



BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting
of April 27, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING

The Governing Board held two public hearings during their April 27 Board meeting: (1) concerning plans to establish Trustee Areas in the Buena Park School District and (2) request for waiver of Education Code Sections 5019, 5020, 5021 and 5030 concerning election of by-trustee area.

TOP OC TEACHER RECOGNITION

Four Buena Park School District teachers: Margaret Garcia-Gilbert School, Vanessa Gomez-Buena Park Junior High School, Jeanette Solomon-Whitaker School, and Anita Thompson-Pendleton School were acknowledged by the Governing Board for their recent recognition as a Top Orange County Teacher for 2015 from Parenting OC Magazine.

2015 TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION

The Governing Board recognized the school site 2015 Teachers of the Year. Each Teacher of the Year was introduced by their principal and presented with flowers. The 2015 Teachers of the Year are: Gil Kim-Beatty School, Shelli Abbott-Corey School, Ana Ngo-Emery School, Michele Batchler-Gilbert School, Anita Thompson-Pendleton School, Jeanette Solomon-Whitaker School, and Laura Lucero-Buena Park Junior High School.

Beatty School Principal Annie Oei introduced Gil Kim as Buena Park School District's 2015 Teacher of the Year. Mr. Kim will represent Buena Park School District in the Orange County Teacher of the Year Program.

BEATTY MATH TEAM RECOGNITION

Beatty School Principal Annie Oei and Math Team Advisors' Andrew Hopkins and Michael McDonald introduced the members of the Beatty School Math Team. Fourth grade students' Eric Han, Shawn Kang, Sion Lee, Rainee Patel; fifth grade students' Hannah Choi, Joshua Cho, Sean Hyun, Joshua Oh; and sixth grade students' Raymond Huynh, Tiffany Hyun, Esther Kang, and June Kim were presented with certificates of participation. These students will compete in the Annual Mathematics Field Day sponsored by the North Orange County Mathematics Council in May.

RESOLUTIONS: Day of the Teacher and School Nurse Day

The Governing Board approved the following resolutions:

- The Governing Board of the Buena Park School District designates May 13, 2015 as the Day of the Teacher and urges all parents, community members, administrators, and school support personnel to join the Board in honoring the District's outstanding teachers.
- The Governing Board of the Buena Park School District hereby proclaims May 6, 2015 as School Nurse Day to support the learning and health needs of California's children to ensure academic success.

ADOPTION OF TRUSTEE AREA PLAN & RESOLUTION #14-28

The District currently elects its Governing Board members using a methodology referred to as "at-large" voting. According to the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, if the at-large election methodology impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice, or impairs the group's ability to influence the outcome of an election, that methodology can be challenged in court and a public entity, such as the District, can be required to change to an election methodology where trustees are elected by only the voters of the area in which they reside.

In approving a Trustee Area Plan, the Board must take into account legal criteria such as the constitutional and statutory requirement of one-person-one vote, i.e., each elected official represents about the same number of people. The Plan also takes into account factors such as minimizing the division of communities interest, using political boundaries or geographical features to draw boundary lines, and generally not allowing trustee area boundary lines to split election precincts.

The Governing Board adopted Trustee Area Plan 2 and approved Resolution #14-28 to recommend that the Orange County Committee on School District Organization approve and establish trustee areas from which Buena Park School District governing board members will be elected in a by-trustee area election process.

<p>RESOLUTION #14-27</p>	<p>Under provisions of Education Code Section 5020 and related sections, the establishment of trustee areas and adoption of a by-trustee area election process must be put to a vote by the electors of the District. Over the past few years, several Districts in California have been sued or threatened with a lawsuit for alleged violations of the California Elections Code (CVRA) as a result of such District's at-large election systems.</p> <p>To avoid the cost, expense and uncertainty inherent in such litigation and in order to complete the transition in a timely manner and to guarantee that the new by-trustee area process will be in place in time to elect new governing board members at the Board's next regularly-scheduled election, the District must obtain a waiver of the election process of Education Code Sections 5019, 5020, 5021 and 5030 from the State Board of Education.</p>
<p>CONTRACT AWARD/PERMISSION TO GO TO BID</p>	<p>The Governing Board approved the following contract awards/permission to go to bid for products and services related to the Measure 'B' facilities bond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • purchase school furniture from Culver-Newlin, Inc., via Hawthorne USD Bid 13-14-1 • contract award for moving company services, Westransco, Inc. • contract award for auctioneer for existing surplus furniture and electronics, American Auction Company • revised permission to go to bid for BPJH roof and portion of District Office roof.
<p>RESOLUTION #14-26: BPSD OPPOSES MEASURE 'A'</p>	<p>The Governing Board approved Resolution #14-26 finding that the City of Buena Park Initiative Requiring Voter Approval of Construction or Development, Measure 'A' to be unnecessary and overly burdensome to residential development in the City of Buena Park and opposes Measure 'A' as it is not in the best interest of the community and the students of Buena Park School District.</p>
<p>CONTRACT/SERVICE AGREEMENT(S)</p>	<p>The Governing Board approved the following contract/service agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATI Architects & Engineers will prepare schematic and design development documents for the District Office • Hanover Research will provide research data of academic program effectiveness • Construct 1 One Corporation will provide preconstruction services for Emery and Pendleton classroom modernizations and Corey seismic projects.

<p align="center">"News You Can Use"</p>	
<p>Beatty School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many thanks to Beatty's fantastic computer IAs Gayle Husges, Ana Ramirez, and Donna Murata for their help and assistance during SBAC testing. • A shout out to Andrew Hopkins and Mike McDonald for preparing the Beatty Team for the Orange County Pentathlon competition on May 2nd. • A thunderous round of applause for Yvette Viramontes and Gil Kim for creating Beatty's beautiful yearbook.
<p>Corey School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Debbie Mendez for all of your work for Jump Rope for Heart. • Thank you to Ivonne Mena for a very successful Career Day.
<p>Emery School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to teachers' Jean Gerard, Debbie Garriga and Principal Debbie Diaz on their upcoming retirement. Emery will miss them greatly but wish them the very best!
<p>Gilbert School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Sharon Laws for all of her hard work on the SBAC testing coordination! • Congratulations to Margaret Garcia and Michele Batchler on their honors at the April 27 School Board meeting.
<p>Pendleton School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our deepest sympathy goes to Lisa Jessup at the passing of her father. • Congratulations to Amie Maya at the earning of her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction.
<p>Whitaker School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Suzanne Doucette for facilitating the 6th Grade Speech Contest, and Ms. Swanberg, Mrs. Reider and Mrs. Williamson for judging. • Congratulations to all staff for a successful Open House. • Much appreciation goes out to Brianne Stein for another amazing Book Fair. Thank you to all of her little helpers too.
<p>B.P.J.H. School</p>	
<p>District Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hats off to Assistant Superintendent, Ramon Miramontes! He recently completed his doctoral degree from USC. Congratulations, Dr. Miramontes!