

Board says "Hello" and bids "Farewell" to members

Nov. 27, 2007

Two members retire from the Board and two new members are sworn in.

A reception was held before Tuesday evening's meeting to honor retiring Board Members Angelika Schroeder and Teresa Steele, each of whom served on the Board for eight years. They were both therefore term limited. In the Nov. 6 election, Laurie Albright was elected to replace Schroeder representing District C and Jim Reed was elected to fill Steele's board seat representing District G.

After new Board members were sworn into their offices by Judge D.D. Mallard, their first order of business was to elect new officers. The Board elected Helayne Jones to continue her service as Board President. Lesley Smith was elected to replace Angelika Schroeder as Vice President and Ken Roberge was elected to replace Teresa Steele as Treasurer. Those offices will be held for two years. ❁

Meet our new Board Members:

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New School Board Member Laurie Albright gets sworn in by Judge D.D. Mallard during the Nov. 27 meeting of the Boulder Valley Board of Education. Albright was elected Nov. 6 to represent District C, which encompasses South Boulder and Nederland.



Judge D.D. Mallard swears in new Board Member Jim Reed during the Tuesday, Nov. 27 Board meeting. Jim was elected to represent District G, which includes Lafayette and the part of Erie in BVSD.

Laurie Albright holds a master's in counseling, an ed specialist in educational psychology, and a doctorate in educational organization and leadership.

Her professional employment has included five years as a middle school counselor; 11 years as a law school administrator; 16 years of volunteer work in BVSD schools; service on the District Accountability Committee (DAC); as well as work on various political campaigns, including ones related to BVSD such as former referenda campaigns, the 2006 capital improvements bond, and Lesley Smith's school board election in 2005.

Laurie lives in Boulder with her husband Bruce, a research scientist at NCAR. Their children Kate and Steve both attended BVSD schools and are now in college. ❁

Jim Reed, a resident of Erie, is a Colorado native and a CU-Boulder graduate with a B.S. in chemical engineering. He has worked in the information technology field for over 17 years.

Jim and his wife Denise have three daughters – ages 8, 6 and 4 – the two oldest are enrolled at Lafayette Elementary School, while the youngest is enjoying preschool before starting kindergarten next fall.

Prior to being elected to the Board, Jim has been an active member of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of Lafayette Elementary, serving as its legislative chair as well as participating on its school improvement team. Last year, Jim was appointed to serve on the new BVSD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, created after voters approved the \$296 million facilities improvement bond issue in 2006. ❁




SMALL STEPS ... to greater SAFETY

Step Smartly, Step Safely

Everyone surely remembers the “Winter of 2006-07” and all that snow. Snow and ice weather is upon us once again and it's time to turn our thoughts toward small steps to great safety in walking on snow or ice.

Here are a few hints for walking on snow or ice:

- Use extreme caution while walking on snowy and icy sidewalks and in parking lots.
- Use special care when entering/exiting your vehicle and climbing/descending stairs.
- Plan ahead; give yourself sufficient time and carefully plan your route – taking shortcuts over snow piles and areas where snow and ice removal is not feasible can be hazardous; sidewalks covered with snow may require travel over the grassy edge for traction.
- Never carry anything that keeps you from seeing where you are going.
- Wear slip-resistant shoes with good support and traction — gym shoes, cowboy boots and leather soles do not qualify as slip-resistant. A good shoe will be non-skid and slip-resistant.
- Be aware of the behaviors of the people walking around you — having to avoid someone who does not see you may cause you to slip when you least expect it.
- Move slowly and take shorter steps; bend slightly forward and walk flat-footed — try to keep your center of gravity over your feet.
- If you do fall, do so with sequential contacts at your thigh, hip and shoulder — bend your back and head forward to avoid striking your head against the ground and avoid using your hands and arms to catch yourself .

Be prepared, Be smart, Be safe! 

Board Approvals

The Annual Accreditation Report was accepted by the Board during Tuesday’s meeting. In conformity with the district’s accreditation contract with CDE, the district is required to make recommendations for school accreditation to the Board of Education by December 1st of each year and to report this information to the public. By definition in the accreditation contract between the Board and CDE, schools are recommended for accreditation if they are making “a good faith effort” toward meeting accreditation requirements and making continued progress in most, if not all, content areas and subgroups. From the preponderance of the evidence, all schools are demonstrating continued progress on the indicators for state accreditation and are therefore recommended for continued accreditation status for the school year 2006-07.

