



BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting  
of November 25, 2013

### FACILITIES PLANNING WORKSHOP

True North Research conducted a Bond Feasibility Study for the Buena Park School District to identify how to create a bond measure consistent with community priorities and gather information needed for communications and outreach. A 17 minute telephone survey was conducted in English, Spanish and Korean languages from October 17 to November 3, 2013 with 300 District voters selected at random from likely November 2014 electorate, with a June 2014 subset. Mr. Tim McLarney, True North Research, disseminated the survey data concluding that voters recognize the District has a need for money to repair and improve facilities with a 71% support for a November bond measure and a 63% support for a June bond measure.

BCA Architects has been conducting various meetings including site administrator, site community, Technology Task Force and Facilities Advisory Committee meetings to collect input from stakeholders to determine facilities requirements and project priorities. BCA representative Paul Bunton presented a recap of the numerous meetings held and presented the preliminary Master Plan as well as recommendations for each school site with regards to facilities, technology and funding. BCA advised that work is on-going with the final reiteration of the plan being presented to the Governing Board in January 2014.

Adam Bauer, Principal with Fieldman Rolapp & Associates, presented a financial analysis of a potential 2014 General Obligation Bond Election. Fieldman Rolapp & Associates (FRA) advised on assessed value growth assumptions of 4% per year (which they felt was reasonable); interest rate assumptions of an underlying 'A+' rating with bond insurance; and term of the bonds-Capital Appreciation Bonds (CAB) limited to 25 years, Current Interest Bonds (CIB) assumes 38-year term for bonds issued prior to January 1, 2019 and 30 years after January 1, 2019. Based on these assumptions, as well as a maximum tax rate of \$30 per \$100,000 in assessed tax valuation, FRA projected a \$69 million bonding capacity for the District. Further, the repayment amount would be \$2.27 for every \$1 borrowed over the entire Bond Program, which is well below the threshold of \$4.00. At \$30 per \$100,000 in assessed tax valuation, the average tax per year for a typical homeowner would amount to \$81 per year. FRA advised that this financing plan was reasonable and compares favorably to other districts that have issued bonds. With respect to next steps, FRA will work with district staff to review types of bonds, technology bonds, frequency of bond sales, and possible advance of bond sales.

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE BIENNIAL REVIEW

Designated employees are required to file annual statements of economic interests with the Clerk of the Orange County Board of Supervisors as the Filing Officer for these designated positions. Prior to this filing, the Conflict of Interest Code must be reviewed for accuracy with the Board of Supervisors. Two changes have been made to the BPSD Conflict of Interest Code: (1) the Coordinator of Community-Based Programs position was eliminated and (2) the Fiscal Services/Contract Coordinator position title was changed to Fiscal Services Manager.

### SINGLE SCHOOL PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 requires districts to be more accountable for academic progress of all students. One of the regulations outlined in NCLB is that schools must develop a Single School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) each year that is approved by the local School Site Council for each school and also approved by the district Governing Board. The SPSA consolidates programs with the single target of improving academic achievement of all students with emphasis on those students most at risk of not meeting academic standards. Each school's staff has conducted a comprehensive analysis of data to set specific goals and determine actions to improve academic achievement of all students.

### AUTHORIZATION TO PREPARE FOR JUNE G.O. BOND BALLOT MEASURE

The Governing Board has previously authorized activities to: develop a district-wide facilities master plan; study and assess general obligation bond feasibility; conduct a community survey regarding capital needs and funding support; and provide for financial planning in preparation for a facilities modernization program potentially utilizing proceeds from a general obligation bond. The Governing Board authorized District staff to perform all administrative actions necessary to prepare a June 2014 general obligation bond ballot measure for consideration and action by the Governing Board no later than March 7, 2014.

<b>CONTRACT/SERVICE AGREEMENT(S)</b>	<p>The Governing Board approved the following contact/service agreement(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MP South, Inc. will remove and replace handicap ramps at BPJHS at portable rooms 43, 44 &amp; 45 per DSA specifications</li> <li>• Orange Mirror and Glass will remove and replace 38 broken windows at 6 school sites with tempered, tinted glass panels</li> <li>• Christy White Associates will perform an annual audit of financial statements of governmental activities for each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information for fiscal years ending 6/30/2014, 6/30/2015 &amp; 6/30/2016</li> <li>• Orange County Schools Districts will provide student transportation services when available and suitable for special education, transfers, athletic, field trip, and special event activities per the cooperative agreement between 24 Orange County school districts</li> <li>• Contract 14-31 with McKinley Corp to provide maintenance and service of wheel chair lifts was increased by \$400</li> <li>• The Emery field trip for 86 third grade students to the Shipley Nature Center was changed from 11/13/13 to 1/10/14.</li> </ul>
<b>GIFT ACCEPTANCE</b>	<p>The Governing Board accepted the gift of a rolling computer desk and chair from Rose M. Fisher to be used in the Kid Connection department.</p>

<b>“News You Can Use”</b>	
<b>Beatty School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A huge thunderous round of applause goes out to Mike McDonald and Andrew Hopkins for all of their hard work to plan the Super Saturday event. Your efforts to plan this district wide GATE event is greatly appreciated by everyone.</li> </ul>
<b>Corey School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome back Stacy Kleizo! We are so happy you are feeling better.</li> <li>• Welcome back Wendy Roxas! We are happy you had time to spend with your baby boy, but it’s great to have you back with us.</li> </ul>
<b>Emery School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Condolences to Chantel Pettitt on the loss of her grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Pettitt family.</li> <li>• We wish Debbie Garriga a speedy recovery and hope you are doing better and feeling stronger every day. We miss you!</li> </ul>
<b>Gilbert School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A gigantic thanks to the Gilbert Common Core Steering committee for getting the staff on the “road” to implementation.</li> <li>• Sympathy goes out to Suzanne Huerta, Gilbert RSP teacher, on the loss of her grandfather.</li> <li>• Congratulations to Gilbert’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade on a wonderful “Walk Through the Revolution.”</li> </ul>
<b>Pendleton School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A huge thank you to Janet Acevedo, Liz Arcos, Frank Genera and Gabe Posey for working so hard clearing out a classroom for teachers to use as a Common Core training room.</li> </ul>
<b>Whitaker School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to our awesome CAST, Lori Smock, Jihee Yoo, Christina Reider and Arlene Fraser for all of your thoughtful ideas and hard work.</li> <li>• Huge appreciation goes to Michele Morales and her fantastic cafeteria staff for helping put on our first “Lunch with the Principal.” One hundred sixty-five students attended this POWER event.</li> <li>• Maria Gross was an integral part of our GRIP Turkey Event. She received donations, decorated the cafeteria and made all the arrangements. We are so appreciative of her efforts and dedication to our students.</li> </ul>
<b>B.P.J.H. School</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wishing the students, faculty and staff a wonderful holiday season!</li> </ul>
<b>District Office</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations to Auntie Katrina on the birth of her niece Brandy.</li> <li>• Congratulations to Michele Stein and John Kreidt who just became a Great Aunt and Great Uncle to baby Maddie who was born on 12/5/13.</li> </ul>