



Colorado State Board of Education

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
BEFORE THE
COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMISSION
DENVER, COLORADO
November 13, 2014, Part 2

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT on November 13, 2014,
the above-entitled meeting was conducted at the Colorado
Department of Education, before the following Board Members:

Paul Lundeen (R), Chairman
Marcia Neal (R), Vice Chairman
Elaine Gantz Berman (D)
Jane Goff (D)
Pam Mazanec (R)
Debora Scheffel (R)
Angelika Schroeder (D)



1 CHAIRMAN LUNDEEN: The State Board will come
2 back to order. The next item on the agenda is an annual
3 thing. And it's one of the high points of the year for
4 all of us. We get to recognize, meet, and congratulate
5 our perfect 36'ers, Colorado's outstanding students. MR.
6 Commissioner, I'll turn it to you.

7 MR. HAMMOND: Thank you. And it's all great
8 to have you here today, along with your parents, your
9 principals, your superintendents, and whoever else you
10 brought along. It's also a great pleasure today to
11 recognize the student from our former Board of Education
12 Chair. Where is he at? Bob? Yeah. He's hiding back
13 there.

14 All right, we're glad you're here with us
15 today. And so you achieve the honor of a perfect 36
16 composite score on the Colorado ACT test. That is no
17 small feat indeed, as you know. And we're going to honor
18 you today, and we're going to treat you as well, after you
19 go through all the ceremonies and the pictures. So with
20 that, I'll turn it over to Dr. Will Morton.

21 MR. MORTON: Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIRMAN LUNDEEN: Please.

23 MR. MORTON: The State Board of Education and
24 the Colorado Department of Education are honored to
25 acknowledge our highly achieving Colorado ACT students.



1 Last year, we recognized 17 students that
2 earned a perfect 36 on their ACT composite score. This
3 year, that number increased by more than 30 percent and
4 represents the largest group of students with perfect
5 scores on the Colorado ACT since 2010.

6 Although not all of these students could be
7 here today, we are pleased to have 21 of these scholars
8 with us to be recognized. These students exemplify more
9 than 54,000 11th graders who took, in Colorado, who took
10 the Colorado ACT last spring.

11 ACT is one of two college entrance exams used
12 by many colleges. State usage of the ACT has grown
13 substantially in recent years. And Colorado is now one of
14 20 states to provide the ACT to all juniors in public
15 schools. Colorado has pioneered the ACT for 11th grade
16 students since 2001.

17 This year 54,512 students took the Colorado
18 ACT. The ACT test students on English, Reading,
19 Mathematics, and Science. The Colorado ACT provides
20 students of this state with a prospect to go to college
21 and get scholarships where they otherwise might not have
22 the opportunity or financial support.

23 Colorado is proud to honor this group of
24 students for their achievement and offers our heartfelt
25 congratulations for this accomplishment.



1 (Applause)

2 CHAIR DURHAM: Thank you very much, Mr.
3 Morton. Before Mr. Morton, who is stage managing our
4 event for us here, calls each of you up to have a picture
5 taken with the commissioner and the representative from
6 your district -- well, you can step down here in front for
7 that picture. But before that happens, let me add my
8 voice of congratulations to all of you on behalf of the
9 State Board of Education. You've worked hard to achieve
10 this, obviously. It is a notable achievement. And I
11 would like to congratulate on behalf of the State Board
12 all, of you. Congratulations.

13 (Applause)

14 MR. MORTON: Okay, Mr. Chair.

15 CHAIRMAN LUNDEEN: You've got the list.

16 MR. MORTON: Yes, we are going to give our --
17 call our perfect 36 -- 36er's an opportunity to be
18 recognized, and come up and receive their certificate by
19 name, and have their photo taken with the commissioner,
20 Congressional District Board member, and their parent.
21 We're going to ask you that the students, family,
22 principals, and superintendents who are in the boardroom
23 with us, that they be -- come join their student for this
24 -- for the opportunity.

25 Following this event, we would like to ask



1 that we all head over to the Grand Hyatt together for a
2 luncheon to celebrate this achievement. We have staff
3 members with signs who will be walking over with us. And
4 we've also provided maps for -- in case you have decided
5 to drive with the cold weather.

6 So without further ado, I would like to bring
7 up our first recipient, Sarah Nick, from George Washington
8 High School and Denver Public Schools, representing --
9 represented with First Congressional District Elaine
10 Berman.

11 (Applause)

12 (Pause)

13 MR. MORTON: Our second recipient, Nick
14 Campbell-Cruzer from Boulder High School. Boulder Valley
15 RE2. Angelika Schroeder is our Board Member.

