



BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting
of October 14, 2013

GOVERNING BOARD TOUR OF SCHOOLS

The Annual Governing Board Tour of Schools will be held on Monday, October 28, 2013. The tour will begin at 8:15 am at the District Office and end at approximately 12:00 pm. The regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting will begin at 1:15 pm.

PENDLETON SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Jeffrey and Kindergarten teachers' Karen Eldridge, Adrienne Wood and Kelli Palmer presented the Pendleton School Report "Footsteps 2 Brilliance" to the Governing Board. Footsteps 2 Brilliance is an early learning platform that accelerates student achievement by uniting the power of mobile gaming technology with the latest in cognitive research. Students are active on the application for 20 minutes each day actively engaged in listening to a minimum of one complete book every day; answering comprehension questions to earn points; matching important concepts, words, and sounds; and writing and illustrating their own stories.

The program is supported by multiple devices that parents have in the home which allows families to access the program at home. A parent workshop has also been held to teach families how to support their students on Footsteps 2 Brilliance at home.

Governing Board members were given iPads and invited to walk through the application for greater understanding.

RESOLUTION #13-14: RED RIBBON WEEK

In cooperation with local school districts, community members have launched substance abuse prevention education efforts to reduce the demands for drugs and alcohol. Business, government, law enforcement, schools, religious institutions, service organizations, youth, medical, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week, October 21-25, 2013. The Buena Park School District encourages all citizens to participate in drug prevention and education activities, making a visible statement that we are firmly committed to a drug-free community.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The Governing Board approved the following job descriptions on behalf of the Buena Park School District:

- Teacher on Special Assignment-Technology
- Education Specialist
- Fiscal Services Manager

STUDENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENT

The Governing Board approved the placement of one student teacher from Brandman University at Beatty School. Christina Wermes will serve as the master teacher.

GIFT ACCEPTANCE

The Governing Board accepted the following gifts:

- Anaheim Social Security Association donated seven filing cabinets
- Denise Robbins donated a Dell computer, monitor, keyboard, mouse, speakers and printer for classroom use at Gilbert School
- Knott Avenue BP, LLC donated \$500 to Buena Park Junior High

QUARTERLY WILLIAMS REPORT ON WILLIAMS UNIFORM COMPLAINTS

The Orange County Department of Education has implemented a report procedure for all Orange County school districts to meet the Uniform Complaint reporting requirements per Ed Code §35185(d). The quarterly reports must be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools and summarize the data on the nature and resolution of all complaints to the district board and county superintendent. The quarterly report from July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 reflects no complaints were filed with any schools during this time.

CONTRACT/SERVICE AGREEMENT(S)

The Governing Board approved the following contract/service agreement(s):

- Luna Construction will provide DSA access, path of travel requirements, ramp work, and bent installation on various portables located at Beatty, Corey, Emery, Gilbert and Whitaker Schools.
- True North Research, Inc. will develop and conduct a community survey regarding capital needs and funding support; and provide an analysis and report of results.

“News You Can Use”

<p>Beatty School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to School Psychologist Katie Purnick and School Speech and Language Teacher Lauren Mock. Both teachers are expecting their first child in April. • Welcome back Sara Alan who is returning from maternity leave. It is great to have you back. • Congratulations to Beatty Classified Employees of the Year Gina Schlichting, Marleah Russell and Kelly Bone who received special recognition at the BPSD Foundation event on 10/3/13. • Congratulations to BPSD Foundation Grant recipient Eva Long who did a great job sharing with the Foundation audience how she spent her grant award money to help support student learning and achievement.
<p>Corey School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Corey family would like to extend condolences to Cheryl Evans on the loss of her father. • Welcome back Dollie Cornejo. We are so glad you are feeling better. • Thank you to Corey’s Common Core Leadership team, Lisa Neve, Jan Kitchen, Jill Hood & Andy Osborn. You are doing a fabulous job providing professional development to the staff.
<p>Emery School</p>	
<p>Gilbert School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to the Common Core steering committee members from Gilbert for making this transition a smooth one! • Condolences to Christi Shand-Betts, Gilbert Speech Teacher, on the loss of her father. • Thanks to Mary Beckelheimer and Christy Luckey for their help over the past month and a half with the Benchmark Sweep Team!
<p>Pendleton School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kudos to the Common Core Team for the great work at teaching Common Core to the staff. It is going to be a great journey. • Great job Kindergarten Team for an excellent Board Report explaining the Footsteps 2 Brilliance Program.
<p>Whitaker School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you Dina Dexter for all your hard work administering the CELDT. Also, thank you to Lori Smock, Stephanie Williamson, Heather Grethe and Christina Reider for assisting. • Linda Mellano has been working hard in our garden, along with some special volunteers. It’s looking great and their efforts are greatly appreciated. • Thank you to all of our teachers for a productive Data Analysis Day. Your understanding of assessments and standards and the time spent on analyzing is critical for student progress.
<p>B.P.J.H. School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Alisha Tardif and Laura Lucero for putting on such a powerful presentation for our students with Teen Truth. The students were so moved by the speaker and motivated to put on an anti-drug/anti bullying campaign on campus! • Our Common Core Math team has been hard at work planning their first Unit with Common Core standards. Great teamwork!
<p>District Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We extend a warm welcome to Yvette Cuara and Ashley Rifsdal, the District’s newest members, our Elementary Counselors. • Welcome back to Sheryl Burgess who was out for a brief time– we’re glad you are back! • Get ready...health benefits open enrollment is coming soon– November 2013 • It’s not too late to get your free flu shot. The MEBA flu shot clinic is Wednesday, October 23 from 1-6 pm at Fullerton School District. • Safety First! Don’t forget to wear the appropriate attire and, if applicable, personal protective equipment (PPE), for your job, and always report on the job injuries & illnesses immediately.