

BOARD BRIEF

Highlights of the SMFC School Board Meeting
September 22, 2011

Statement regarding Closed Session: It was reported that the Board of Trustees had rejected the tentative agreement between the District and CSEA by a vote of 4-0 because the one key component of the District's position had not been included.

Statements of Attending Public: Leslie Thompson, a first grade teacher at Brewer Island Elementary School, delivered a response to comments made at the previous Board meeting by Trustee Hudak concerning the state of the Special Ed program in the District. (To read Leslie's response, click on the following link:

<http://www.smeta.org/pdfboardmtgnotes/11-12brdmtgnts/LTPresentation.pdf>)

Steve Lattner, VP of CSEA, unaware of the Board's rejection of the tentative agreement, delivered a statement regarding the dedicated work performed by his membership and hoped for a speedy resolution to the contract dilemma.

Statements of Board Members: Board members reported on their various visits to sites and community groups.

Statement of Superintendent: Dr. Simms reported on her visits to Beresford, BIES, and the Abbott PTA. She also noted that it was difficult to listen to the concerns voiced regarding Special Ed, but that she heard and understood what was being said. She noted her support for the hard work done by her staff in support of the Special Ed program.

Action or Information: The Board:

Received information from Suzie Riley regarding the STAR results for the school year 2010-2011.

Received information about enrollment numbers for the 2011-2012 school year. The report showed the steady increase in enrollment in the District. Work is beginning on plans for the start of the Transitional Kindergarten program.

Approved Resolution No. 44/10-11 for the sufficiency of textbooks available to students as required by IMFRP at year round schools.

Approved the NPA/NPS Contracts listed for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$63,563.29 and \$8,319.69.

Approved the 2011-2012 Unaudited Actuals and Financial Reports as presented by Steve Mak. The report shows an Unallocated ending fund balance of \$22,883,023.

Approved Resolution No. 43/10-11 adopting the GANN limit for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years.

Approved the acceptance of gifts made to the District, including \$50,000 presented by the Ed Fund to cover the cost of 5th grade instrumental music.

Future Agenda Items: Academic benefits to District of going completely year round.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

Submitted by: Janet Chappell, President, SMETA

Future meetings: October 3, 2011 - PTA Board Council Meeting
October 6, 2011 - Regular Board Meeting
October 20, 2011 - Regular Board Meeting