16 (Applause)

17 (Pause)

18 MR. MORTON: Katie Gillett from Niwot High
19 School. St. Vrain Valley RE-1J, Angelika Schroeder.

20 (Applause)

21 (Pause)

22 MR. MORTON: Jason Perrin from Fairview High
23 School, Boulder Valley RE2, District 2, Angelika
24 Schroeder.

25 (Applause)



1 (Pause)

2 MR. MORTON: Chloe Pradeau, Fairview High
3 School, Boulder Valley RE2, Congressional District 2,
4 Angelika Schroeder.

5 (Applause)

6 (Pause)

7 MR. MORTON: Natalie Stucka, Boulder High
8 School, Boulder Valley RE2, District 2, Angelika
9 Schroeder.

10 (Applause)

11 (Pause)

12 MR. MORTON: Vivian Wang, Fairview High
13 School, Boulder Valley RE2, Congressional District 2,
14 Angelika Schroeder.

15 (Applause)

16 (Pause)

17 MR. MORTON: Alex Iverson from Liberty Common
18 Charter School, Poudre R11, District 2, Angelika
19 Schroeder.

20 Next, we have Amber Lane. Loveland High
21 School, Thompson R2-J, also District 2, Angelika
22 Schroeder.

23 (Applause)

24 (Pause)

25 MR. MORTON: Next, we'll have Amber Moin,



1 Loveland High School, Thompson R2J, also District 2,
2 Angelika Schroeder.

3 (Applause)

4 (Pause)

5 MR. MORTON: Okay. Zaki Phelan, Poudre High School,
6 District Poudre R-1, District 2, Angelika Schroeder.

7 (Applause)

8 (Pause)

9 MR. MORTON: Next, we have Hailey Dikeman
10 from Cheyenne Mountain High School. Cheyenne Mountain
11 District 12, Congressional District 5, represented by Paul
12 Lundeen.

13 (Applause)

14 (Pause)

15 MR. MORTON: Zane Julian from The Classical
16 Academy High School, Academy 20, also represented District
17 5, Paul Lundeen.

18 (Applause)

19 (Pause)

20 MR. MORTON: Hannah Mellow from Cheyenne
21 Mountain High School, Cheyenne Mountain District 12,
22 represented District 5, Paul Lundeen.

23 (Applause)

24 (Pause)

25 MR. MORTON: Cece Peng from Rampart High



1 School, Academy 20, Congressional District 5, represented
2 by Paul Lundeen.

3 (Applause)

4 (Pause)

5 MR. MORTON: Our next recipient, Daniel Book,
6 from Cherry Creek High School, Cherry Creek District 5,
7 represented in Congressional District 6 by Debora
8 Scheffel.

9 (Applause)

10 (Pause)

11 MR. MORTON: Next, we have Clare Cooper, also
12 from Cherry Creek High School, Cherry Creek District 5,
13 represented by Congressional District 6, represented by
14 Debora Scheffel.

15 (Applause)

16 (Pause)

17 MR. MORTON: Okay, Ian Johnson from Cherry
18 Creek High School, Cherry Creek District 5, Congressional
19 District 6, represented by Debora Scheffel.

20 (Applause)

21 (Pause)

22 MR. MORTON: Okay, next we have Rebecca
23 Pyeon, Cherry Creek High School, Cherry Creek District 5,
24 Congressional District 6, represented by Debora Scheffel.

25 (Applause)



1 (Pause)

2 MR. MORTON: Next, I'd like to bring up
3 Michael Thurber from Heritage High School, in Littleton
4 Public Schools, Congressional District 6, represented by
5 Debora Scheffel.

6 (Applause)

7 (Pause)

8 MR. MORTON: Next, we have Ryan Blay from
9 Jefferson Academy Senior High School in Jefferson County.
10 This is Congressional District --

11 (Applause)

12 (Pause)

13 MR. MORTON: And now we have Tara Santi from
14 Lakewood High School in Jefferson County, Congressional
15 District 7, represented by Jane Goff.

16 (Applause)

17 (Pause)

18 MR. MORTON: Okay, good. Thank you. That
19 brings us to the end of our list.

20 Megan, who was our photographer today, is
21 going to be sending out a Google --

22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Photo album.

23 MR. MORTON: -- photo album so that everybody
24 will have access to the photos that she's taken. So --

25 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible).



1 MR. MORTON: Okay. At this point, would you
2 please make sure that you have your belongings, and then
3 you can find our tour directors outside in the lobby or
4 grab a map, and we will see you all at the Grand Hyatt
5 Hotel. We will be in the Crystal Peak Room on the 30th
6 floor.

7 (Pause)

8 CHAIRMAN LUNDEEN: State Board, are we on
9 record? We're on record. The State Board of Education
10 will stand in recess until its next regularly scheduled
11 time.

12 (Meeting adjourned)

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