



GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MENIFEE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Highlights

July, 2016

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Our Governing Board in Action

During the month of July the Menifee Union School District Governing Board took the following actions:

Adopted Resolution No. 2017-4 Ordering an Election to Authorize the Issuance of School Bonds, Establishing Specifications of the Election Order, and Requesting Consolidation with Other Elections Occurring on November 8, 2016; adopted Standards-based English Language Arts/ English Language Development/History Social Science/Next Generation Science Standards Integrated Literacy Units of Study in grades K-5; adopted Standards-based English Language Arts/English Language Development Units of Study in grades 6-8; adopted Standards-based Mathematics Units of Study in grades 6-8.

Presentations

Assistant Superintendent Business Services, Mrs. Pam Lauzon, presented information about a potential Local Funding Measure for November 8, 2016 Ballot, and recommended moving forward in placing a \$135 million Bond Measure on the November 8, 2016 Ballot in order to keep up with increasing enrollment and provide safe, well-maintained classrooms for MUSD students.

If approved by local voters this measure would; acquire land and build two new elementary schools and one middle school to reduce overcrowding at existing schools; repair and renovate Menifee Valley Middle School and existing elementary/ middle schools; fix roofs, heating, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical systems; and improve access for students with disabilities.

This measure will include fiscal accountability protections; all money raised by the measure will stay local and be spent for Menifee schools; by law, no money from this measure could be used for administration, salaries or benefits; the measure would require a clear system of accountability to the community, including a Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual independent audits to ensure the money is spent properly; by law, the estimated annual cost would be limited to no more than \$30 per \$100,000 in assessed (not market) property value.

The state doesn't provide funding to build schools any longer so the \$135 million is 100% financing. If the state has money available, MUSD would take advantage of that.

Superintendent, Dr. Kennedy said the District has, on multiple occasions, secured refinancing of existing debt, and is always looking and taking advantage of market conditions to save the tax payers money.

Dr. Karen Valdes, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. Dennis Regus, Director of C&I, presented information about the rigorous process for the development of Units of Study.

The proposed materials were made available for public inspection at the District Office, where parents and educators were shown how the units align with the standards, and were encouraged to comment on the proposed materials.

