SAUSD Board Highlights Page – March 8, 2011

Board Announcements

Input Sought on Superintendent's Search...The Board of Education invited the community, parents, students and staff to assist executive search firm Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates in the selection of our next superintendent. Everyone is invited to share the desired characteristics they would like to see our next leader possess.

Those wishing to be a part of the process may complete an online survey accessible at www.sausd.us or attend an upcoming forum next week on March 16 or 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. Members of the public or staff may also schedule an appointment on those days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to meet with the executive search firm staff.

Board Applauds Valley High Girls' Water Polo Team for Capturing CIF Title!...Superintendent Jane Russo and Board members recognized the Santa Ana Valley High Girls' Water Polo Team for winning the CIF, Southern Section, Championship Title for Division VII this season. The title is the first for any girls' team in the school district. Valley High Athletic Director Terry Orabona and Head Coach Fred Lammers were on hand to show off their championship plague. Lady Falcon Team members include: Bianka Baeza, Gabriela Chavez, Jazmin Jean Hinojoza, Cristina Magana, Jennifer Silva, Lizbeth Silva and Dianna Stephanie Solano. Substitute players include Jennifer Ramirez, Merab Elizabeth Romero, and Jonalee Amber Van Nortrick.



Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jane Russo made the following announcements for the community:

March is Kindergarten Registration Month. All month long, our elementary schools are inviting parents with age appropriate children to visit their local school, or make an appointment to register their children for kindergarten for the upcoming school year. Parents or legal guardians may sign up their children who are or will be age 5 on or before December 2 for kindergarten at their neighborhood elementary school. Any parents with questions may call their local school or 714-433-3481 to get help in identifying their school. They can also log on to our website www.sausd.us for an elementary school list, and school registration schedule.

A new California State Law was recently enacted that affects all incoming 7th-12th graders for the new school year. Beginning in August, these students are required to get a whooping cough booster shot, called Tdap, before entering school. Students who have not received this booster shot before the beginning of the next school year will not be allowed to enter school without having the Pertussis vaccination. SAUSD is encouraging parents to get any child, who will be entering grades 7 through 12, immunized now. By doing so early, and submitting proof to the school's office, parents can help prevent any interruption in next year's registration process. For more information about whooping cough and where to get shots, parents or students may check with the school nurse, or call Health Services at 714-433-3429. Information is also available online at www.sausd.us or ShotsforSchools.org.

Board Presentations/Approved Agenda Items

- The Board Approved the Certification of Second Interim Financials with Qualified Status (Agenda Item 7.0)
 - Business Services Associate Superintendent Michael Bishop presented the Second Interim Budget Report with a qualified certification status, indicating the uncertainty that exists with regards to SAUSD being able to meet its financial obligations for this year and the subsequent two years. <u>View presentation</u>.
- Approval to Call for a Public Hearing to Rename Sierra Intermediate School (Agenda Item 4.0) Students and staff are requesting to change the name of the school to Sierra Preparatory Academy in keeping with its transformation of adopting a new culture and academic focus. The Board will vote to authorize the name change at the March 22, 2011, Board meeting.
- Approval to Continue Pilot K-6 Programs at Jefferson and Madison Elementary Schools for 2012-13 School Year (Agenda Item 5.0) The Board voted in approval of continuing this program, which is contingent upon sufficient student enrollment at the request of parents.
- Approval to Implement K-8 Program at Santiago Elementary School for 2012-13 School Year (Agenda Item 6.0) The Board voted to approve implementing a K-8th grade program at Santiago Elementary School beginning with a 7th grade in the upcoming 2011-12 school year. An 8th grade will be added the following year.
- Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement With Santa Ana Educators' Association for 2010-13 School Years (Agenda Item 19.0) The approved contract between SAUSD and SAEA stipulates that for the current school year there will be no salary reductions, teacher furlough days nor freezes to the salary schedule. Staff development days will remain at 2.5.

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

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011.