



BUENA PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting
of November 12, 2013

WHITAKER SCHOOL REPORT

Whitaker School Principal Julie Linnecke recognized seven students for exemplifying the District's core ethical values. Makaya Galindo, Nataly Mejia, Eric Quintero, Brian Mancillas, Bismah Imran, Garret Parker, and Olandis Sanchez received certificates of recognition from the Governing Board.

Ms. Linnecke and Whitaker teachers' Larry Kiefer and Lori Smock presented a report to the Governing Board entitled "Technology for the 21st Century." Whitaker students have access to technology through the computer lab, roving iPad carts, ELMO display systems, interactive whiteboards in the Tier III RSP classroom, and schoolwide wireless access. In addition, every teacher has their own iPad which they use for collaboration, classroom instruction and other professional responsibilities such as taking attendance, completing report cards, grading, email, and parent conferences. Culminating the Whitaker report, several students instructed Governing Board members in a ST Math lesson on their iPad.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

The 2012-2015 Education Technology Plan was developed as the primary tool to guide the district's acquisition, sustainability, and integration of technology to support the district's curricular goals. Dr. Glenn reviewed the plan's curriculum goals as well as the number and age of computers throughout the district to support this plan. Dr. Glenn discussed the Smarter Balance testing requirements, technology deficiencies in the District, and preparations for online testing. Due to limited financial resources, maintenance and expansion of technology hardware/software has been challenging but with LCFF and Common Core funding there are new possibilities in the horizon. Smarter Balance continues to have a number of unknowns but the District is positioning itself to be ready to pilot this year and fully implement in 2014-15.

BPTA & CSEA RATIFICATION OF NEGOTIATED CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS FOR 2013-14

Government Code Section 3547.5 requires public school employers to publicly disclose the provisions of all collective bargaining agreements prior to approval. The attached format 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 at 6.5%, 4.1% and 1.8% for 2013-14 through 2015-16 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., 2015-16.

To meet the reserves requirement in 2015-16, the District is monitoring/ considering the following: (1) LCFF revenues for fiscal year 2014-15 forward are based on the more conservative growth rate assumption provided by School Services of California. If funding growth is closer to that proposed by the Department of Finance, there will be additional funding above and beyond what is currently included in the Multi-Year Projection and this will reduce or possibly eliminate deficit spending; (2) implement additional budget reductions; (3) release unrestricted designated reserves related to OPEB and Instructional Materials funds totaling \$1.3 million to meet the required 3% reserve.

Restoration of the 7 furlough days will be paid as follows: Common Core funding (2 days of certificated staffing), use of IMFRP reserves (equivalent of 2 days), increased contributions from the Deferred Maintenance Fund (1 day) and General Fund reserves for the remainder.

REVISED 2013-2014 INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR

In conjunction with tentative agreements reached with the Buena Park Teachers Association and the California School Employees Association, Chapter #569, Administration provided for Governing Board consideration the revised 2013-2014 Instructional Calendar which conforms to bargained agreements and reinstates the previously approved seven furlough days.

The revised 2013-2014 Instructional Calendar complies with existing bargaining unit contracts and Education Code requirements relating to staff contractual work days and student attendance. Therefore, the calendar does not impose any additional fiscal requirements.

“News You Can Use”

Beatty School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations to instructional aide Irma Navarro on her recent nuptials on November 15. Best wishes to her and her new husband. • Kudos to the entire Beatty staff for a successful first trimester. Your collective efforts as a team truly makes a difference in the lives of our students and families. Thank you for all that you do. • Beatty welcomes our new counselor Ashley Rifsdal to our staff.
Corey School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Adrian Gonzales, Corey’s new Bilingual Support Provider. We are excited to have you here. • Corey sends well wishes to Stacia Kleizo. We are looking forward to your return. • Thank you to Emily Prosser who has been subbing in speech. We have really enjoyed having you with us at Corey. We wish you well on your next assignment. • Thank you to Cindy Detlefsen for subbing at Corey. We appreciate your help.
Emery School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emery is thrilled to have our Outreach Concern counselors’ Ashley and Shelby back. We love their enthusiasm, commitment and however we can help attitude! • Thank you to our Common Core Steering Committee members’ Leanne Crawford, Jennifer Ferrara, Jean Gerard, Debbie Garriga, Michele Henderson, Bob Mize, Christy Njust and Chantel Pettitt for all your hard work and the exceptional job you are doing in training your colleagues.
Gilbert School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Dawn Manzanilla for organizing and facilitating all holiday giving programs for Gilbert students. You are our angel! • Our parent/Teacher conferences couldn’t have gone as well without our Bilingual IA’s and Service Provider. You are the links to effective communication!
Pendleton School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pendleton staff is keeping Jan Smith in our thoughts while she is recovering from knee surgery. • Kudos to the Common Core Team for continuing to guide us through the transition to CCSS.
Whitaker School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitaker School would like to welcome Ashley Rifsdal, our new counselor. We are so excited to have you as part of our staff. • A special “thank you” to Larry Kiefer, Heather Robson, and Carolyn Revtyak for taking our 6th grade students to Outdoor Science School. • We are so appreciative of our Common Core Steering Committee, Julie Blodgett, Linda Mellano, Jenny Fenney, Heather Robson, Jeanette Solomon, Stephanie Williamson and Scott Francisco. They are doing an outstanding job in training our staff during collaboration.
B.P.J.H. School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On behalf of the staff at Buena Park Junior High, I would like to welcome Ms. Alisha Tardif back. We have missed you! • We wish Linda Wilson a speedy recovery. We miss her cheerfulness around campus. • Best of luck to Seri Hwang as she fills in at D.O. as the Interim Director of Student Programs & Staff Development. • Welcome to Emily Bruhns as the Interim Assistant Principal during Ms. Hwang’s absence. She is a tremendous asset to our team!
District Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A great big thank you to Silvia Rivas for her many years of service to the students, parents, and staff of BPSD. Best wishes to her in her future endeavors. She will be dearly missed. • We welcome Seri Hwang as the new Interim Director of Students Programs & Staff Development. • Our sincere condolences to Julia Alcaraz, Child Nutrition Clerk, on the sudden loss of her mother. Our prayers are with her and her family.