

## **BOARD BRIEF**

Highlights of the SMFC School Board Meeting

October 6, 2011

**Statements of Board Members:** Board members reported on their participation in activities sponsored by the Ed Foundation, Highland's Fun Run, and the League of Women Voters.

**Statement of Superintendent:** Dr. Simms reported at the beginning of the meeting that the candidate for Chief Business Officer had withdrawn his application at the last minute. (Agenda Item 14.6, approval of his contract, was pulled from the Agenda.) She also reported on activities of the Ed Foundation, which hopes to raise \$400,000 to support next year's music program for K-8. She had also had an opportunity to tour various construction sites with the Bond Oversight Committee.

### **Consent Agenda Items:**

A presentation was made to Danielle Tremain and Valerie Davidson for their recognition by Symetra Financial, Wells Fargo, and the San Francisco 49ers as "Symetra Heroes in the Classroom."

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

**Approved** extending for 2 years the term of an existing member on the Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee.

**Tabled** any action on Agenda Items 14.4 and 14.5 which would have approved contracts for Assistant Superintendents of Education Services, Student Services, and Human Resources, and which would have revised upwards the salaries of the above assistant superintendents as well as those of the Directors of Technology, Business, Facilities, Special Education and Education Services. Pursuant to a lengthy discussion, which also noted the difficulty in attracting candidates for assistant superintendent positions because of non-competitive salary scales, the Board decided to seek the assistance of School Services to help develop a comprehensive approach to salary adjustments for the wide variety of contracts in place within the District.

Public comments were made by representatives of CSEA and SMEA supporting the postponement of any salary action until a more comprehensive approach was developed.

**Received** information about Foster Care Youth Services in San Mateo county.

**Approved** the NPA/NPS Contracts listed for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount \$16,588.89.

**Received** information regarding the timeline and issues surrounding a 2012 bond election which would cover the construction of a 4<sup>th</sup> school in Foster City and a variety of additional facilities upgrades throughout the district.

A lengthy and tense discussion ensued concerning the efficacy of embracing the larger bond measure in place of the already approved bond resolution which would cover only the construction of the Foster City school and would be paid for only by Foster City residents. Action of any sort was tabled until the next Board meeting when more information would be presented by the Superintendent for Board consideration.

**Approved** gifts received by the District on behalf of specific schools.

**Meeting adjourned:** 10:05 PM

**Submitted by:** Janet Chappell, President, SMETA

**Future meetings:** October 20, 2011 - Regular Board Meeting