

CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Board Meeting of January 26, 2010

ADDENDUM

CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT— RESOLUTION #09/10-30

The Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing on the manner of electing Board members (California Voting Rights Act issues) and adopted Resolution #09/10-30, recommending a Trustee Area Plan to the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization for use at the November 2010 election. On May 4, 2009, the Board voted to implement the by-district election system rather than the current from-district system for the 2012 elections, a decision that was changed on November 10, 2009, to implement by-district elections for November 2010. The district contracted with National Demographics Corporation (NDC) to provide demographic assistance with this process. NDC developed four draft plans for consideration by the Board and the public, and those plans were first presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on December 8, 2009. Two town hall meetings were then scheduled for the public to gain information and give input regarding the plans. An additional plan, C2, was added in response to community input. The Board ultimately approved plan C2 for district adoption, and it is available for perusal on the district Web site. It ensures that each Trustee Area has between 2 and 7 elementary school attendance areas, with the average attendance area covering 3.08 Trustee Areas. Plan C2 fully complies with the continuity in office criterion, as no incumbents are paired. The plan has improved compactness when compared to the original plan C and increases the use of major roads as boundaries. In November 2010, Trustee Areas 1, 2, 4, and 7 will hold elections. In November 2012, Trustee areas 3, 5, and 6 will hold elections within whatever Trustee Area boundaries are in place at that time.



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Next Regular Board Meeting:
February 9, 2010
at 7:00 p.m.
CHS-East Campus
Performing Arts Center

**RESOLUTION
#09/10-29**

The Board of Trustees adopted Resolution #09/10-29 declaring February 2010 Black History Month. Americans of Black descent helped develop our nation in countless ways, and their contributions as scientists, inventors, educators, farmers, homemakers and explorers of earth and sky have been recognized annually. For that reason, California Education Code recognizes the month of February as Black History Month and grade-level appropriate activities for students relating to Black history are encouraged.

**GUIDING
PRINCIPLES**

The Board of Trustees adopted the Guiding Principles, Beliefs, Vision, Mission, Goals and Core Values for the district to ensure clear implementation of the Instructional Action Plan and to provide a framework within which all individuals in Central Unified School District can understand their role. Administration gave a review of the Guiding Principles, the process through which the principles were developed, the rationale for streamlining and simplifying the messages, and the desired outcomes the district can expect to achieve by refining its direction.

**GOVERNOR'S
BUDGET
PROPOSALS
FOR 2010-2011**

The Board of Trustees received information regarding the Governor's proposals for the 2010-2011 state budget and potential impacts on the district. The Governor is required to present budget proposals for the following fiscal year. District representatives attended the School Services of California, Inc. Governor's Budget Workshop in Sacramento on January 12, 2010. Details were provided regarding the projected Revenue Limit COLA and related calculations, Special Education revenues, categorical programs and flexibility provisions, impacts on Mandated Cost Reimbursements, Deferred Maintenance, Lottery revenues, and K-3 Class Size Reduction. The one-time American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, which totaled about \$9 million in program support, were much needed for school districts to continue many of their programs in 2009-2010 and will be very nearly or completely expended at the end of 2009-2010. Due to the current state fiscal crisis and the negative impact the district is faced with, preparations must begin for reduction in force and reducing particular kinds of service within the district. The district will begin providing information to all stakeholders regarding the potential impacts, including several Budget Summits for staff members. This item will return to the next meeting for information.

**RESOLUTION
#09/10-28**

The Board of Trustees received a request to adopt Resolution #09/10-28 regarding the Pershing High School planning application for funding of the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF). Pershing is currently supplied by only one well, which is failing. A feasibility study will be done for the planning of a new well. The SDWSRF currently has a grant program to cover 89% of the cost for the feasibility study. A resolution is required by the California Department of Health to apply for the funding. This item will return to the next meeting for action.

**NEW STAFF
APPOINTMENTS**

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

Kathryn Delap, Steinbeck

Dolores Pinon, Polk

Jacob Leavitt, McKinley

Additionally, 5 individuals were approved to serve as substitutes, student teachers, or student workers in the district.