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ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SETS GOALS!

A Message from Superintendent Stephenson



Two issues that the board recognizes as influencing the design and timing of this process are: 1) The need for seismic retrofitting or possible replacement of buildings at Ocean View and Marin Elementary Schools and 2) The fact that one parcel tax, Measure 1, is set to expire in 2015.

3) Achievement Gap:

Identify a minimum of two research-based strategies appropriate for our student population that would effectively address the achievement gap that exists in Albany schools and begin implementation.

4) Improve Communication

Regularly disseminate "Board Meeting Highlights" as one strategy for improving communications between the Board of Education and the District's stakeholders.

Marla Stephenson, Superintendent

This is the 3rd issue of AUSD's "Community" Newsletter. We hope you enjoy it!

At the **Board of Education Special Meeting** on February 28, 2013, the Board of Education set their following **four (4) goals** which will provide direction to the District:

1) Budget Restoration Priorities:

With input from district stakeholders, set short and long term financial priorities for restoring personnel and programs that have been cut in the District when the state begins to restore funding. These priorities might also include new programs/innovations if we have the funding.

2) Facilities Master Plan:

Develop a Facilities Master Plan for the district that includes both short-term goals (such as seismic upgrades) and long-term planning for the District's future needs.

Budget Priorities Conversation(s)

The Board of Education plans to hold the following **two conversations** on budget priorities with stakeholders:

- 1) **April 23**, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. with staff.
- 2) **May 28**, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. with the community.

The Board will solicit feedback on items such as program improvement/restoration; facilities; parcel tax; etc.

AUSD staff, parents, and community members are encouraged to attend the forums. The meetings will be held **at Albany City Hall**, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany.



Albany Residents Can "Re-Verify" by Email or In-Person!



Albany residents are now able to "re-verify" their Albany address by email or in-person **through June 28, 2013**.

AUSD understands that it is not always convenient for parents to come to the district office each year for address re-verification. This year AUSD has implemented a new system to make it easier. Parents now have the option to scan and send their residency documents by email to residency@ausdk12.org.

AUSD has also expanded the list of documents that meet residency requirements to better align with state and other school districts requirements. The list of required documents can be found in the "Enrollment" section on the school district website www.ausdk12.org. Please direct all questions to Linda Williams at (510) 558-3762.

Albany Aquatic Center



Albany Aquatic Center is ready for Summer! **Summer Session Registration is now open!** Register early as spots WILL fill up fast. We are currently seeking to **hire about 10-15 Lifeguards** and **Swim Instructors** for the summer. Applicants must be 15 years old. To apply, visit www.ausdk12.org, download an application, and return to Amanda Garcia, 1051 Monroe Street, Albany.

Student Services



The testing window for the State academic testing (Standardized Testing and Accountability Report, also known as **STAR**) **began for Albany students on April 29th and ends no later than May 21st**. All students in grades 2 – 11 will be tested in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. Middle and high school students will also be tested (grade level dependent) in Science and Social Science/History. The District will receive the results from these tests (also known as the California Standards Tests) sometime this summer.

Parents will receive a report of their child's performance in the US mail.

Facilities Master Planning

A **steering committee** has been established with members representing each AUSD school site, and is meeting on a regular basis. As a member of the Steering Committee, President Black provided the following report at a recent Board meeting:

"We were reminded that the Facilities Master Plan is a list of desires in priority order. There is no promise that anything on the list will actually get done. That depends entirely on financing. In fact, it's almost certain that many things on the list will never be done. Life and safety issues clearly have to be taken care of first. After that, it's up to the steering committee to decide what the priorities are so we can know what to do in which order as money becomes available.

The committee decided that if, as expected, the second opinion on the safety of the schools matches the first study in that there is no mortal danger to occupants of the buildings, it is not necessary to get a bond measure on the ballot this year. The committee would rather have a slower, more deliberate process that gives all stake holders the chance to express an opinion. It's anticipated that the FMP will be completed before the end of the year, in time for a bond measure on next year's ballot.

In addition to the steering committee, there will be a **reconfiguration committee** and each site will have a visioning committee. The reconfiguration committee will meet first to decide whether (money permitting) we should keep the current configuration of schools or change it. Any reconfiguration will affect what kind of facilities we need, so their work has to be done before the visioning committees start. Once the reconfiguration committee is done, a visioning committee for each site will meet to determine what facilities will be needed at that site to support future needs. The steering committee will be meeting once a month for the next several months."

