

BOARD BRIEF

Highlights of the SMFC School Board Meeting
August 25, 2011

Statement of District Staff: Molly Barton shared that year round schools opened up with close to 4,000 students and that the Bayside Stem Academy compliance review went well

Statements of Board Members: Trustees Colleen Sullivan, Julie Chan, and Lory Lawson all welcomed Dr. Lewis to the District. Trustee Lawson commented on the Board Association retreat and noted learning rather than testing was a hoped for focus.

Statement of Superintendent: Dr. Simms noted that the New Teacher Institute for traditional year teachers had gone well and thanked Susan Totaro for organizing the day. She introduced Heather Gomez, who is now Assistant Principal at Bowditch and Lori Fukimoto's replacement at the District Office.

Action or Information: The Board:

approved all items on the Consent Agenda.

approved a Resolution authorizing the refinancing of General Obligation Bonds, saving taxpayers a total of \$1.5 million over a 10 year period.

received information from Suzi Riley about the success and possible expansion of the Summer School program.

approved the Nonpublic Agency/Nonpublic School Contracts as listed in the board packet for a total of \$239,649.18.

received information regarding a petition to the San Mateo County Committee on School District Reorganization. A lengthy discussion was held regarding issues raised by the Belmont triangle area and Trustee Hudak noted that he believed Belmont was disregarding the intent of a MOU regarding enrollment issues within that area. No action was taken on the petition.

approved the acceptance of gifts made to individual schools.

approved the reduction in hours of classified positions due to lack of funds.

meeting adjourned: 8:25 PM

submitted by: Janet Chappell, President, SMETA

future meetings: September 8, 2011 - Regular Board Meeting