AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
1085 Peoria Street
Aurora, Colorado 80011

AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 7, 2006
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 Board of Education will convene in the boardroom of the Administration Building. 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 end of the meeting during Opportunity for Audience.

Please contact the Aurora Public Schools at 303-344-8060, ext. 28008 (TDD 303-326-1585) if, because of a disability, you require special assistance (such as sign language or oral interpreting services) in order to participate in a meeting of the board of education. Persons with such needs are requested to make contact at least one week prior to the board of education meeting, if possible, in order to allow staff to coordinate arrangements.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Changes in Consent Agenda
2. Changes in Information/Action Items

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education held Feb. 21, 2006, are presented for approval.
II - INFORMATION ITEMS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

1. Items of Current Interest
   Staff Responsible – Adams

B. DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

   No Items

C. DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

1. Update on William Smith’s Program Planning
   Staff Responsible – Backus

   William Smith Principal Jane Shirley and Director of Student Achievement William Stuart will share the program planning process to date.

D. DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

1. Environmental Compliance Department Annual Report
   Staff Responsible – Sturges

   Manager of Environmental Compliance Rita Lesser will share information regarding the departmental functions.

2. Naming of the School at 875 Peoria St.
   Staff Responsible – Sturges

   Former APS Principal John Dale will present a historical perspective of the school at 875 Peoria St. The board will be asked to consider renaming the school Peoria Elementary.

3. Magnet School for Gifted and Talented Students
   Staff Responsible – Sturges

   Aurora Public Schools currently offers magnet schools for gifted and talented students at two campuses. Summit Academy, located within the Aurora Hills Middle School building, serves students in grades 6 to 8. Aurora Quest Academy, serving students in grades 1 to 5, is located in a temporary structure on the campus of Wheeling Elementary School and shares the Wheeling cafeteria, gym and media center. Both programs currently have waiting lists. It is proposed that a new gifted and talented magnet school be constructed using proceeds from the bond issues approved in 2002. The new school would be located on district-owned property east of Airport Boulevard between the Aurora Public Schools Community Campus and the Transportation Department bus yard. This site is centrally located between existing district schools and the numerous new school sites planned in the eastern part of the district. The building would follow the same prototype design used for Murphy Creek K-8 and Aurora Frontier K-8. The capacity of the new school would be 675. The current combined enrollment of Aurora Quest Academy and Summit Academy is 305 and those programs would be consolidated in the new building upon its completion. If approved by the board, the project would begin construction in spring 2007 and the school would open in August 2008. The total project cost would be $14.7 million. Funds would come from bond premium and interest earnings not currently allocated for any other purpose.
E. DIVISION OF FINANCE

1. Grants Department Report  Staff Responsible – Weeks

(Under separate cover)

Director of Grants Management Paul Coleman will provide the board of education an overview of the grants operation and how it supports the Aurora Achievement Initiative.
III - CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION ITEMS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

1. **District Accountability Advisory Committee Application**  
   **Staff Responsible – Adams for Appointment**

   (Attachment III-A-1)

   DAAC bylaws require at least three parent members on the committee. Aurora Hills Middle School parent Ginny Burgess is interested in participating in DAAC. It is recommended the board of education approve her application for appointment.

B. DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **Classified Personnel**  
   **Staff Responsible – Van Gytenbeek**

   a. **Resignation**

   1) Paul Mohrbacher 02-15-06 Paraeducator, Severe Needs/Life Skills, Vassar
   2) Graciela Murillo 04-28-06 Secretary, Department, Organizational Support, Administration Bldg.
   3) James Norton 02-24-06 Custodian, Tollgate
   4) Reyna Salazar 03-09-06 Paraeducator, Emotionally Disabled, Park Lane

   b. **Termination**

   1) Nicole Cooks 02-02-06 Assistant, Nutrition Services, Aurora Hills
   2) Addi Vande Stouwe 02-13-06 Paraeducator, Classroom, Tollgate

   c. **Appointment**

   1) Linda Aldridge 01-18-06 Custodian, Aurora Central
   2) Adam Boyajian 02-08-06 Assistant, HVAC, Facilities
   3) John Dayton 02-27-06 Custodian, Dalton

   d. **Return from Leave of Absence**

   1) Yadira Pimienta 02-15-06 Educational Assistant, Classroom, Wheeling
   2) Brennan Randall 02-15-06 Paraeducator, Classroom, Murphy Creek K-8
e. Reclassification

   Ellyn Wolff 02-01-06 Paraeducator, Functional Academics to Paraeducator, Cross Categorical, Aurora Hills

f. Transfer

   1) Augustine Avila 02-15-06 Custodian, Head Elementary, Child Development Center to Business Services
   2) Julie Foster 02-09-06 Secretary, Department, Facilities to Technician, Accounting Trainer, Division of Finance, Highline B
   3) Romel Jordan 02-15-06 Custodian, Montview to T.H. Pickens

2. **Licensed Personnel**  
   Staff Responsible – Van Gytenbeek

   a. Resignation

      Kermit Snyder 03-17-06 Teacher, Murphy Creek K-8

   b. Leave of Absence

      Shanna O’Dell 02-08-06 Teacher, Iowa  
                     Family care

   c. Transfer

      1) Ruth Baldivia 07-31-06 Assistant Principal, Rangeview to Murphy Creek K-8
      2) Lawrence Thigpen 08-09-06 Teacher, South to Aurora Frontier K-8

   d. Retirement

      Glenda Johnson 05-09-06 Teacher, Hinkley

C. **DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

   No Items

D. **DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

   No Items.

E. **DIVISION OF FINANCE**

   No Items
IV - ACTION ITEMS

A. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
   No Items

B. DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES
   No Items

C. DIVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
   No Items

D. DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES
   No Items

E. DIVISION OF FINANCE

1. COMPASS After-School Programs – Aurora Education Foundation

   The Aurora Public Schools has received $78,000 from the Aurora Education Foundation for the purpose of supporting the 21st Century Community Learning Centers at Fletcher, Sable and Vaughn elementary schools and North, West and South middle schools. The 21st Century Community Learning Centers provide academic and enrichment activities for students following the regular school day.

   Recommendation: The board of education authorizes the expenditure of $78,000 from the Aurora Education Foundation and appoints Paul A. Coleman as the budget authority and contact person.
V - CONCLUDING ITEMS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

B. OPPORTUNITY FOR AUDIENCE

C. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next business meeting of the board of education will be held March 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Room of the Administration Building, 1085 Peoria Street.

D. ADJOURNMENT