



BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting
of May 13, 2013

PRESENTATION

Mr. William Lynch, Assistant Principal at Buena Park Junior High School, accepted a check totaling \$2,000 from Mr. Don Betzold, Past Exalted Ruler of the Buena Park Elks Lodge No. 2046, in support of the American Heritage Tour. The Elks Lodge has been in partnership with Buena Park Junior High School for the past eighteen years selling candy and raising funds, a total of \$82,300, to help students who wish to take part in the American Heritage Tour.

RECOGNITION

Members of the Buena Park School District Debate Teams in grades five through eight were recognized for their outstanding performance during the 2012-13 Debate season. Each member received a certificate of participation from the Governing Board.

The first and second place winners from each of the District's six elementary schools who participated in the 2012-13 Speech Contests were recognized by the Governing Board and received a certificate of participation.

PENDLETON SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Jeffrey and Pendleton teachers' Jeanne Krucli, Anita Thompson, Ann McBride, Katie Beucler and Monica Young reported to the Governing Board on the ST Math implementation at Pendleton School in grades two and three. ST Math uses an interactive, visually animated penguin named 'Gigi' to convey math concepts and develop a deep understanding of math. Students progress through the software's gently scaffolded games at their own pace, advancing to the next level only through mastering the previous level. The intuitive, language-free game enables immediate engagement for students regardless of math or language proficiency and provides immediate, instructive feedback. Whether or not the solution chosen by the student works or does not work, animation shows why it was correct or incorrect and provides informative feedback to students.

ST Math was designed to meet the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics in both content and intent and provides a reporting system that allows teachers to quickly identify student needs and differentiate instruction. Integrated classroom management tools enable real-time teacher and student interaction.

ANNUAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT REPORT

Silvia Rivas, Director of Student Programs and Staff Development, and Seri Hwang, Coordinator of Community-Based Programs, presented the annual Parent Involvement Report to the Governing Board. Ms. Rivas reported the Family Engagement Framework brings together research, promising practices, and program requirements to provide a tool for leaders in school districts to plan, implement and evaluate family engagement practices that directly impact improved student achievement. At the core of the framework are district principles that were developed collaboratively with input from a wide variety of parent, education, and community organizations. The district principles are essential actions for supporting family engagement at the district level. The principles describe expectations, or standards, for districts to engage family members in supporting their children's education. The principles address capacity building, leadership, resource allocation, progress monitoring, access, and equity. Ms. Rivas and Ms. Hwang discussed the programs/processes in place to fulfill the six principle requirements.

The goal of School Readiness is to provide safe, healthy, and readiness enriched environments that support children, ages 0-5, and their families so they will enter kindergarten ready to learn. Ms. Hwang reported that she coordinates health screenings and parent education, facilitates the Kindergarten Round-up activities, and coordinates and refers families to outside agencies providing school readiness support. Ms. Hwang discussed the THINK Together-Early Literacy and Math Program, a 12-week program provided for 3-4 year olds; Learning Link, an interactive classroom where activities are provided for children and parents to experience together which is located at Gilbert School; and the Beatty Preschool full-inclusion program for children 4 years old. Monica Moscozo, parent of two preschool children enrolled in the program provided testimony to the benefits she and her family have gained through participation in the program.

RATIFICATION OF CSEA CONTRACT SETTLEMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 3547.5, the California School Employees Association Negotiated Contract Settlement for 2012-13 through 2014-15 has been made available for public viewing prior to Governing Board approval and forwarded to the County Superintendent of Schools as part of their criteria for regular solvency review.

The Reserve for Economic Uncertainties percentage is projected to be at 7.4%, 4.5% and 1.1% for 2012-13 through 2014-15 respectively. While the percentages are sufficient to meet the state-mandated requirement for economic uncertainty of 3% in the first two years, it is below the threshold in the final year, i.e., 2014-15. To meet the reserves' requirements in 2014-15, the District is monitoring/considering the following: (1) implement additional budget reductions, (2) release unrestricted designated reserves related to OPEB and Instructional Materials funds totaling \$1,225,582 to meet the required 3% reserve level, and/or (3) possible additional funding relief if the Governor's proposed Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) is enacted.

ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENTS	<p>The Governing Board approved the appointment of Ms. Julie Linnecke as a principal in the Buena Park School District effective the first duty day of the 2013-2014 school year. Ms. Linnecke has been employed by the District since 1993 serving in the capacity of teacher, administrative intern and as an assistant principal.</p> <p>The Governing Board approved the appointment of Ms. Seri Hwang as an assistant principal in the Buena Park School District effective the first duty day of the 2013-2014 school year. Ms. Hwang has been employed by the District for 10 years serving as a substitute teacher, teacher, Coordinator of Instructional Programs, and Coordinator of Community-Based Programs.</p>
REVISED 2013-14 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR	<p>Following a joint meeting held on April 26, 2013, with the Buena Park Teachers Association and the California School Employees Association, Chapter #569, the 2013-2014 Instructional Calendar was revised to include seven furlough days and a parent/teacher conference date. The revised 2013-14 Instructional Calendar complies with existing bargaining unit contracts and Education Code requirements relating to staff contractual work days and student attendance and, therefore, does not impose any additional fiscal requirements.</p>
RESOLUTION #12-25: EDUCATION PROTECTION ACCOUNT	<p>Provisions of Article XIII, Section 36(e) of Proposition 30 creates in the state General Fund an Education Protection Account to receive and disburse revenues derived from the incremental increases in taxes imposed by Article XIII, Section 36(f). All monies received from the Education Protection Account shall be spent as required by Article XIII, Section 36 and the spending determinations on how the money will be spent shall be made in open session of a public meeting of the Governing Board of the Buena Park School District.</p>
RESOLUTION #12-26: CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES WEEK	<p>The Governing Board of the Buena Park School hereby declares the week of May 20-24, 2013 as Classified School Employees Week and commends the classified staff for their contributions to the public education system.</p>
GIFT ACCEPTANCE	<p>The Governing Board accepted a check for \$500 from Fidelity Charitable to purchase technology needs for Emery students and staff.</p>

“News You Can Use”	
Beatty School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you Dorothy Utter for putting together a wonderful “We Are Family” Day. • Thank you Beatty staff for welcoming Superintendent Magnuson and Board Member Michel to our school and into your classrooms for the Board Tour on May 16. • Congratulations to the Beatty Math Team on competing so valiantly at the May 11 OC Math Council Math Tournament. Once again you came home victoriously with many medals! • Thank you Mike McDonald and Andrew Hopkins for another excellent year as the Beatty Math Team Coaches! • Thank you Sauni Dain for your help with this year’s STAR Testing process, your excellent work is truly appreciated.
Corey School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corey’s Open House was a smashing success. Thank you to everyone for showcasing all the great work our students have accomplished • Congratulations to Corey teacher David Mauldin on receiving his Master’s Degree in History from California State University, Fullerton.
Emery School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to 4th grade teacher Leanne Crawford for coordinating our annual Science Fair. • Thank you to 6th grade teacher Jennifer Ferrara for putting our yearbook together. These teachers dedication, commitment and drive to go beyond for our kids is GREATLY appreciated!
Gilbert School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A big thanks to Dawn Manzanilla, Health Clerk, for coordinating Build a Bike and We’ve Got Your Back programs! You are a rock star! • Thank you to our kindergarten teachers, Sarah Conlin, and Seri Hwang for a wonderful Kindergarten Round-up. • Condolences to Dr. Judy Lemen, School Psychologist, on her loss.
Pendleton School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wow! The PBIS audit was great! Nothing but compliments. Huge kudos for all the work dedicated to creating a positive learning environment at Pendleton! • Congratulations to Deysi Diaz, her son is graduating from USC.
Whitaker School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to the Whitaker staff for your compassion and caring for our students in need. • Thank you to Jeanette Solomon for coordinating the testing schedules for both STAR and the Smarter Balanced assessments.
B.P.J.H. School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Jessica Case on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Sophie! • Thank you to Alisha Tardif and Laura Lucero for their amazing work with our CST Prep Rally and 6th grade visits! • Thank you to Kelly Norton and Karen Musurlian for coordinating a fabulous College Road Trip for Honor’s Academy!
District Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to Deanna Glenn’s daughter Ashlee who graduated from the Physician’s Assistant program this month. • Congratulations to Marie Fanucchi’s daughter Kasey. She is graduating cum laude with her bachelor’s degree from CSUF and will start on her master’s degree in August at SJSU. • Congratulations to Carma Cordray’s son Charles who was accepted into the Radiologic Technology program at Cypress College. • Congratulations to Michele Stein’s daughter Brianne. She graduated from California State University, Fullerton with a Bachelor’s Degree. • Human Resources wants to remind everyone it’s never a bad idea to update all of your personal beneficiary forms with the district, i.e., insurance plans, retirement plans, etc., and emergency contact information too.