

To: Parents, Teachers, Staff
From: Brett Matthews, Board President
Subject: Overview of Upcoming December 6th Board Meeting at 6:00 pm at MUS

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break and gearing up for the holidays. Due to the holidays, this regularly scheduled December meeting occurs next Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00pm. It is our last Board meeting in calendar year 2011 and all are welcome to attend. Below are highlights of key agenda items, however I also wanted to acknowledge items from the Personnel Report. After a combined 140 years of service to children Marilyn Bachman, Lynne Cummings, Susan Hillway, Pamela McLendon and Elizabeth Peterson have announced their retirements. The Montecito Union Learning Community have benefited immensely from the knowledge and dedication of these exceptional teachers. It is with mixed emotion that we accept these retirements, but are filled with good wishes for this exciting new chapter of their lives.

Governance:

During each December meeting, the Board has an organizational meeting where we discuss and elect Board Officers of President and Clerk. Further, we also discuss other important Board liaison appointments such as PTA, MEF and County Committees. This year, we will have a Board liaison for the Facilities Design Master Plan Committee. We will also discuss and approve the 2012 Board Meeting schedule.

Strategic Initiative: Student Learning and Achievement:

After School Task Force Presentation:

Our children have benefited from diverse class offerings in the After School Program for many years. Last spring, the Board requested the Administration with an analysis of our After School Program to ensure financial sustainability, while at the same time enhancing the program for all grade levels. A Task Force with parents, teachers and administrators have been working hard to meet this goal. A presentation of the Winter Program schedule with 20 new offerings and 10 new instructors, along with the financial plan will be reviewed.

Strategic Initiative: Financial Sustainability:

Investment Policy and Investment Results:

Harry E. Hagen, the Tax Collector from the Santa Barbara County Treasurer's office will be presenting the County's Investment Policy and quarterly investment results. Both of these items are included in the backup materials.

The Board will also be reviewing the second draft of our Financial Reserve Policy, which will address Board comments from the last meeting.

2011-2012 Budget Update: Virginia Alvarez will provide the Board with the First Interim Report and multi-year projections as of October 31, 2011 in which we project a positive certification, as we will be able to meet our financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years. She will also highlight the current State's financial concerns and its possible impact on MUS' funding reductions from the State.

Strategic Initiative: Culture and Communication:

Community Forum:

The Board has been discussing ways to further engage the overall Montecito community. One idea we have been discussing is creating a community forum that provides a "speaker" series. This series would tap into the vast and unique talent within our community on topics of importance to our community. It was agreed to set up a Steering Committee to help form the concept, goals, and objectives.

Closed Session:

The Board is scheduled for an interim review of Superintendent, Tammy Murphy's Goals' for the 2011-2012 year.

Hope everyone has a great weekend.