

CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD BITS

Highlights of the Regular Board Meeting of March 23, 2010

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

The Board of Trustees received a report regarding half versus full-day kindergarten. Included in the report were 2009-10 kindergarten statistics, current instructional time, what kindergarteners need to know and do by the end of the school year, benchmark data, retention data, current considerations, research results, and a sample full-day schedule. The staff recommendation is to transition to full-day kindergarten at the five Program Improvement schools for the 2010-11 school year, followed by five more schools in 2011-12 and the remaining three schools in 2012-13. However, this item was presented for information only and no decisions will be made by the Board until further research is done by staff, including meetings with district kindergarten teachers, and presented at a future meeting.

DEVELOPER FEE COLLECTIONS/ EXPENDITURES REPORT

The Board of Trustees approved the 2008-2009 Developer Fee Collections/Expenditures Report. Pursuant to Government Code, Developer Impact Fee receipts and expenditures must be reported annually. Failure to do so can jeopardize the school district's ability to assess subject fees. A report was presented that summarized the total fees collected, expenditures, and fund balance for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Fee collection for 2008-2009 was down 127% from 2007-2008. The three-year average is down 34%.

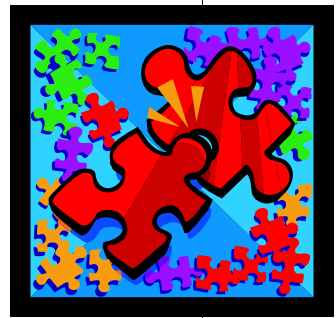
CONTRACT WITH DAVID A. BUSH, INC.

The Board of Trustees approved a contract with David A. Bush, Inc. for pre-construction services of the new Measure B high school. On January 26, 2010 the Board authorized entrance into contract negotiations with David A. Bush, Inc. for the Lease/Lease-back Construction Services. Under a Lease/Lease-back construction project, the Office of Public School Construction required two separate contracts—one for pre-construction services and the other for construction services. Both contracts were presented to the Board, but only approval for the pre-construction services was given at this time.

GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT

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

- ◆ Houghton-Kearney Elementary received one iPod 8GB Touch and seven iMac 21.5" computers with Apple Care (value: \$9,239.69)
- ◆ Polk Elementary received a painting of a pioneer boy (value: \$200) from Karen Garlick
- ◆ River Bluff Elementary received \$26 from the AT&T United Way Employee Giving Campaign on behalf of employee Joscelyn Sharp



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**CHS-WEST
CAMPUS MASTER
PLAN**

The Board of Trustees approved the Central High School—West Campus Master Plan and schematic designs for the CHS-West Campus Cafeteria. On January 12, 2010, the Board was presented with a status report for major Measure B projects that included the West Campus Master Plan and the West Campus Cafeteria. The Board was provided with copies of the conceptual floor plan for the cafeteria and the conceptual exterior elevation for the amphitheater in addition to the ultimate master plan. The architect has been directed to proceed with construction documents.

**DISTRICT SERVICE
CENTER
SCHEMATIC
DESIGN**

The Board of Trustees approved the schematic designs for the District Service Center. In November of 2008, voters approved the passage of the Measure B General Obligation Bond. Included in the bond was the construction of a new District Service Center, which was presented to the Board on January 12, 2010. The center includes provisions for a demonstration preschool and Health Center substantially funded by a First 5 Fresno County grant for \$500,000. With the approval of the schematic design, the architect has been directed to proceed with construction documents.

**NON-PERSONNEL
BUDGET
REDUCTIONS**

The Board of Trustees received information regarding non-personnel budget reductions for the 2010-11 school year. Staff members are actively preparing for the state's projected revenue reduction by identifying up to \$10,500,000 of potentially essential expenditure reductions, which may involve personnel, services, operations, and cost recovery, in addition to revenue enhancement strategies to mitigate the reduction. At the February 23, 2010 meeting, staff presented \$2,262,365 in net non-personnel reductions and \$449,690 in potential Transportation cost reductions. Additional reductions in non-personnel budgetary categories were presented, amounting to \$949,000. Total budget reductions amount to approximately \$3,200,000 in non-personnel expense categories of the 2010-11 budget, including good, services, contracts, etc.

**FIRST 5
KINDERGARTEN
CAMP INITIATIVE
GRANT**

The Board of Trustees received information regarding submittal of an application for the First 5 Kindergarten Camp (K-Camp) Initiative Grant. The purpose of the three week K-Camp is to provide a transition activity to the comprehensive kindergarten program. The overarching outcome is to assist the child and parent in better understanding what to expect from the kindergarten experience. The grant will provide an opportunity for children who have not had a prior early care and education experience to engage in socialization time while exposing them to the kindergarten environment and routine. Funding from the grant, in the amount of \$33,600, will cover the costs of the summer 2010 program.

**NEW STAFF
APPOINTMENTS**

The Board of Trustees approved the following classified appointments/promotions/transfers:
Ignacio Sanchez, CHS-West
Maria Montes, Roosevelt
Terri Teraoka, Steinbeck
Ashley Turner, Herndon-Barstow
Additionally, 13 individuals were approved to serve as Student Workers or Student Teachers within the district.



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Next Regular Board Meeting:
April 13, 2010
at 7:00 p.m.
CHS-East Campus
Performing Arts Center