



BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting  
of February 9, 2016

## WHITAKER SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Linnecke, Administrative Intern Lori Smock and Whitaker School teachers' Sally Santos, Arlene Fraser, Tia Rubio, Julie Blodgett and Heather Grethe presented their Early Literacy Year 2 Implementation report to the Governing Board. In order to achieve the District's goal of "every child reading at grade level by third grade," Whitaker staff adopted a new method of implementing common core through tiered interventions and the Engage New York program (curricular modules and units in ELA and Math). Ms. Linnecke shared DIBELS assessment data for kindergarten and current first grade students showing marked improvement, Ms. Santos shared data for 1<sup>st</sup> grade CELDT growth, Ms. Fraser compared 1<sup>st</sup> grade student writing from the beginning of the year to the middle of the year, and Ms. Rubio and Ms. Blodgett shared changes in Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten with letters/sounds/blending, curriculum, and social/emotional development. Ms. Grethe discussed several interventions in place and shared data reflecting growth in reading levels due to these interventions. Ms. Smock shared information on several parent workshops held to help parents work with their children at home to increase literacy.

## PERMISSION TO GO TO BID

In conjunction with Measure 'B' authorized on June 3, 2014, District staff, BCA Architects and TELACU Construction Management have developed an implementation plan for projects included in Phase I of our Facilities Implementation Plan and requests permission for the following projects:

- solicit proposals for modernization of Buena Park Junior High School. The proposal will include modernization construction, classroom communications and technology including a new phone/clock/bell system. It is anticipated that construction will commence on, or around, May 30, 2016 with 24 classrooms being completed by August 1, 2016 and the remaining 12 classrooms completed by September 30, 2016.
- permission to solicit proposals for the phone systems at the four remaining sites yet to be modernized (specifically Beatty, Corey, Gilbert and Whitaker) and the District Office. Installation of the phone system will occur after instructional hours and is estimated to be completed by May 30, 2016.

## BOARD POLICIES

The Governing Board approved the following board policies for adoption/review/revision/deletion:

- BP0420 School Plans/Site Council
- BP0460 Local Control and Accountability PlanBP0520.4 Quality Education Investment Schools
- BP1100 Communications with the Public
- BP1112 Media Relations
- BP1113 District and School Web Sites
- BP1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
- BP4131 Staff Development
- BP4143/4243 Negotiations/Consultation
- BP4131 Staff Development
- BB9100 Annual Organizational Meeting

<b>AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE</b>	The American Cancer Society (ACS) has previously used Buena Park Junior High School for their Relay for Life event to raise money to benefit cancer research. ACS will hold their annual Relay for Life event at BPJH May 20-22, 2016.
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<b>NEWS YOU CAN USE</b>	
<b>BEATTY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many thanks to the BPSD bus drivers for driving through snowy road conditions to get our students safely to and from Camp Pali.</li> <li>• Congratulations to the Gold Ribbon team members: Seri Hwang, Esther Lee, Mike McDonald and Andrew Hopkins for completing an outstanding application to showcase Beatty's GATE program. The site validation visit will be held on March 15.</li> <li>• Wishing Beatty second grade teacher, Debbie Ruschmann, a speedy recover.</li> </ul>
<b>COREY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our condolences to Jill Hood on the loss of her father.</li> <li>• Thank you to Bridgitt Higger for planning our wonderful Valentine's Day luncheon.</li> </ul>
<b>EMERY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to Erik Bagger for sharing BPJH updates with the faculty and for holding both 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent and student information sessions.</li> <li>• Congratulations to Timothy Elnitarta for winning 1<sup>st</sup> placing the BPSD Spelling Bee.</li> <li>• Kudos to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team and all faculty who participated in the staff versus 6<sup>th</sup> grade student volleyball game.</li> </ul>
<b>GILBERT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A big thank you to the Gilbert PTO, Successful Families for Buena Park, and all who came out for a great after school healthy living and movement event.</li> <li>• Thank you to the City Council, City Clerk's office, the police Captain, the Fine Arts Dept., and all those involved in making Gilbert's walking field trip a huge success. Students participated in a Mock City Council Meeting, visited the art work on display and enjoyed the community center.</li> </ul>
<b>PENDLETON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A big Pendleton welcome to Janet Vatananugulkit, our new typist clerk.</li> </ul>
<b>WHITAKER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A tremendous thank you goes out to Heather Grethe, Lori Smock, Julie Blodgett, Tia Rubio, Sally Santos and Arlene Fraser for your outstanding presentation to the school board. Great job!</li> <li>• We are so appreciative of Christina Reider and Brianne Stein for their excellent work with our Student Council. They also sponsored a fun Valentine Dance for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.</li> </ul>
<b>B.P.J.H.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations to our Featured Teachers' Connie Price and Laura Lucero; Classy Classified Bertha Gomez and Valued Volunteer Mrs. Hyekyung Park. These individuals were recognized at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly.</li> <li>• Welcome aboard Esther Park, our new addition to the counseling department.</li> <li>• Thank you to Mrs. Terhune, our debate teacher, for her time and efforts in preparing the BPJHS team for the February 6 debate competition that BPJH hosted. BPJHS received the "Overall 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Division School Award" and "1<sup>st</sup> Place Tournament Blue Division School Award."</li> <li>• Kudos to Jenifer Navarro, our bilingual provider, for her hard work in organizing the criteria materials for RFEP candidates.</li> </ul>
<b>DISTRICT OFFICE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations to Mark Stevenson on his new position as Custodial Services &amp; Security Coordinator.</li> <li>• Thank you to Joy for all the generous and thoughtful things you do to make working at D.O. a celebration every day.</li> </ul>