

## *Board Happenings*

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We are one month into the new school year and the students and new staff seem to have settled into their classes very comfortably. We all owe a huge thank you to our Parent-Teacher Organizations. Due to their generosity and fund raising we have been able to restore several kindergarten aide and library/media technician positions which had been cut in order to balance the district budget for this school year.

Also restored were counseling positions in the schools. These positions are being funded by the Our Children's Future legacy brick fund raising campaign conducted last spring by The Friends of Oak Park Schools education foundation and the district. Additional funds raised in that campaign are being held until we know the results of the November ballot measures and their effect on our budget so that they can be spent in the most effective way possible. Again, a big Thank You to all involved in running the campaign and/or donating to it.

At our September Board meeting we approved an overnight trip for the OPHS Cross Country Team as well as the annual seventh grade trip to Catalina and the eighth grade trip to Astrocamp, all of which will occur this month and next.

We also discussed and approved change orders and a notice of completion on several of the summer repair and modernization projects. We then approved the District response to the Oak Park Citizens' Oversight Committee's annual report.

A public hearing was held regarding the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials and a resolution was approved allowing the district to access state funding for textbooks and instructional materials for the current school year.

A resolution was also passed by the Board in support of Proposition 30 on the November ballot.

Board Policies discussed and approved as amended included suspension and expulsion/due process, uniform complaint procedures, nondiscrimination in employment, contracts, awards for achievement, work-based learning, facility master plan, general obligation bonds, and use of school facilities. A policy concerning student health and social services was tabled for additional information.

Until next month my best to all of you,

Jan Iceland  
OPUSD Board President

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