



BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting
of March 24, 2014

INITIAL CONTRACT PROPOSALS TO BPTA & CSEA

The Buena Park School District proposed the following subjects to be bargained with the Buena Park Teachers Association (BPTA):

- Article 12 Personal Necessity Leave
- Article 24 Workday
- Article 39 Peer Assistance and Induction Program

The Buena Park School District proposed the following subjects to be bargained with the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #569

- Article 10 Leave
- Article 12.2 Holidays
- Article 12 Classified Transfer Policy

CARL E. GILBERT SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Kunczewicki, school counselor Yvette Cuara and Gilbert teachers' Suzanne Huerta and Mary Kate Hagmann discussed the counseling program at Gilbert School. Ms. Cuara provides support, advice, guidance, assistance and much more to students and families. She has formed peer groups to help students develop social skills, resolve conflicts, build self esteem and promote positive future changes; conducts classroom lessons on bullying and how to combat it; provides crisis intervention on campus two days per week and as needed; and conducts lunch time activities designed to teach students how to problem solve, develop social skills, etc. In addition, sixth grade students have been recruited as "Big Buddies" to mentor/tutor kindergarten students.

Ms. Huerta and Ms. Hagmann provided their teacher's perspective to the positive impact the counseling program has made in their classrooms and with their students' behaviors.

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Michele Mukanos, Director of Special Education, presented the Special Education Report to the Governing Board. She provided an overview of the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) organization, student eligibility, service options and student participation. Education Code §56303 requires districts to consider and utilize general education interventions before referring a student for an assessment. Buena Park School District utilizes three interventions for this purpose; Response to Intervention (RtI), Collaborative Academic Support Team (CAST), and Student Success Team (SST). Special Education encompasses designated instructional services i.e., speech/language, occupational therapy, adaptive P.E., vision services, audiological services, deaf and hard of hearing services, orientation and mobility; specialized academic instruction, i.e., Resource Program; mild/moderate Special Day Class; and moderate/severe Special Day Class. Ms. Mukanos shared comparison data on the number of students participating in special education and the number of special education students per caseload for the years 2011-12 through 2013-14.

CONTRACT/SERVICE AGREEMENT(S)

The Governing Board approved contract #14-01 with M.P. South Inc. to construct demonstration classrooms at Beatty, Corey and Buena Park Junior High Schools.

GIFT ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Buena Park School District, the Governing Board accepted a check for \$7,000 from the Southern California Cricket Association to be used to help support the development of a junior cricket league at Gordon H. Beatty School in addition to other student activities.

WORK STUDY SESSION

Michele Mukanos, Director of Special Education, discussed recent changes in law regarding the overuse of suspension and what happens when students are excluded from school for punishment. Education Code 48900(v) states "Suspension shall be imposed only when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct. Discretion may be used to provide alternatives to suspension or expulsion that are age appropriate and designed to address the specific misbehavior." Ms Mukanos reviewed Education Code 48900.5 offenses indicating which ones a student could be suspended on the first offense and which ones require interventions in lieu of suspension. Other forms of correction include, but are not limited to, community service on or off school grounds, benching, detention and Saturday School. All other means of correction must be documented in the students' discipline log and the consequences age appropriate.

“News You Can Use”

Beatty School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Roxann Bogart on being selected as BPSD’s Teacher of the Year! Beatty staff members are thrilled that she has been chosen for this well-deserved recognition. • We wish Beatty’s speech and language teacher, Lauren Mock, and Beatty’s school psychologist, Katie Purnick, best wishes as they start their maternity leave. • Congratulations to Beatty’s Debate Team on earning a 5th place finish out of 29 participating teams at the Orange County Debate League Tournament. The Beatty team will now advance to the MSPDP National Championship at Claremont McKenna College on April 26th. Many thanks to Head Coach Andrew Hopkins and Mike McDonald for their tremendous work and efforts to support our students advancement into this national competition.
Corey School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to the Corey staff and parents for working McTeacher night. The students were so excited seeing familiar faces behind the counter. • Thank you to Audrey Galaz and Kristie Mendez for making Corey’s Annual Reader’s Day such a big success.
Emery School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much thanks to the Common Core steering committee members along with their grade level teams for their outstanding work with our Pearson trainer, Vivian. Vivian spent three days conferencing, observing and debriefing with grade level teams on math performance tasks. Sessions went well with Vivian commenting on how far we have come since the fall.
Gilbert School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A huge thank you to Dr. Wilson, Ms. Earle and Mrs. Hunt for a wonderful Read Across America event! • We will miss you Mrs. Thea Sipma, good luck at Corey School! • Thanks to our PTO and cafeteria staff for a wonderful Grandparent’s Day.
Pendleton School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kudos to the entire Pendleton staff – your work and dedication is amazing!
Whitaker School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Christina Reider for organizing the 5th grade Speech Contest. We also appreciate Jean Bivens, Suzanne Doucette and Kelly Bone for judging this contest. • Thank you to Heather Grethe, Christina Reider and Lauren Swanberg for judging the 6th grade Speech Contest. • Thanks to the efforts of our staff and students, we executed an effective lockdown drill on March 24. Everyone contributed to the success of this important task. • Our Kindergarten Round-Up was a huge success thanks to Kaivan Yuen, Sarah Conlin, Tai Lew, Carolyn Revtyak, Tia Rubio, Julie Blodgett and Kallye Miles. We truly appreciate your efforts.
B.P.J.H. School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Common Core Math and English teams are leading the work with respective departments and building new units. Congratulations for your tremendous work! • Thank you to Jodie Reddingius, the College Week Committee, AVID students and coordinators for the various events around campus during College Week! • Congratulations to Lorraine Welling for an outstanding Musical! • A huge thank you to Bill Lynch, Emily Bruhns and the BPJH Leadership team for working together in my absence. On behalf of my family, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for all your caring thoughts and prayers. My daughter is on her way to recovery! Sincerely, Luisa Rogers. • Congratulations to the amazing staff at BPJH! We had a well attended Open House and College Night!
District Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Groundsman John Kreidt! John has been chosen as the Buena Park School District’s Classified School Employee of the Year!