The **reconfiguration committee** has also been established, also has members representing each AUSD school site, and is also meeting on a regular basis.

Reports from both the steering and reconfiguration committees will be provided to the Board periodically.

HELP STOP VANDALISM



Albany Unified School District is asking everyone to **report any suspicious activity to the police** that occurs on school property after school hours. We are experiencing an **unusually high level of vandalism** at our school sites. Recent incidents include fires at two sites that caused expensive damage that originated in trash cans. A school vehicle was also vandalized at another site.

ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION 2012-13-14

SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 48 REGULATION OF THE SALE OF AMMUNITION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Nancy Skinner introduced AB 48 in the California State Legislature which would regulate and tighten restriction on the sale of ammunition; and

WHEREAS, current law prohibits individuals convicted of felonies or violent misdemeanors or individuals who have been found to constitute a danger to themselves or others from purchasing or possessing ammunition; and

WHEREAS, current law also prohibits the possession of assault weapons and bullet feeding devices that hold more than 10 rounds of ammo; and

WHEREAS, AB 48 would require anyone in the state, prior to selling, transferring, or otherwise furnishing ammunition to an individual or business entity in this state or any other state to require proper identification as prescribed to be an authorized firearms dealer and to report the sales to the Department of Justice. An individual who fails to make the required report or who knowingly makes a report with false or fictitious information would be guilty of a misdemeanor, and

WHEREAS, the bill would require the Department of Justice to alert local law enforcement entities in the community in which the purchaser resides if an individual purchaser who is not a peace officer obtains a large amount of rounds within a 5-day period; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of numerous violent gun-related shootings around the country and local statistics showing 139 Gun Related Homicides within the County of Alameda in 2012, it is imperative that the Albany Unified School District Board of Education take a stand against gun violence and the harm it does to our communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Albany Unified School District Board of Education does hereby support AB 48 which would regulate the sale of ammunition in the State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Albany Unified School District on this 28th day of March 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: 5
 NOES: 0
 ABSENT: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

Paul Stephenson
 Clerk of the Board of Trustees
 Albany Unified School District
 Alameda County, California

ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting Schedule
2013-2014 School Year
2nd & 4th TUESDAYS

Paul Black, President
 Jonathan Knight, Vice President

Patricia Low, Member
 Allan Maris, Member
 Ronald Rosenbaum, Member

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday	August 13, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	August 27, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	September 10, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	September 24, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	October 8, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	October 22, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	November 12, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	November 26, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	December 10, 2013	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	January 14, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	February 11, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	March 11, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	March 25, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	April 8, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	April 22, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	May 13, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	May 27, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	June 10, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall
Tuesday	June 24, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Albany City Hall

APPROVED 3/28/13

ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION 2012-13-16 – ENDORSING THE GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION PROPOSALS OF PRESIDENT BARAK OBAMA

WHEREAS, Christina Taylor Green, a 10 year old child, was shot and killed as she attended a political event in Tucson, Arizona where U.S. Congresswoman, Gabby Gifford, was speaking and was also badly wounded, and

WHEREAS, twenty elementary school students and six teachers were senselessly shot and killed at Sandy Hook School in Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, thousands of innocent Americans are shot and senselessly killed each year by people using guns, and

WHEREAS, Albany students live in an urban setting where gun violence is rampant; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Albany Board of Education to nurture, protect and educate the youth of Albany, and

WHEREAS, President Obama's Gun Control Legislation includes universal background checks for gun sales; the reinstatement and strengthening of the assault weapons ban; capping ammunition magazines to a 10-round limit; banning armor-piercing ammunition; providing schools with resource officers and school counselors; putting more police officers on the streets; creating serious punishments for gun trafficking; and ensuring that health insurance plans cover mental health benefits, and

WHEREAS, in his State of the Union message in February of 2013, President Barak Obama stated that he needed the support of the citizens of the United States if the Gun Control Legislation he proposes is to succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education of Albany Unified School District now supports and endorses the Gun Control Legislation Proposals of President Barak Obama.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Albany Unified School District on this 9th day of April 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: 5
 NOES: 0
 ABSENT: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0

Paul Stephenson
 Clerk of the Board of Trustees
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AUSD District E-tree

AUSD now has a **district e-tree for staff, parents, and the community!** If you would like to receive periodic emails that will **keep you up-to-date** on all the **latest district news and announcements**, please visit www.ausdk12.org and **subscribe on the home page.**

USD has a Facebook page! Please visit www.ausdk12.org





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