

BOARD BRIEF

Highlights of the SMFC School Board Meeting
February 4, 2010

Foundation Report: Jean Abeles reported that the 5th grade music program would be starting next week. She thanked Susan Totaro, Mary Holst, and site staff for their support.

Statement of Superintendent: Dr. Clark shared that she had attended the Horrall School production of Wizard of Oz and said that it was "absolutely incredible." She gave kudos to the Horrall students, staff, and parents for the wonderful production. Pendery read a Resolution supporting Measure A from the San Mateo County Community College District and thanked staff, parents, and community for working so hard to get the Parcel Tax passed.

Action or Information: The Board:

approved the appointment of Maria Brady as Principal at Audubon School.

received updated information about projected enrollment growth in the district. Enrollment is expected to grow by over 1,000 students in the next five years.

received information regarding the implementation of the Middle School Standards-Based Report Card. Staff explained the work sites have been doing to evaluate student progress and achievement of Standards. Sites described current status of the development of assessment criteria and measurement rubrics and shared examples of student achievement levels (i.e. 4-point rubric). All sites reported that work continues to be done on the development and refinement of assessments and rubrics for Power (Essential) Standards. (*Note: It was exciting to see the work that our teachers are accomplishing with this effort and heartwarming to see some of the work our students are able to do!*) Jared Prolo and members of the Standards-Based Reporting Software Committee shared the progress of the Committee with regard to finding the most appropriate tool to support the implementation of standards based reporting. Several software programs were reviewed and 1-3 programs will be selected for in-depth evaluation and piloting. The committee hopes to bring a recommendation to the Board prior to the end of this school year.

received information regarding the 2009 Fall and 2010 Spring Intersession offerings and plans for the 2010 Summer School Program. Proposed sites for the 2010 Summer Session include: Audubon, Meadow Heights, Laurel, Bowditch Middle School and Bayside Theater (GATE).

received a status report on the Baywood School LGI/Classroom building process to address capacity at that site.

received an update on the Governor's 2010-2011 Budget.

received an update on the District's 2009-2010 & 2010-2011 Budget and Budget Assumptions for 2010-2011. The District estimates an additional \$2.5-3.5 million of additional reductions associated with the Governor's 2010-11 budget. In the event Measure A does not pass, the district estimates \$5-6 million of additional reductions. (\$2.6 million + cuts associated with those from the Governor's budget).

received for information the second draft of the Updated Certificated Seniority List for the 2009-2010 school year. Joan Rosas, Asst. Superintendent for Human Resources, reported that the Human Resources Department had updated the first draft, after receiving corrections from staff. The 2nd Draft was mailed to sites on February 4 and reflected changes made during the first review. Staff are asked to double check information for accuracy and report any corrections to the HR Dept. by February 10.

received the District's initial proposals for use in the Collective Bargaining between the District and Teachers' Association. Joan Rosas read the District Interest, Goal and Initial Proposals, which will be recommended to the Governing Board for adoption on February 18, after a public hearing. Joan also indicated that the District looks forward to constructive negotiations with SMETA.

held a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the Public to comment on the San Mateo Elementary Teachers' Association's (SMETA's) Initial Proposals for bargaining a Successor Agreement. Christy Rauch, Bargaining Chair, reviewed SMETA's Sunshine Goals. No Public comments were made.

approved the Agreement, as negotiated, with Chapter 411 of the California School Employees Association (CSEA), extending the current Bargaining Agreement through June 30, 2010.

approved the Tie Breaking and Skipping Criteria to determine the order of teacher lay-off.

meeting adjourned: 12:15 a.m.

Submitted by: Phyllis Harris, President, SMETA

Next Meeting: February 8, 2010 7:00 p.m.