Ten new course proposals were approved for the 2008-09 school year: Middle Level Fitness and Conditioning; Mariachi Ensemble; AP Microeconomics; Digital Art and Design II; 3D Animation with Game Design; IB Music Standard Level/ Higher Level; Principles of Marketing/Business Economics; Leadership in Action; Computer Science: Application System Analysis and Design I; and Computer Science: Application System Analysis and Design II

The appointment of four renewals and new members to the District Accountability Committee was approved.

Jan Snooks, part-time Media Specialist at Manhattan Middle School, was granted permission to sell copies of a book she has authored, *Victor’s Passage*, to various parents and/or students, schools and departments within the District on an as-requested basis for the remainder of the 2007-08 fiscal year.



**Update from Susan Cousins,
BVSD Communications Specialist**

Board of Education seeking new oversight committee member

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee member Jim Reed's recent election to the board of education has created a vacancy on the committee since, according to board of education by-laws, he cannot serve both at the same time. To maintain balanced representation on the committee, we are seeking to fill the vacancy with an Erie resident who has a student in BVSD schools.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee provides independent review and monitoring of the bond projects that comprise the 2006 bond issue approved by the voters. Such monitoring and review is intended to provide a high level of accountability and communication on behalf of the Board of Education to the citizens of the Boulder Valley School District.

Interested individuals are required to submit a completed application, a letter of interest and résumé by close of business on Friday, December 21, 2007 to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Chris King, at Boulder Valley School District, PO Box 9011, Boulder, CO, 80301.

For more information, please contact Robert Hammond, Chief Operations Officer, at 303-447-5019.

More information on the work of the committee as well as the membership application can be found at: <http://bvsd.org/C14/2006%20Bond%20Project/Lists/Pages/OversightCommittee.aspx>

Program Update

Most of the Phase I bond projects have now completed the design development phase and design teams are starting the construction documents phase. During this phase, the drawings and specifications that the contractors will use to construct the facility improvements are produced. Many projects will be ready for bid in December 2007 or early 2008. We will then be ready to begin construction in late winter or early spring. By spring, construction work will be underway at most of the Phase I project sites.

Detailed information about each project can be found on the bond program web site on the "What's happening at schools!" page. As of Sept. 30, \$6,459,212 has been spent. As projects begin to enter the construction phase we will see expenditures increase significantly.

Construction Safety Plan

We have also added a Construction Safety Manager to our staff to provide an additional layer of safety assurance during construction. The Construction Safety Manager will monitor and promote safety and health awareness for the multiple construction sites. He will offer safety orientations and training and verify that each contractor has provided appropriate site specific safety orientations. For projects where construction will occur while school is in session, the safety manager will offer student construction safety awareness.

You can always get the latest information on what's happening on the 2006 Bond Program web page at <http://bvsd.org/C14/2006%20Bond%20Project/default.aspx>. 🌿

Board Approvals (continued from page 2)

Three donations were approved:

Bear Creek Elementary received a donation of \$30,000 from the Home and School Association for Bear Creek Elementary School. The donation will be used for classrooms at Bear Creek to support instructional materials, field trips, speakers, professional development and library books.

Monarch High School received a donation of \$38,931 from the Monarch Music Boosters which will be used to support the band, color guard and indoor percussion programs.

