

## **BOARD BRIEF**

Highlights of the SMFC School Board Meeting  
January 21, 2010

**Statement of Board Members:** Mrs. Chan shared that she had attended the Magnet Fair and congratulated staff on their organization of and presentations during the event. Mrs. Lawson recognized staff and students for their participation in the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Essay Contest. Mrs. Ulrich shared that she visited North Shoreview Montessori School and thanked students and staff for their hospitality. Mrs. Sullivan wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Board Members and staff for their participation during the recent Governance Workshop.

**Statement of Superintendent:** Dr. Clark also congratulated staff for their development and participation in an excellent Magnet Fair, indicating that it was well attended by parents and community members. Pendery also announced the Feb. 12 Professional Development Day. She thanked SMETA and the Ed Services Staff for their joint efforts in planning a morning that provides a menu of workshops and presentations that will address needs expressed by certificated staff.

### **Action or Information: The Board:**

**approved** for Final Reading the revised SMFCSD Parent Involvement Policy and Regulations 2050, in response to findings by the Categorical Program Monitoring visitation team in January 2008 and as required by Education Code.

**approved** for First Reading the SMFCSD Parent Involvement Policies 2051-2056 from the Bayside STEM Academy, College Park, Fiesta Gardens, George Hall, Horrall and Sunnybrae Schools.

**approved** the District-wide Facility Master Plan and the budget distribution for the Measure L Bond Projects. Al Solis, Director of Facilities and Construction, reviewed the Measure L Implementation Plan and work of the Facilities Advisory Committee. The FAC, after assessing the needs of district schools, prepared a Facilities Master Plan and cost estimates. Mr. Solis indicated that a website describing Measure L projects would be available soon.

**received** an update regarding the Governor's 2010-2011 Budget. Micaela Ochoa, Chief Business Officer, shared information received by School Services of California. She reviewed state and national economies and how they continue to result in state revenue volatility. Ms. Ochoa reported risks to the Governor's Budget, in that it assumes \$6.9 billion in additional federal support and includes a proposal to eliminate

the state tax on gasoline and substitute an excise tax on gasoline. Micaela also shared that the Governor proposes cutting a total of \$1.5 billion targeted as "non-instructional" or administrative costs at school districts and County Offices of Education.

**reviewed** the Draft 2010-2011 Budget Calendar.

**received** for information the first draft of the Updated Certificated Seniority List for the 2009-2010 school year. Dr. Joan Rosas, Asst. Superintendent for Human Resources, reported that the Human Resources Department updates the Certificated Seniority list on an annual basis and that it is distributed to all sites for review. She indicated that the list was posted on January 15 for a mandated five days and that employees have been asked to review the list and report any corrections by January 22. Joan indicated that this year, staff have been asked to certify, in writing, that the information is correct or if disputed, corrections that need to be made.

**received** for information the Tie Breaking and Skipping Criteria that is used to determine the order of teacher lay-off. Dr. Rosas reported that the District has an obligation to protect the right to issue layoff notices in the event that declining revenue creates a need to layoff certificated personnel. While layoffs typically are issued based upon seniority, the District may adopt layoff criteria based upon District needs. The criteria list identifies how the district will determine the order of layoff for certificated teachers. It identifies how ties will be broken for employees with the same seniority date, and how the hard to recruit positions will be skipped. The adoption of skipping criteria allows district administration to retain teachers in specialized teaching areas and for specified District needs.

**received** the San Mateo Elementary Teachers' Association's (SMETA's) Initial Proposals for bargaining a Successor Agreement. Christy Rauch, SMETA Bargaining Chair, shared that the Bargaining Team, based on results of a member survey, had developed bargaining interests or goals. She indicated that the Goals had been reviewed by SMETA's Executive Board and approved by the Governing Council on January 21. Goals were presented and distributed to Board Members and District Administrative staff.

**meeting adjourned:** 10:30 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Phyllis Harris, President, SMETA

**Next Meeting:** February 1, 2010      7:00 p.m.