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Terry SalasOrtiz Named Bargaining Chairperson

The Council confirmed the appointment of Terry SalasOrtiz (CCE) as bargaining chairperson. Terry's next responsibility will be to name a bargaining team. Then, Terry and her team will begin to survey Bargaining Unit members on bargaining priorities.

The full contract expires June 2004. Negotiations are expected to begin May 2004. Spring negotiations often continue through the fall due to the California State budget.



Robert Hooper Honored for Phone Banking

Robert Hooper (MOA) was honored at Council for making 925 contacts in the recent Board of Education election. Also honored for making more than 100 contacts were:

- Norma Velasco (BGE)
- Rebecca Ward (DO)
- Julian Del La Torre (EAI)
- Mary Talwar (BVE)
- Jeannine Leon (MOA)
- Mercedes Shores (GWE)
- Karen van der Baan (DO)

Board members Marcela Calderon and Richard Adams were successfully re-elected.



Superintendent Mejia Accepts Sacramento City Position

Superintendent Maggie Mejia will leave District this month to accept a position in Sacramento City Unified School District. She has been superintendent for almost five years.

The Board has not yet appointed an interim superintendent. The Board will search for the new superintendent beginning in January. *Congratulations Maggie!*

Insurance Open Hearing Set For February 19

The Insurance Committee consists of representatives from AMSA, CSEA, and MTA. Since the insurance fund has been deficit spending for the past two years and will not have enough revenue to continue deficit spending in 2004-2005, the Insurance Committee is seeking input from all employees. An Insurance Open Hearing is set for **Thursday, February 19**, 3:30 p.m. at MOI. The Open Hearing will include a short presentation on benefits, a panel discussion to introduce options, and time for input.

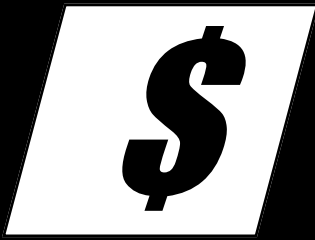
Insurance Survey Due Tuesday, December 9

Remember to turn in your insurance survey to a Building Rep by **Tuesday, December 9**. The Association representatives on the Insurance Committee will review each survey. The members are Pat Bayha (MHS), Pat Tonelli (BGE), Brenda Wade (MAI), and Alternate Patti Knapp (GAE).

Improving Classroom Education Act Introduced

The California Teachers Association and children's advocate Rob Reiner announced the official filing of a new education initiative. The *Improving Classroom Education Act* will provide a stable funding source that will help improve our state's K-12 classrooms and provide statewide access to voluntary universal preschool to all California children. The text of the act is available at montebelloteachers.org.

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December 9, 2003

Revenue & Expense

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The Revenue & Expense Committee was created in February 1995 to cooperatively examine the District's finances. The Committee is comprised of members each from MTA, CSEA, and MUSD.

MTA

- Dianne Garcia-Stevens (LMI)
Dorothy Chu (CCE)
Randie Hayward (SHS)
Susan Jauregui, alt. (EAI)

Kathy Kohn (ex-officio)

REVENUE AND EXPENSE QUARTERLY REPORT

Revenues

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: The month of September 2003 (\$9,246,192.00), The month of September 2002 (\$23,494,318.00), Year to date this year (\$33,544,601.00), Year to date last year (\$30,715,946.00)

Expenses

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: The month of September 2003 (\$7,897,170.00), The month of September 2002 (\$8,046,635.00), Year to date this year (\$16,758,131.00), Year to date last year (\$17,085,432.00)

TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER

Transportation: Dan Ibarra, Director of Transportation, brought good news to the committee members concerning charges for field trips at the sites. Suva Intermediate and La Merced Intermediate submitted their end of the year transportation bills for re-evaluation and benefit by seeing their actual cost reduced significantly. Transportation has developed a chart of the various rates from the different vendors. This information is hopefully making its way to all sites. We have been informed that the department is moving towards a more uniform policy on its billing towards all school sites. Please be pro-active in checking on your field trip costs.

School Supplies: District has moved from utilizing Corporate Express to Boise Office Supplies. Mr. Sheppard explained that we will be getting 20% savings by making this switch. No one will be forced to order from this company but everyone is being encouraged to switch. The Revenue & Expense committee strongly recommended to the District that it should at the very least have a computer available to the person responsible for ordering supplies at the school sites.

Text Book Process: The District office understands the concerns of our members and is looking into opportunities to improve on the ordering and receiving end. There will be a meeting hopefully in February to review the process steps.

Facilities: Pam Johnson announced that the District has been awarded a grant for 63 million as part of Prop 47 the overcrowded schools program. This is a dollar for dollar match program. New happenings around the district: Rosewood Park Elementary is now K-5. Rosewood lost very little of its playground because of its creative use of space and two story modules. BGH is now 18 months behind schedule. SHS has added a cafeteria to its campus. MHS air conditioning project is moving along. SUI received new asphalt, new basketball courts, and a new amphitheater.