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Upcoming events:

- ◆ Oct 10 Governing Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
- ◆ Oct 11 Grades 7/8 Minimum Day
- ◆ Oct 17 Technology Monday
- ◆ Oct 17-28 Benchmark Assessments
- ◆ Oct 20 California Great American Shakeout
- ◆ Oct 20 6th Grade Speech Contest @ Beatty School, 6 pm
- ◆ Oct 22 Orange County Debate League Scramble @ Buena Park Junior High School
- ◆ Oct 24 Red Ribbon Week
- ◆ Oct 25 Grades K-6 Minimum Day

1ST TECHNOLOGY MONDAY A SUCCESS!

This has been a very busy time for the Office of Technology Services! We had a great start to our Technology Monday sessions. The first Technology Monday was held on September 19. Buena Park Junior High hosted this event in their modernized classrooms. There were five different sessions for teachers to choose from: Introducing Discovery Streaming, Working with STMath, Illuminate, Formative Assessments, and Footsteps2Brilliance. Debbie Clark, Gil Kim, Andy Osborn, Shin Park, and the Discovery Education team did a great job delivering this outstanding PD to our teachers. We had 91 teachers in attendance. The feedback from teachers was very positive, and everyone seemed to like the new format.



The October 17th Technology Monday is just around the corner. BPJH has graciously agreed to host this session. We will be showcasing several technology sessions for teachers to choose from: Discovery Streaming; Board Building application; Using Illuminate; Formative Assessments; Introducing Nearpod; Interim Assessment Blocks (IAB); and an overview of the CAASPP Digital Library.

TOMORROW!!!



Buena Park School District will be hosting a free Flu Shot Clinic from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the District Office on Thursday, October 6 for SISC Medical Plan participants. This includes District employee medical plan participants, retirees participating in SICS medical plans, and covered dependents ages nine and older. This service will be provided on a walk-in basis only.

BOARD ACCELERATES SCHOOL FACILITIES PLANS FOR BEATTY and COREY SCHOOLS

At its meeting on Monday, September 26th, the Governing Board approved a plan to accelerate modernization of both Beatty and Corey schools. In concert with anticipated funding from Measure 'K', the two schools were originally expected to undergo modernization in 2020. With the Board's action, District staff has been directed to prepare all necessary plans to complete modernization of the two schools during the Summer of 2018. The Board's action will enable the District's Facilities team to move forward with architectural planning and approvals during 2017, and prepare for construction in 2018. Beatty and Corey school modernization will now promptly follow completed classroom and office renovations at Pendleton, Emery and BPJH schools, as well as the planned modernization of Gilbert and Whitaker schools, scheduled for the Summer of 2017.

CONGRATULATIONS!

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN APPOINTMENTS

BPSD appoints two new Administrative Interns, Heather Guay, Corey teacher, will assume duties at Corey School on October 10.



Gilbert Kim, former Beatty teacher and TECH TOSA, will assume his administrative intern duties at Gilbert School on September 27.

CITIZENS' BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE UPDATE

BPSD held the first Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) meeting of the new fiscal year on September 7. The committee was provided with an update of summer projects which have been completed either on time or ahead of schedule. All projects are slated to be completed at or under budget.

Related to the COC, two years have elapsed since the Board appointed the 11 committee members to the COC. Recently, staff requested Board action to renew COC members for another two-year term. Three committee members have tendered their resignation given they no longer live in the community. Per Education Code, this committee must be comprised of at least seven members with a composition consisting of:

- One member representing the business community
- One member active in a senior citizens' organization
- One member in a bona fide taxpayers' organization
- Parent/guardian of a child enrolled in the District
- Parent/guardian of a child enrolled in the District and is active in apparent-teacher organization such as PTA for school site council
- Two other members, selected from the public at large.

Reappointed COC members are: Kenneth Anderson, James Banks, Tamra Banks, Cindy Brozzoski, Frannie Donoghue, Mary Fuhrman and Alan McAuley.

Board Highlights

Resolution #16-07: 2016-17 Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance

Education Code 60119 establishes steps and procedures to ensure the availability of textbooks and instructional materials in order to be eligible to receive funds for that purpose. The Governing Board is required to hold a public hearing and make a determination through a resolution as to whether each pupil in each school in the district has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials, or both, which are aligned to the content standards adopted pursuant to Education in Mathematics, Science, History/Social Science and English/Language Arts, and are consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board of Education. The Governing Board hereby certifies that as of September 26, 2016, each pupil in the District, in kindergarten through eighth grade, has been provided with a standards-aligned textbook or basic instructional materials.

Measure 'B' Bond Oversight Committee Terms Extended

Measure 'B' was approved by the voters of the Buena Park School District pursuant to the provisions of the Strict Accountability in Local School Construction Bonds Act of 2000. The Act requires the Governing Board of the District to appoint a Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) after the successful bond election. This Committee is charged with alerting the public to waste or improper expenditure of school construction bond money. At the September 8, 2014 Board meeting, 11 individual were appointed to serve on the COC for a two-year term. Since that time, four committee members have tendered their resignation. The District currently has adequate representation on this committee, nonetheless, we will recruit additional COC members to ensure continued compliance with membership requirements.

THINK Together

Buena Park School District secured a contract with the California Department of Education for the 2016-17 California State Preschool Program (CSPP). The state awarded the district a contract in the amount of \$378,090 to operate two licensed preschool programs. The contract requires BPSD to serve 88 students on a part-time basis. Administration has initiated the licensing approval process to contract the programs at Pendleton and Whitaker Schools. Since CSPP is new to the District, job descriptions, salary schedules, and personnel are not in place for the positions necessary in order to implement this program in a timely manner. After considering two proposals, the District has determined THINK Together to be the most competitive from the fiscal and program sides.

Job Descriptions

The Governing Board approved two new job descriptions, Teacher on Special Assignment-English Learner to assist in the planning, development, and implementation of the district's English learner program and a Family Services Specialist-Bilingual (English Learners) to serve as a primary link to families of English learners to develop literacy activities and parent education activities.

Contract/Service Agreement(s)

The Governing Board approved an increase in training days in the implementation of Reading Workshop to the contract with Momentum in Teaching, LLC.

Notice of Completion

The Governing Board approved the following Notice of Completion(s):

- Digital Networks Group Inc., Bid #16-07 for the phone installation at five sites
- Century Paving, Inc., Bid #16-08 for the Emery School asphalt project.

Williams Settlement Legislation

The Orange County Department of Education provided the district with their 2015-16 fiscal year report per Education Code Section 1240. The report provides aggregate findings for the Buena Park School District in the areas of sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials, maintenance of facilities, accuracy of data reported on School Accountability Report Cards (SARC), and compliance with teacher assignments.