

From the Board Room ...

Notes from the Board of Education Meeting: 8/22/02

... informing all

Let's Celebrate!

Good News! The following administrative appointments were made at Thursday night's meeting, rounding out the administrative teams for all school sites. Appointments included Kathleen Martin, Assistant Principal, Samohi; John Davis, Assistant Principal, Malibu High School; Irene Ramos, Assistant Principal, John Adams Middle School; and, Catherine Baxter and Jason Harley, Deans of Students, Samohi. In every case, these are outstanding educators, thoughtful, caring, dedicated and perceptive professionals. **Welcome!**

There are still teaching vacancies in the following areas: 3rd/4th Bilingual Spanish (Edison); advanced Sciences and Student Access Coordinator (Samohi); Science/Health/History (Olympic); Adaptive PE, Resource Specialist, Special Day Class and Speech Pathologist (various sites); and Multi-Site supervisor/Head Start (CDS). Qualified applicants may contact the job hotline, 310/450-8330 x117, or apply on-line: www.smmusd.org.

Superintendent's Report. Mr. Deasy stated that he is repeatedly impressed with the incredibly outstanding work that's taking place on a daily basis throughout the district. The area of work is wide and varied – from curriculum and professional development to data analysis and management to closing the district's fiscal books to construction and maintenance to transportation and student permits – and everyone is doing their absolute best to make sure that all sites are open and ready for the start of school. **Hats off!**

Mr. Deasy also reported that the District received word from the Office

the voting block

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All major agenda items passed, 6-0 (unanimously) with motion by Mrs. Leon-Vazquez, seconded by Mrs. Brady, Mr. Jordan *in absentia*, with no abstentions.

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

Agenda Items Pulled by staff:

No. A19 - Call for Nominations: CSBA Directors-at-Large

Highlights

+ **IntraDistrict and Interdistrict Permits - BP 5116 and BP 5117, respectively**

Final revision of the order of priorities for receiving (granting) permits was made. Specifically: In the event that space is available in any district school, requests for permits will be received (granted) in the following order:

- 1) intradistrict - **all**: siblings and new
- 2) interdistrict: SMMUSD employees (**all**)
- 3) interdistrict: siblings (K-1, 6 or 9)
- 4) interdistrict: Cities of Santa Monica or Malibu employees

The policy now additionally states that the District will make every effort to provide same-school placement for new intradistrict requests and SMMUSD staff, if space permits; and, **if space and budget permit**, staff will do its best to accommodate requests for siblings of existing interdistrict permit holders entering Grades K, 1, 6 or 9.

Sustainable City Program. Dean Kubani, Director of the Santa Monica's Sustainable City Program, presented an overview of the program's purpose and advent. Mr. Kubani also informed the Board that the Sustainable City Program was inviting public input regarding the newly revised and enlarged program goals. A hot link will be established on the district's website to inform and encourage an increased participative partnership.

of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Record/County Clerk that the measure letter designation for the SMMUSD Special Election (parcel tax) will be **EE** ... which seems to fit in with the district's overriding mission: Excellent Education for Everyone.

Finally, the Superintendent suggested that the Board may choose to call a special open session mid-October during the instructional day. The purpose of the session would be for the Board to tour the school sites to observe the new construction and modernization work on a first-hand basis – complete with students. The idea will be brought forward.

Other News

Several special board workshops are being planned throughout the year. Although specific agenda have yet to be finalized, scheduled topics and tentative dates are:

- * **Data** and Its Relationship to Bridging the Achievement Gap (9/26)
- * **Race** and Discipline and Charter Schools (10/30)
- * **Board Agenda** Management and SIP's (12/19), and
- * **Organizational** Restructuring: Samohi (2/11/03)

Presenting their credentials to the Board were the Executive Officers of the Santa Monica Chapter of the Mexican Political Association, MPA.

Important Items Coming Before the Board

Major Action:

Work session Dates	(9/05/02)
Call for CSBA Directors	(9/05/02)
Reduce Agenda Distribution	(9/05/02)
Independent Study/PE	(TBA)

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