

To: Parents, Teachers and Staff  
From: Brett Matthews, Board President  
Subject: Overview of Upcoming May 15th Board Meeting

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**Please Note:** This month we will open the Board meeting at 5:00PM and after initial public comment we will enter a closed session to discuss negotiations with the MTA (Montecito Teachers' Association) and Superintendent Performance Evaluation. The closed session will end at 5:55 and we will reconvene the open session at 6:00PM.

Regarding the regular Board meeting, the following provides an overview of some of the meeting topics that are found on the attached agenda:

This note will provide an overview of the topics being discussed at this month's Board Meeting on May 15th at 6:00pm. There are so many groups and individuals who work hard, some very visibly and some in the background, that make MUS a special place. Every month we take a few moments to recognize members of our community for their accomplishments and contributions to MUS. This month we have the particular honor of acknowledging a group of dedicated people who have spent a combined 242 years helping to make MUS exceptional. If you can, please come to show your appreciation to these retiring educators who have made such a difference in so many student's lives: Marilyn Bachman, Lynne Cummings, Annelise Falk, Sue Hillway, Pam McLendon, Liz Peterson, Jane Warner & Dave Williams.

### **Strategic Initiative #5: Staffing**

Human Resources

F1: The Montecito Union School District and the Montecito Union Teacher's Association will formally commence teacher contract negotiations.

### **Strategic Initiative #1: Student Learning and Achievement**

Student Learning

H-1: Master Plan Update: Roesling, Nakamura & Terada Architects (RNT)

RNT has collected valuable input from teachers, staff and parents over the past several months. The firm will be discussing their initial thoughts that address safety, parking, modernization, structural, drainage, and a review of the scope of work. They will also be sharing potential timelines for the various project stages.

## H-2: Williamsburg Colonial Experience Trip Update

The administration will be providing an update on the results of the questionnaire sent to every family with a current 4th grader as well as the parent input received during the Williamsburg trip informational meeting held on May 1st.

## **Strategic Initiative #6: Financial Sustainability**

### Business & Finance

#### I-1 2012-2013 Budget Planning

At the April Board meeting, the administration presented the initial budget for 2012-2013. At this meeting the administration will provide the second reading of the budget prior to its final approval at the June Board meeting. With the ongoing uncertainty of State funding of public education the District will continue to provide conservative financial stewardship throughout the budget planning process. We hope that you will all review the budget as it is developed and provide your input on this important document.

#### I 2&3: Public Hearing-Categorical Funding Flexibility

The district must hold a public hearing to discuss the school's use of Categorical Funds as a condition of receipt of these State funds. Since 2009 the State has allowed greater flexibility in the use of these funds. MUS continues to use the funds as originally intended for programs such as GATE, instructional materials, staff development and instructional improvements.

#### J-1: Board Election Notification

Candidates may obtain nomination documents between July 16 and August 10, during regular business hours at the Santa Barbara County Clerk-Recorder's Office at 4440-A Calle Real, Santa Barbara. They can be reached by phone at 805-696-8957.

#### L; Suggested Board Agenda Items for our June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

June 19<sup>th</sup> will be our last regularly scheduled Board meeting for this year and we will be discussing agenda items necessary to close up the year before the summer break.

#### M: Board Governance

The Board will be discussing the May 29th Study Session on District Organization and the history of K-8 at MUS. Members of the Board and Administration will share any input they have received and discuss the content and format of the meeting.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.