Flatirons Elementary School received a donation of \$18,800 from the Flatirons PTO which will be used to support the following programs at Flatirons:

- \$10,000 - Staff Wish List - The wish list was compiled by staff for items to benefit the school and individual classrooms. Items include a color printer, a digital camera, die cuts, project YES supplies and items to enhance music room.
- \$4,000 - Classroom supplies - This will be divided among the teachers to spend on resource materials, art supplies, incentives, field trips and other project supplies.
- \$2,800 - Staff Development - The staff may attend a conference and have this money to pay for a substitute or they may use it for report card planning time.
- \$2,000 - Field Trips - To supplement costs for field trips and transportation. 🌿

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IMPACT ON EDUCATION

Last Call for Boulder on Board

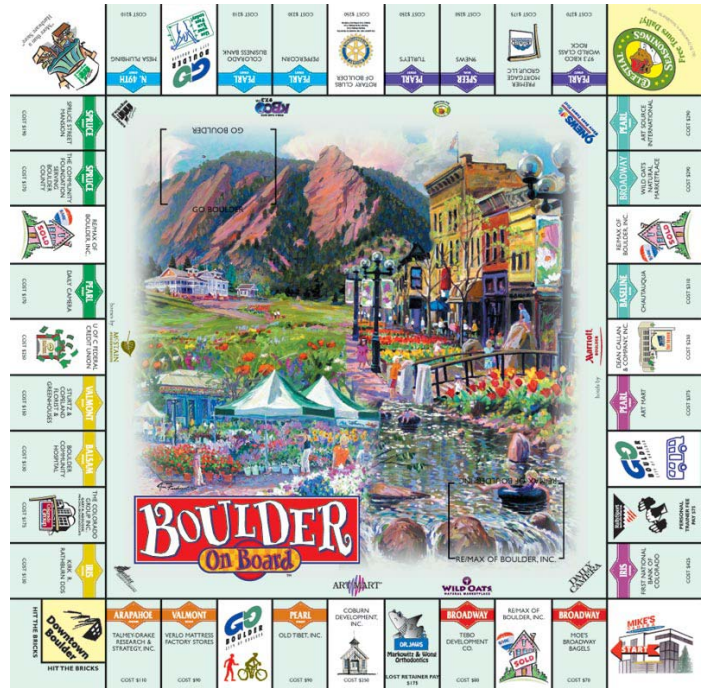
How would you like to travel around Boulder with a roll of the dice? Impact On Education, the non-profit that enhances support for public education in the Boulder Valley School District, encourages you to include “**Boulder On Board**,” Boulder’s own “opoly” real estate trading game, in your holiday gift buying plans.

The game, which features many of Boulder’s landmark companies and institutions such as McGuckin’s Hardware and Chautauqua, is on the verge of becoming a collectors’ item! The center of the game board showcases a gorgeous montage of local views and landmarks by artist Jim Freehart. Property squares memorialize Boulder businesses and game cards incorporate local lore and humor.

Boulder on Board is the perfect holiday gift and is available for \$34.99 at McGuckin Hardware, ART MART and Mike’s Camera. Only 200 copies of the game remain, so don’t miss this final opportunity to purchase the “only” game in town while supporting a great cause.

Proceeds from the sale of **Boulder On Board** help to fund Impact On Education’s Opportunity Fund. The goal of the Opportunity Fund is to ensure that every BVSD student has access to field trips, class fees, musical instrument rentals, academic supplies and extracurricular activities, regardless of their family circumstances.

Impact on Education is dedicated to increasing student learning and support for public education in the Boulder Valley School District. The organization’s three focus areas are teacher excellence, science & technology and at-risk students. For more information, visit www.ImpactOnEducation.org.



Boulder Valley Board of Education

- Helayne Jones, Ed.D., President
- Lesley Smith, Ph.D., Vice-President
- Ken Roberge, Treasurer
- Jean Paxton
- Patti Smith
- Laurie Albright, Ed.D.
- Jim Reed

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Camera needs content for Sunday School Report page

Last spring the Camera began a special School Report page in its Sunday paper that is devoted entirely to school news. We need about 30 more of each of the following to keep this page going through the end of the school year:

- Student Art** – Thank you to the art teachers who have already sent photos of their students’ art. We need more!
- Student Spotlights** – Nominate students who deserve a little recognition for something special they have done.
- Student Columns** – Do you have any budding journalists in your classes? The Camera seeks a different student columnist for each Sunday’s School Report. Writers choose their own topics.
- Learning Lessons** – Each School Report include a lesson of approximately 100 words written by a BVSD educator about any topic that relates to helping students learn.

Thank you in advance for whatever you can send our way for use in the Sunday School Report. Please email maela.moore@bvsd.org or call 303-245-5825 for more information.

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