

From the Board Room ...

Notes from the Board of Education Meeting: 6/17/02

... informing all

Let's Celebrate!

Monday's meeting was celebratory on many fronts, not the least of which was bidding a fond "Farewell!" to district retirees.

The 30+ person list of both certificated and classified staff included long- and short-term employees. Reflecting on the magnitude of the event, President Brownley stated that

"...over 1000 years of service to SMMUSD." *J. Brownley*

she counted well over a thousand years of cumulative service to SMMUSD. Incredible. Retirees were feted with a reception prior to the Board meeting and were each given an engraved "Thank You" memento for their contributions to the district.

The Board also thanked student board members from the three high schools, Chris Gary samohi, Gabriela de los Santos, Olympic High School and Greg Sands, Malibu High School. SMMUSD is one of a very few districts in the nation that includes *even one* student as a full-fledged Board member and we have three super kids each year. Wow! MHS and samohi's new representatives were introduced, Christine Hoff and Moises Castillo. Olympic elects their rep in September.

Several new grants were announced. Tom Whaley, Fine Arts Coordinator, is responsible for obtaining a series of cluster grants (4), each \$25,000, from the California Department of Education which are to be used expressly for supporting specific

the voting block

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All major agenda items passed, 5-0 (unanimously) with motion by Mrs. Gottfried, second by Dr.

Escarce, with no abstentions.

Copies of all documents are available in the Office of the Superintendent

Appointments

Dr. Jarvis Paul - Director
Professional Development
and Leadership

Other vital decisions or announcements:

+ **Strategic Plan - First Reading** The Board was treated to a PowerPoint overview of the entire strategic planning process and its subsequent outcomes. The plan includes suggestions for implementation and for creating an on-going accountability team. The plan provides well thought-out initiatives to move the district forward.

+ **Parcel Tax Committee Report** Chair Neil Carrey reviewed the work of the committee which included the suggestion for a tax between \$250-300 and the possibility of a Senior Citizen exemption.

+ **Independent Study: Physical Education.** At Board direction, this policy will come back with revisions at a future meeting. Until a new policy is adopted, prevailing policy at discreet school sites will be followed.

+ **Staff Responses/Superintendent's Recommendations: DAC Reports** - all recommendations were supported; those with funding requests were deferred to a future budget cycle or to other on-going district programs which may absorb some of the cost. In many cases, implementation of those suggestions with no fiscal impact has already begun. The Board will receive regular updates.

areas in the Fine Arts programs. He has also secured a grant from the Christianson Foundation that will fund the *Vision Quest* program. Thank you, Tom!

Superintendent Deasy announced that SMMUSD is the recipient of a coveted Stupski Family Foundation Grant, a multi-year, multi-million dollar grant that is specifically designed to address student equity challenges through the use of data. In addition to the categorical funding, which is carefully overseen by the foundation, this grant includes intensive support and services provided to the district by the foundation staff.

Boardmember Brady suggested that we consider charting these successes – watch here for emerging chart news. Thanks to everyone who has worked so diligently on securing these grants!

Finally, a special "Thank You!" to all Franklin 4th Graders who lifted everyone's spirits with their delicious songs. A rare and wondrous gift!

Important Items Coming Before the Board

Major Action:

Final Budget Approval	(6/27/02)
Strategic Plan Approval	(6/27/02)
Parcel Tax Approval	(6/27/02)
Language Arts Texts	(6/27/02)

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