



BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting
of April 22, 2013

RECOGNITION

The Governing Board recognized the school site 2013 Teachers of the Year. Each Teacher of the Year was introduced by their principal and was presented with flowers. The 2013 Teachers of the Year are:

Beatty School	Dorothy Utter
Corey School	Jan Kitchen
Emery School	Steve Little
Gilbert School	Cindy Sweet
Pendleton School	Ann McBride
Whitaker School	Arlene Fraser
Buena Park Junior High School	Kelly Norton

Beatty School Principal Nancy Rios introduced Dorothy Utter and Corey School Principal Annie Oei introduced Jan Kitchen as Buena Park School District's Teachers of the Year 2013. Jan Kitchen will represent Buena Park School District in the Orange County Teacher of the Year Program.

ASES PROGRAM REPORT

Mrs. Silvia Rivas and Mr. Chris Perez, CSUF, updated the Governing Board on the ASES program and the new curriculum strategies in place this year. The program's goals are to provide a safe environment after-school for students, reading and math interventions, recreation and enrichment, homework help, and additional tutorial teachers and CSUF volunteers. Eight teachers from Buena Park School District collaborate with Mrs. Rivas and Mr. Perez so students get exactly what they need. Mrs. Rivas and Mr. Perez have also increased communication with parents and the community by providing monthly newsletters. Mrs. Rivas and Mr. Perez shared strategies in the new Mind Institute and Read for Real programs and how ASES has helped improve test scores for our EL students. They explained the tutorial programs, how the students help choose and create curriculum clubs, and some of the enrichments and recreations the students participate in.

The ASES program's continued success has shown in the increased attendance, the results of the parent and student surveys, and in their staff development and increased collaborative partnership with the parents and the community.

DAIT FINAL REPORT

Dr. Rebecca Salato from Action Learning Systems (ALS) presented the Governing Board with the District Assistance and Intervention Team (DAIT) Final Report for the end of the two-year program. The District has created a needs analysis, identified areas that have room for growth, and initialized a Corrective Action Plan. Student success blueprints have been reviewed and sites have been monitored numerous times. The State looks for essential and cohesive instructional programs which the District has established.

Dr. Salato is proud of the District with their adoption of growth goals and the resolution of academic alliance. She gives the District recognition for the student success blueprint and guide for future growth, the professional development provided (next step is the implementation of common core), developing the model and the fine tune coaching. Ongoing work in these areas is showing great growth.

Program Improvement will be reviewed for two consecutive years and needs to be watched even though the system (tests) is changing. The focus should continue to move forward on student growth, professional development and coaching.

DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

Michael Anderson, the new Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operation and Transportation was introduced to the Governing Board by Assistant Superintendent Kelvin Tsunezumi. Mr. Anderson has been Director of Maintenance and Operations for the past six years at Mountain View School District in El Monte and previously worked ten years for the Irvine Unified School District. Mr. Anderson has held licenses in the State of California as an Electrical and General Contractor and is an ICBO licensed Electrical Inspector.

RESOLUTION #12-22: SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' DAY

The Governing Board of the Buena Park School District approved Resolution #12-22 decreeing April 28, 2013, as School Bus Drivers' Day and commended all school bus drivers for their excellent service to the students of the District.

ASSIGNMENT MONITORING	In accordance with Education Code and requirements of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, certificated employees working outside their credential authorization must be identified on an annual basis. In addition, AB 2160 provides a local assignment option for districts to assign holders of specific special education credentials to provide special education instructional services to students with autism. This local assignment option, under the provisions of Education Code 44265.1 extends through January 1, 2014. All teachers listed on the exhibit have been certified as “highly qualified” under the provisions of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation, if applicable, for the assignment/subject area.
RESOLUTION #12-23: DAY OF THE TEACHER	The Governing Board of the Buena Park School District approved Resolution #12-23 designating May 8, 2013, as the California Day of the Teacher and urged all parents, community members, administrators and school support personnel to join the Board in honoring the District’s outstanding teachers.
RESOLUTION #12-24: SCHOOL NURSE DAY	The Governing Board of the Buena Park School District approved Resolution #12-24 proclaiming May 8, 2013 as School Nurse Day to support the learning and health needs of California’s children to ensure academic success.
CONTRACT/SERVICE AGREEMENT(S)	The Governing Board approved the amendments made to Orange County Department of Education contracts #50002 and 50069 pertaining to Outdoor Science School and Traveling Scientist filed trips.
GIFT ACCEPTANCE	The Governing Board accepted the following gifts on behalf of the Buena Park School District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Jensen donated school supplies to BPJHS valued at \$287.25 • Community Action Partnership of OC school supplies to Gilbert and Whitaker Schools valued at \$432.39 • SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union donated 12 Angel baseball tickets valued at \$900.00 to be used for employee appreciation.

“News You Can Use”	
Beatty School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Dorothy Utter and Jan Kitchen our 2013 Co-Teachers of the Year! The Beatty Staff is so very proud of your accomplishments! • Thank you Sauni Dain for organizing Beatty’s wonderful 2013 Volunteer Breakfast. You did a magnificent job! • Big Beatty hugs to our 1st grade teachers, Terry Stevenson, Ann Gunderson, Doug Gunderson and Alex Jauregui for doing such an awesome job preparing the first graders to sing patriotic songs for our parents at the Volunteer Breakfast. The 1st graders sang like angels! • Thank you Yvette Viramontes for all the extra time, effort and love you have put into the creation of Beatty’s 2013 Yearbook! • Thank you to Beatty’s stellar custodial staff, Garret Wyckoff, Carlos Bravo and Chi Luc for all your help preparing the Beatty Auditorium for the numerous events we’ve hosted in recent weeks! We really appreciate your support!
Corey School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Jenni Gerdes and Corey’s 1st grade team, Lisa Neve, Kristie Mendez, Audrey Galaz and Cheryl Evans who were awarded a Buena Park School District Education Foundation Grant. • Many thanks to Debbie Mendez for organizing Corey’s annual Jump-Rope for Heart fundraising event.
Emery School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our thoughts and prayers go out to Denise Arbiso and her family on the passing of her father-in-law, Edward Arbiso, on April 23, 2013. • Congratulations to Leanne Crawford on the arrival of a new grandson, Milo Steven, born 4/24/13.
Gilbert School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Thea Sipma on the birth of her new grandchild! • Congratulations to Leslee Milch on her NBCT recertification!
Pendleton School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Ann McBride, Pendleton’s Teacher of the Year! • Congratulations to Jan Smith on the engagement of her daughter.
Whitaker School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Carolyn Revtyak for organizing the Whitaker Family Disco. • Thank you to Jeanette Solomon for putting together the STAR and CCSS testing schedules.
B.P.J.H. School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Alisha Tardif, Laura Lucero and the amazing teachers who made the CST Prep Rally and huge success! It was great to see the overwhelming school spirit from students and staff! Be sure to check out the videos at www.facebook.com/BuenaParkSchoolDistrict • Congratulations to Polyn, Peggy and Bertha for a great first day of testing!
District Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPSD welcomes Mike Anderson as our new Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations & Transportation. • A big thank you to Kevin Vanderwest for filling in with the Grounds crew while John Kriedt was out for knee surgery. • Welcome back John Kriedt. You were missed! • Condolences are extended to Judy Lemen, district psychologist, on the passing of her mother on April 26, 2013. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.