

# CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD BITS

### Highlights of the Regular Board Meeting of December 8, 2009

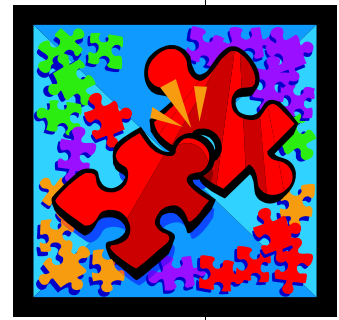
#### ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ITEMS

The Board of Trustees held their annual Organizational Meeting. The following items were decided:

- ◆ Cindy Berube was elected Board President for 2010.
- ◆ Phil Rusconi was elected Vice President for 2010.
- ◆ William Duane Peverill was elected Clerk for 2010.
- ◆ Mr. Berg was appointed Secretary to the Board for 2010 .
- ◆ Terry Cox was elected Voting Representative for Fresno County Committee on School District Organization.
- ◆ William Duane Peverill was elected Alternate Voting Representative.
- ◆ Cindy Berube was elected to represent the district on the Executive Board for the Fresno County Trustee Association.
- ◆ The regular Board meeting day and place was established as the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the CHS—East Campus Performing Arts Center at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ The regular Board meeting scheduled for Dec. 28, 2010 was canceled.
- ◆ The authorized Signature Permit and Mailing Permit were approved.

#### VOTER'S RIGHTS ACT

The Board of Trustees held a public hearing regarding the California Voter's Right Act (CVRA). On Nov. 10, 2009 the Board adopted a resolution to change its election system from "at-large" elections to "by-trustee area" elections beginning with the election to be held in Nov. 2010. The public hearing was to present information on the proposed electoral change and gather public input on proposed trustee area maps prepared by the district's demographer. A hearing before the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization (County Committee) has been scheduled for March 3, 2010. The district intends to gather public input by holding town hall meetings, stakeholder meetings and public hearings between now and March 2010 in order to present final plans to the County Committee and State Board of Education. Final action by the Central Board of Trustees on the proposed trustee area maps is anticipated for the January 26, 2010 Board meeting with the goal of submitting all required information to the Fresno County Election's Office in May 2010 for implementation in the Nov. 2010 school board elections.



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**GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT**

The Board of Trustees accepted the following gifts to the district:

- ◆ Teague Elementary received a donation of \$ 136 from Wendy's of Fresno to be used for student enrichment activities.
- ◆ CLASS received a donation of \$ 100 from Jagmail Singh Bering to be used for the Adult Education Citizenship Program.
- ◆ Polk Elementary received a donation of a small microwave from first grade Polk teacher Mr. Bell.
- ◆ Houghton-Kearney Elementary received a donation of six Apple iMacs from State Center Community College District for use in the Computer Lab.
- ◆ The Instructional Technology Department received a donation of \$ 1,000 from Educational Employees Credit Union for Central's Employee of the Year Reception.

**2009-2010 FIRST INTERIM REPORT**

The Board of Trustees approved the 2009-2010 First Interim Budget Report. The next required budget analysis and certification is state regulated and requires school districts to take a snapshot of budget and financial activity as of Oct. 31 of each year and report how well the district is performing relative to its budget revenue and expenditure assumptions. As predicted in the July 1, 2009 adopted budget, Central's resulting fund balances have been adversely affected as follows:

- ◆ Unrestricted/Restricted General Fund Revenue is down by \$3.4 million
- ◆ Unrestricted/Restricted General Fund Expenditures are up by \$7 million
- ◆ Net Deficit Spending is \$ 10.3 million
- ◆ Projected 2009-2010 Ending Fund Balance is down to \$14 million
- ◆ Revenue limit reductions, loss of ARRA funds, and step and column costs will create a demand to cut Unrestricted General Fund reductions of \$9.4 million to balance the 2010-2011 budget and certify the multi-year projection

The projected \$9 million shortfall for the 2010-2011 school year is still accurate, but is subject to any additional changes to factors in the January 2010 Governor's proposal.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NAMING**

The Board of Trustees received information regarding the naming of the new middle school and a list of proposed names suggested by the community. Request for nominations were advertised via public notice in the Fresno Bee, the Central Unified Web site, and Connect-ED. Nominations were submitted electronically or to the District Office via U.S. mail. The Board reviewed the updated list of names which included new suggestions with an agricultural or National Park landmarks-related theme. This item will return to the next Board meeting for action.

**NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

The following classified appointments/promotions/transfers were approved by the Central Unified Board of Trustees:

Michaela Rios, Roosevelt  
 Vatsana Neal, Roosevelt  
 Alisa Rodriguez, Steinbeck

Additionally, 81 individuals were approved to serve as substitutes or student teachers in the district.



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**Next Regular Board Meeting:**

January 12, 2010  
 at 7:00 p.m.  
 CHS-East Campus  
 Library Media Center