

# CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD BITS

### Highlights of the Regular Board Meeting of April 27, 2010

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES

The Board of Trustees held a Board Study Session to receive information on district-wide middle and high school boundary changes. Glacier Point Middle School will open in August 2011. Subsequently, middle school boundaries need to be adjusted and established to serve the new school. As boundaries are developed, some key factors are considered in their establishment, including current student demographics, future transportation costs, school feeder patterns, and future home construction. A boundary and demographics presentation was given by Ken Reynolds of School Services of California that gave an overview of four middle school boundary scenarios currently under review. This item will return to a future meeting for information.

#### GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT

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

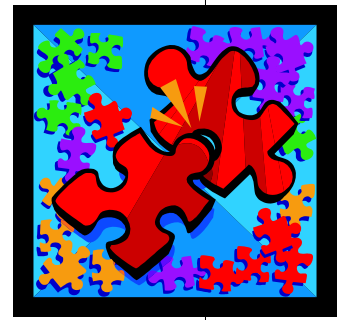
- ◆ The Special Education Department received \$667.75 from Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno for the Emancipation Connections Program
- ◆ Polk Elementary School received \$1,061.40 from Polk PTA for library books
- ◆ Harvest Elementary School received \$105.60 from Fresno Coin Gallery Jewelry Loan, Inc. for the ASB account

#### BID #09010-03

The Board of Trustees awarded Bid #09010-03 for McKinley Elementary's athletic field and parking lot improvements. The improvements include the reconstruction of the existing ball fields and reconfiguring the parking lot and student drop-off area. On April 6, 2010 the Operational Services Department opened bids for the project. The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Steve Dovali Construction, in the amount of \$876,000. It will be funded by Measure B.

#### BID #09010-11

The Board of Trustees awarded Bid #09010-11 for the Transportation infrastructure. A new ordinance is requiring the installation of particulate traps on school buses. This project will install the charging stations that are required to clean the traps, and a conduit for the Compressed Natural Gas station will also be installed. On March 31, 2010 the Operational Services Department opened bids for the project. The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Marko Construction Group, Inc., in the amount of \$61,000. It will be funded by Measure K and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.



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**ENERGY EDUCATION, INC. PROPOSAL**

The Board of Trustees received information regarding a proposal to reduce district energy costs from Energy Education, Inc. A comprehensive energy conservation program with a focus on electricity, gas, water, and sewer offers the potential for significant cost reductions now and in the future. A representative from Energy Education presented an overview of their energy management program. Major considerations of the program include utility review and analysis, utilization of energy consultants, engagement of a District Energy Specialist position, and methods for increasing employee awareness of energy conservation in the workplace. On average, the district's utility bills are about \$238,000 per month. Savings (less program expenses) net an estimated savings of 10%, or \$24,000 per month. The program utilizes people-based conservation methods by changing habits, behaviors, organizational processes and procedures.

**HARRIS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. CONTRACT**

The Board of Trustees received a request to approve a contract with Harris Construction Co., Inc. for pre-construction services for the new Measure B District Service Center. On January 26, 2010, the Board authorized administration to enter into contract negotiations with Harris Construction for the lease/leaseback construction services. Approval of the contract allows the company to begin constructability reviews, site evaluation, and value engineering services with district staff. The contract will be funded by Measure B. This item will return to the next meeting for action.

**2010-2011 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

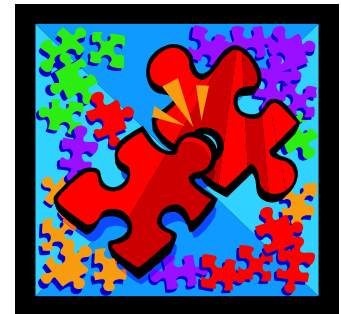
The Board of Trustees received information regarding the 2010-2011 budget development process. The district is still awaiting the details of the Governor's May Revise. Administration continues to receive information regarding an Early Retirement Incentive. An analysis was presented to the Board showing potential savings. While the incentive does not offer significant budgetary savings, it potentially makes positions available, thus reducing the number of layoffs. A reduction in stipends is another possibility for budgetary savings. A list of stipends the district is considering not offering in 2010-2011 was presented to the Board.

**CARL PERKINS GRANTS**

The Board of Trustees received a request to ratify annual submission of the 2010-2011 Carl Perkins Career and Vocational Education Grants for the high schools and adult school. Perkins funds provide supplemental funding for personnel and equipment that serve classes and student organizations that are vocational or technical in nature, such as Agriculture, Consumer Family Services, Business and Industrial Technology. Final allocations were released by the California Department of Education (CDE) and have been used for planning purposes. A five-year district plan was submitted to CDE in October of 2008. The high school allocation is \$86,080 and the adult school allocation is \$87,503. The grants do not require local matching funds. This item will return to the next meeting for action.

**NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

The Board of Trustees approved the following classified appointments/promotions/transfers:  
 Tony Lazalde, Food Services  
 Additionally, 15 individuals were approved to serve as Substitute Teachers or Student Teachers within the district.



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**Next Regular Board Meeting:**

May 11, 2010  
 at 7:00 p.m.  
 CHS-East Campus  
 Performing Arts Center