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Upcoming events:

- ◆ Dec 16 Corey Holiday Program
- ◆ Dec 16 Gilbert Holiday Program
- ◆ Jan 4 Districtwide Spelling Bee, 5:00 pm BP High School
- ◆ Jan 5 BPJH Sailing/STEM Parent Info Night, 5:30 pm
- ◆ Jan 10 STEM/NGSS Team Meeting, 3:15 pm
- ◆ Jan 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Governing Board Reorganized for 2017



On December 12th the Governing Board held its annual organizational meeting and installed both Ms. Irene Castaneda as a new Board member (Trustee Area #4) and Ms. Barbara Michel, a returning Board member (Trustee Area #3) to new terms of office.

Both Board members' terms will extend until the first week in December of 2020. Further to the Board's reorganization, Mr. Chambers and Ms. Smith were elected to the positions of President and Clerk/President Pro Tem of the Board, respectively, for 2017.



Emery School Wins Red Ribbon Photo Contest...Again

The National Red Ribbon Photo Contest is sponsored by the National Family Partnership to promote drug awareness. Contest winners receive an iPad and \$1,000 to be used towards drug prevention. This is the second year Emery School has submitted a photo and won the contest for Region 9. Jennifer Ferrara said, "Red Ribbon Week is all about community and healthy living. By entering the photo contest, it creates school spirit and gives all of the kids and their families something to do that generates conversation and discussion about drug prevention. It helps to go beyond the one week of Red Ribbon Week. It's a life commitment."



BPSD Students Sing and Play for the Holidays

Holiday music programs are well underway at all BPSD schools. Under the direction of school staff and our music teachers Ms. Vanides and Mr. Penaloza, BPSD students in various schools, beginning and advanced ensembles entertain and experience the joy of music through their practice and holiday performances. See Beatty School Kindergarten chorale performance at: <https://www.facebook.com/BuenaParkSchoolDistrict/videos/1164436753645862/> and the Buena Park Junior High School Choir ensemble performance at: <https://www.facebook.com/BuenaParkSchoolDistrict/videos/1162191280537076/>

BPJH 6th Grade Academy

BPJHS's new 6th grade program, the "BPJHS Early Middle School Academy" informational meetings were held at each BPSD elementary school this week. Mr. Bagger presented the program to interested parents and students at evening meetings across the District, explaining that students who come to the program will be taught in self contained classes for 6th grade core subjects, and will have the opportunity to explore electives, participate in after school clubs and a physical education program that doubles the time offered in elementary schools. As a part of the application, students are requested to provide a brief essay describing their interest in the program. Informational sessions were attended. More than a hundred parents have expressed interest by attending and asking questions. Applications will be accepted at BPJHS on a first come, first served basis, on January 17, 2017.



"Hour of Code"

District Tech TOSAs Andy Osborn, Shin Park and George Masters were the hit of the week with their live stream kick off in support of Hour of Code week this past Monday. Andy and Shin presented, while George supported the technical backend. We estimate that at least 300 students participated in this live stream event. You can watch the recorded video of the event here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_t7LMwu4pw Attached are a couple of pictures showcasing students that received certificates after participating in this event.



Thought for the day:

"It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!... Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"~Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*



Merry Christmas
from all of us at District Office



Board Highlights

OATH OF OFFICE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS & ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Greg Magnuson administered the Oath of Office to returning Board member Barbara Michel and to new Board member Irene Castaneda.

Governing Board officers for 2017 are:

- * President—Brian Chambers
- * Clerk/President Pro Tem—Rochelle Smith
- * District Representative to Nominating County Committee—Barbara Michel
- * Alternate District Representative to Nominating County Committee—Samuel Van Hamblen
- * Political Action Representative—Rochelle Smith

ORANGE COUNTY ARTS EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE FUND GRANT PROGRAM

In the 2015-16 school year, Buena Park School District received a grant provided by the Boeing Arts Foundation through the Orange County Arts Education Collaborative Fund. Teachers on the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Committee developed the Arts Priority Goals in support of increasing VAPA opportunities for all students. In an effort to build upon the Arts Priority Goals, the VAPA committee wrote a grant for an additional \$10,000 from the Orange County Arts Education Collaborative Fund to institute “Agents of Change,” where third grade students will use arts and engineering principles.

MEASURE ‘B’ GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND CITIZENS’ OVERSITE COMMITTEE

Citizens’ Oversight Committee (COC). At the December 12th Board meeting, the District’s Governing Board authorized the appointment of 3 new members to the Citizens’ Oversight Committee. This committee is charged with alerting the public to waste or improper expenditure of school construction bond money. We welcome Mr. Marvin Aceves, Ms. Tharwa Ahmad, and Ms. L. Carole Jensen to this committee.

With the addition of these three new members, our COC membership increases to a total of 10 members. Committee members are as follows:

Frannie Donoghue, President	Kenneth Anderson
Alan McAuley, Vice-President	James Banks
Cindy Brozzoski, Secretary	Tamra Banks
Marvin Aceves (New Member)	Mary Fuhrman
Tharwa Ahmad (New Member)	L. Carole Jensen (New Member)

FIRST INTERIM BUDGET REPORT, 2016-17

Pursuant to Education Code 42130, the Governing Board is required to certify within 45 days of the close of the period ending October 31 (first interim reporting period) that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the budget year and for two subsequent years. We anticipate the unrestricted General Funds to have a deficit (revenues vs. expenditures) of \$1,531,450 in 2016-17 followed by deficits of \$710,149 and \$1,123,886 in 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively. The District estimates District reserves (i.e., Designation for Economic Uncertainties) for 2016-17 through 2018-19 as follows: 3.03%, 3.03%, and 3.01%. The Board previously authorized acceptance of a pre-school grant, totaling \$378.1K. These funds are budgeted as mandated by the State in the Child Development Fund (i.e., Fund 12). The Building Fund (i.e., Fund 21) has been updated to reflect the second issuance of our General Obligation Bond in April 2017 estimated at \$12.2 million. Of this amount, \$4.2 million will be utilized to repay our outstanding 2016 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) and the remaining \$8.0 million utilized to fund construction projects including the Gilbert and Whitaker modernization projects.

GIFT ACCEPTANCE

The District accepted the donation of a Kimball Baby Grand Piano, approximate value of \$8,000, for the Music Department at Buena Park Junior High School. Thank you to retired BPSD teacher Karen Chapman for this generous donation.

STUDENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENT(S)

The Governing Board approved the placement of seven student teachers from Biola University. Master teachers are:

Beatty: Cristina Sousa, Roxann Bogart, Kirstin Kim

Corey: Kristie Mendez, Jill Hood

Emery: Dee Cavenee

Gilbert: Cameron Reiter

CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT(S)

The Governing Board approved a contact with P & R Paper Supply Company, Sunrise Packing Products, Inc., and Worldwide (a Veritiv Co.) to provide Food Services paper products. This cooperative is comprised of Buena Park School District, Huntington Beach City School District, Magnolia School District, Newport Mesa Unified School District, Saddleback Valley Unified School District and Westminster School District.