

Superintendent's Search Firm Selected

Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) executive search firm was among four interviewed and ultimately selected to conduct the search for Superintendent Jane Russo's replacement. Superintendent Russo will retire on June 30, 2011. The Board of Education and HYA will meet to define the characteristics and qualifications desired in the next SAUSD leader. Together they will design the parameters and timeline that the search for highly qualified candidates will take. More information about HYA can be accessed at www.hyasupersearches.com (Agenda Item 2.0)

Lorin Griset Students Shine

Student leaders from Lorin Griset Academy impressed the Board with their enlightened perspective of how the intimate school setting has kept their attention and focus. The trio of seniors Jessica Valencia, Esther Valencia, and Marla Hernandez attribute such characteristics as nurturing, safe environment and caring educators to what makes life at Lorin Griset a positive experience. These attributes help boost the students' confidence levels, propelling them to surpass what they believed they could have achieved in a comprehensive school setting. Additionally, they shared that Lorin Griset has placed them on a path to realize their goals of pursuing higher education and an array of career aspirations from being a veterinarian to a special



Lorin Griset student leaders include, from left, Jessica Valencia, Esther Valencia and Marla Hernandez.

education teacher to a surgical nurse. Named after the late mayor of Santa Ana, Lorin Griset Academy, opened in 2007.

February Classified Employee of the Month

Susan Martinez, Kennedy Elementary School office assistant, was chosen as February's employee of the month for her exceptional service and sunny disposition. This "face of Kennedy" is the first person visitors encounter when they arrive at the school's site, describes Principal Carol Muse. "She greets everyone with a smile and a cheery good morning." Martinez has worked at various schools such as Davis, Edison and Hoover elementary schools, and Santa Ana High during her 10 years with SAUSD.



Superintendent Jane Russo, congratulates Susan Martinez.

Board Presentations

- **Intramural Sports** – Ignacio Muñoz, Principal at McFadden Intermediate School, gave an overview of the SAUSD intermediate intramural sports program. [View presentation.](#)
- **First Serve Santa Ana offers tennis in after-school program** – Former Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lewis Bratcher now heads up First Serve Santa Ana, a nonprofit that provides a structured tennis program for SAUSD students as part of the after-school program. Learn more about First Serve Santa Ana at <http://www.1servesa.com>.

▪ 2010-11 Budget Update

Business Services Associate Superintendent Michael Bishop gave the latest in a series of ongoing budget updates to the Board, revisiting items discussed in previous Board meetings. He summarized ongoing budget reduction scenarios and discussed how other school districts are coping with budget reductions. Bishop also reviewed the Board priorities over the next five fiscal years and deepened his look at the effect of various levels of reductions on SAUSD.



It is still unclear how the State legislature will vote regarding placing a tax extension on the June ballot, which if passed, could help lessen the impact on cuts to education.

Regardless of the tax extension outcome, the Business Services team is taking steps to operate in the best interests of the school district. Therefore, the team and the Board will address what it will take to remain fiscally solvent in a special study session on Tuesday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting.

Key Approvals

- Authorization to Reject All Bids and Rebid for Coach Bus Transportation Services for Field Trips and Athletic Trips, and Issue Requests for Proposals for Van Rentals for Athletic Trips, and County Special Education Transportation **(Agenda Item 6.0)**
- Authorization to Award Contract for Telecommunication Services for Cell Phone, Local and Long Distance Phone Services and Data Connections Between Sites for 2011-12 Fiscal Year. **(Agenda Item 7.0)**
- Adoption of Resolution No. 10/11-2869 – Transfer of Funds From District Self-Insurance Fund (Fund 67) to Special Reserve Fund for Non-Capital Outlay (Fund 17) **(Agenda Item 11.0)**
 - At the recommendation of staff, the Board voted to return \$4 million from the Self-Insurance Fund 67 to Special Reserve Fund 17 to hold in reserve should the school district need the funding to address budget deficits in this uncertain economy.

The Board next meets on Tuesday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss budget matters. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

For all Board meeting results and presentations refer to the School Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes section of the school district's website (www.sausd.us).