

# CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD BITS

### Highlights of the Regular Board Meeting of June 23, 2009

#### EVERYDAY COUNTS!

The Board of Trustees recognized schools for EveryDay Counts! attendance accomplishments during the eleventh month of school and for the entire school year. Biola-Pershing Elementary, El Capitan Middle School, and CHS-East Campus received the Best of Show honor for the highest attendance rate per school level for Month 11 and were presented with trophies. Polk Elementary School achieved the honor for Highest Overall 2008-2009 Attendance with a rate of 97.76% and will have a personalized plaque on the Koligian Stadium Wall of Fame engraved in the school's honor. Harvest Elementary was recognized for Most Improved Attendance with a .87% increase this year and will also receive a plaque on the Wall of Fame.

#### RETIREE AND EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

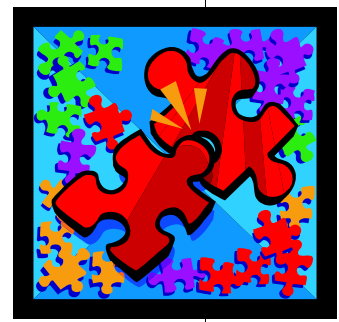
The Board of Trustees recognized the 2008-2009 retirees and employee award recipients. The following retirees were recognized and presented with plaques: Darlene Longoluso, Donna Farmer, Donna Hudson, Manuel Delos Reyes, Marcia Weldon, Maria Gomes, Maria Rocha, Richard Meyers, Tony Gomes, Helen Hernandez, Jennie Lerma, Lupe Garcia, Mary Barrett, Diane Komoto, Pam Frazier, Mark Bogdanovich, Clyde Jones, David Kuczler, Kim Okahata, Kitty Koobation, and Diane Merrill. The following employee award recipients were recognized: Aubrey Verduzco, Scott Green, David Arvizu, George Finocchio, Irene Bruno, Amanda James, and Vanessa Knight.

#### CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION, PART I

The Board of Trustees approved the Consolidated Application, Part I. The Consolidated Application contains information related to the district's intentions to participate in the 2009-10 consolidated programs, legal assurances of compliance as required by state and federal statute, and other required program participation. The district is eligible to apply for eight of the 11 available programs.

#### RESOLUTION #08/09-65

The Board of Trustees held a public hearing and adopted Resolution #08/09-65 authorizing the flexible use of Tier II and Tier III state categorical funds for any educational purpose pursuant to the 2009 budget trailer bill (SBX3 4). To avail the district to 2009-2010 Tier III revenue in accordance with SBX3 4, the resolution includes necessary findings and recitals to authorize district administration to transfer 2007-2008 Tier II and Tier III categorical carryover balances into the 2008-2009 general fund and up to 100% of Tier III revenue to the general fund for budget development and adoption purposes. There will be no net change to the district budget except that more revenue will become unrestricted.



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**2009-2010  
ANNUAL  
BUDGET**

The Board of Trustees held a public hearing and adopted the preliminary 2009-2010 annual budget. The State is now projecting a \$30 billion deficit by June 30, 2009. Revenue to school districts is projected to be reduced by \$357/Average Daily Attendance. For Central Unified, the reduction will be approximately \$4.8 million from the current year ending balance. A comprehensive report along with a projected 2008-2009 ending fund balance, projected revenue based on the State budget and projected expenditures based on known cost inflation and proposed reductions, was reviewed by the Board. The adopted budget provides resources to support district academic goals, address currently identified 2009-2010 revenue revisions from the state, and the multi-year projection that is required.

**TENTATIVE  
CONTRACT  
BETWEEN CUSD  
AND CUTA**

The Board of Trustees approved the tentative contract between Central Unified School District and the Central Unified Teachers Association (CUTA) Chapter 961 effective July 1, 2009, pending CUTA ratification. In lieu of contract negotiations CUTA and district representatives have reached an agreement to enter into a new Certificated contract for July 1 until June 30, 2010 due to ongoing economic uncertainties. This agreement is on the basis that all terms and conditions contained in the prior 2006-2009 contract shall remain status quo for the term of the 2009-2010 contract.

**EXECUTIVE  
SEARCH FIRM  
PROPOSALS**

The Board of Trustees received information regarding executive search proposals for superintendent recruitment. Dr. Marilou Ryder, the district superintendent, has accepted a position with Victor Valley Union High School District which has necessitated a search for a new superintendent. The following firms were invited to submit proposals with cost estimates and prepare 10-minute presentations to the Board: Fresno County Office of Education, JoDan & Associates, Leadership Associates, and Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, LTD.

**INTER-DISTRICT  
TRANSFER  
YEARLY REPORT**

The Board of Trustees received information on the Inter-District Transfer Yearly Report. Board policy allows students who do not reside in Central Unified boundaries to attend Central schools based on available classroom seats. For the 2008-2009 school year, Central received 243 requests for incoming inter-district permits for students who reside in another school district. Of those, 189 requests were approved and 54 requests were denied. Central received 288 requests for outgoing inter-district permits for students who reside in Central Unified and request to attend a school in another district. Of those, 234 were approved, and 54 were denied.

**STUDENT  
SUSPENSIONS/  
EXPULSIONS  
REPORT**

The Board of Trustees received information on the Student Suspensions and Expulsions Report. For the 2008-2009 school year, there were 1,609 suspensions, with 509 at the elementary level and 1,100 at the secondary level. There were 33 expulsions, with one at the elementary level and 32 at the secondary level.

**BID #0809-04**

The Board of Trustees received information regarding Bid #0809-04—construction of a middle school at the Koligian Educational Complex. The middle school, a Measure B project consisting of 32 classrooms, a library, a gym, a multi-purpose building, an all-weather track, a cafeteria with a food court, and offsite improvements, is planned for a 27-acre site on the north-west corner of Ashlan and Bryan avenues. The original estimate for the project was \$26,000,000. Bids for this project were opened on June 12, 2009, and there were 10 bidders, with bid amounts ranging from \$22,800,000 to \$24,800,000. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder was Lewis C. Nelson in the amount of \$22,800,000, which will be paid for by Measure B and the State Facility Program.



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Next Regular Board Meeting:  
July 14, 2009  
at 7:00 p.m.  
CHS-East Campus  
Performing Arts Center