 from a firm that, you know, had no political implications





1 at all, just a good facilitator who could come and do that,  
2 that might be very worthwhile.

3 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

4 MADAM CHAIR: Is there any problem with  
5 that, any comment? All right. Let -- let's move ahead  
6 with that. And then, because I -- I think we all have  
7 ideas like that, and I appreciate that.

8 You have to bear with me. I've not done  
9 this before. It's wonderful to have all these sheets right  
10 in front of me, so I don't have to worry about that.

11 Moving on to the consent agenda. Do I have a motion to  
12 place items on the consent agenda?

13 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I so move (inaudible).

14 MADAM CHAIR: Yes, you -- I move to place  
15 the following matters (inaudible).

16 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Okay. I move to place  
17 the following matters on the consent agenda.

18 Item 12.02, regarding disciplinary  
19 proceedings concerning an application, charge number 2013  
20 EC584, instruct department staff to issue a notice of  
21 denial, and appeal rights to the applicant pursuant to 24-  
22 4-104, CRS.

23 Item 12.04, approve six initial emergency  
24 authorizations as set forth in the published agenda.



1 Item 12.05, approve Colorado State  
2 University at Pueblo's request to offer a culturally, and  
3 linguistically diverse endorsement program as set forth in  
4 the published agenda.

5 Item 12.06, approve University of Colorado  
6 at Boulder's request to offer a culturally, and  
7 linguistically diverse bilingual endorsement program as set  
8 forth in the published agenda.

9 Item 12.07, approve Fort Lewis College this  
10 request for reauthorization of its Teacher Preparation  
11 Program as set forth in the published agenda.

12 Item 13.01, approve School District 27 J's  
13 request on behalf of Belle Creek Charter School for a  
14 waiver from state statutes as set forth in the published  
15 agenda.

16 Item 13.02, approve Adam's Arapaho 28 J's  
17 request for a waiver from state statute as set forth in the  
18 published agenda.

19 Item 13.03, approve Academy 20s request for  
20 certification of a multi-district online school on behalf  
21 of Academy Calvert as set forth in the published agenda.

22 Item 15.01, certified payments to school  
23 districts for the Public School Finance Act of 1994 as  
24 amended. State share of total program for December 2014 in  
25 the amount of \$332,489,720.11.



1 This is the end of the consent agenda.

2 MADAM CHAIR: That's a proper motion. Is  
3 there a second?

4 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Second.

5 MADAM CHAIR: Any discussion? Any  
6 objection? All in favor say aye.

7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Aye.

8 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Aye.

9 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Aye.

10 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Aye.

11 MADAM CHAIR: This is asked that I report  
12 (inaudible). Yes, Ms. (inaudible) will also -- will report  
13 to the board for us.

14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Thank you -- thank you,  
15 Madam Chair, and good morning new, and returning Board  
16 Members. Wish you all a happy new year. I look forward to  
17 working with you in the coming months.

18 In your packets today you have your events  
19 calendar, and for you the new Board Members, if you have  
20 any questions about what's in your packet, please just let  
21 me know, and I -- I will be happy to go over it with you  
22 either now or at another time, but you have an events  
23 calendar, and an updated expense report. And those are  
24 items that you will see each month in your packets.



1                   You also have supporting materials. 13.01,  
2 you have the Charter School Waiver Request form that was  
3 submitted on behalf of Belle Creek Charter School.

4                   In 13.02 you have a route -- rules of public  
5 schools request for a waiver.

6                   In 14.01 you have the redline copies of the  
7 rules for the administration of the Exceptional Children's  
8 Act along with a crosswalk between statute and rule.

9                   And in 15.02 you have the redline copies of  
10 the Colorado minimum standards governing school  
11 transportation vehicles along with that crosswalk between  
12 statute and rule.

13                   And that's the end of my report, unless  
14 there are any questions.

15                   MADAM CHAIR: I believe the next item on the  
16 agenda is a -- an executive session. Ms. Markel (ph),  
17 would you put us into the executive session, please.

18                   UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: You need a motion,  
19 Madam Chair. Is that mine?

20                   MADAM CHAIR: That's fine. Anyone -- do --  
21 oh, I thought you -- according to this you read it first,  
22 and then you need a motion.

23                   UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It's -- I -- I  
24 apologize.

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MADAM CHAIR: Okay. We're both a little bit

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UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I was multitasking, and doing it in artfully. An executive session has been noticed for today's State Board meeting in conformance with 24-6-402(3)(a) CRS to receive legal advice on specific legal questions pursuant to 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) CRS, and matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or State Statutes pursuant to 24-6-402(3)(a)(III) CRS.

MADAM CHAIR: Do I have a motion to convene an executive session?

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So moved.

MADAM CHAIR: Jane, so moved? Motion passes. The Board will convene an executive session. The public is excused.

(Meeting adjourned)



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