



# Board Notes

*Your CASB Board of Directors at work*

*Advancing excellence in public education through effective leadership by locally elected school boards.*

The following is a summary of the CASB Board of Directors meeting held April 11 & 12, 2008 at the CASB offices in Denver.

## **Board adopts 2008 CASB Goals**

The CASB Board adopted three “focus area” goals for 2008:

1. CASB will be a statewide leader for tax and fiscal reform.
2. CASB will promote the implementation of a true standards-based education system that champions multiple pathways for student success.
3. CASB will prepare its diverse membership to lead locally and think globally.

The ongoing activities of CASB are guided by the association’s mission statement (see top of this page) and two goals policies set by the CASB board in 1998 and revised in 2004. The goals policies address the services, training and information CASB provides for its member boards and the advocacy CASB provides for local governance. Each year at its January retreat, the CASB board develops “focus area” goals that relate to the mission and the goals policies, and focus the work of the CASB board and staff for the year. The goals are adopted at the board’s spring meeting each year.

## **Board reviews transition plan for new CASB regional boundaries**

The board discussed a transition plan and related policy for the expansion of CASB regions and large district representation to the CASB Board of Directors, which was approved as a bylaws change at the December 2007 Delegate Assembly.

The change to the bylaws was a result of an advisory committee of CASB members convened to discuss issues of dues equity, representation of large districts on the CASB board and the number of CASB regions. The bylaws amendment divides school districts among 12 regions of the state (formerly 10 regions). Adding two regions addresses the problem of Western Slope regions that are too large geographically to conveniently meet. Several districts on the western side of Region 6 in the Colorado Springs-Pueblo area (e.g., Salida and Buena Vista) and districts on the western side of Region 5 (Denver metro) will be added to a new mountain region. The

amendment also dedicates four seats on the CASB Board of Directors to the six largest school districts in the state (representing a majority of Colorado's student population.)

The net effect of the bylaws change to the makeup of the CASB Board of Directors is the following:

1. Rural districts will have two additional CASB board seats;
2. Front range districts will have two additional CASB board seats;
3. Region 5 will have seven CASB directors (four seats dedicated to the state's six largest districts and three directors for the rest of the region)

The transition plan and policy will be up for adoption at the June CASB Board meeting.

### **Board discusses myth & reality of SB 130**

The CASB Board discussed the history and requirements of SB 130—Zones of Innovative Performance—expected to pass the Legislature this session. The bill permits school boards to approve innovation schools, based on local board approval, requirements and criteria. The Board approved this bill as one of its legislative priorities at its January 2008 retreat.

While the bill was somewhat controversial when introduced, its not as radical as either its opponents or proponents imagined. It is a relatively conservative tool for boards to encourage and permit innovation and creativity at the building level, with improved student achievement and service to students in mind. See the bill at [www.casb.org/LegislativeInfo/LegislativeInfoCenter.aspx](http://www.casb.org/LegislativeInfo/LegislativeInfoCenter.aspx)

CASB staff will develop a policy template for distribution to member school boards once the bill is passed.

### **In other business, the Board:**

- Heard a report on the 2008 CASB Convention Advisory Committee meeting held March 18.
- Discussed committee recommendations for new policies and procedures for electing members to the CASB Board of Directors. The board will adopt a policy on this issue at its June meeting.

**The next meeting of the CASB Board of Directors will be June 20 & 21, 2008  
at the CASB offices, 1200 Grant Street, Denver.**

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