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Organizing Committee Plans Next Action

The Organizing Team met Tuesday, February 14 to discuss the Thursday, February 16 Board of Education meeting.

Chairperson Doug Patzkowski (BVE) and volunteers discussed the issues to present to the Board of Education.



No Lay-Offs • Ruben Rojas Must Be Investigated • Fiscal Mismanagement Is the Problem • The District has reserves, increased funding, and can balance the budget!

County Board of Supervisors Deny BOE Term Extensions

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on Tuesday, February 14 to deny the Board of Education its request to extend all of the board members' terms by one year.

As stated in the Whittier Daily News, while the BOE will not be able to move its November 2017 election, meaning the terms of Lani Cupchoy, Hector Chacon, and Ben Cardenas will end then, Senate Bill 415 requires election dates to be moved by the November 2022 election. The BOE must now purpose an alternate schedule for changing the election.

MTA Elections Are in May: Nominations Open March 21

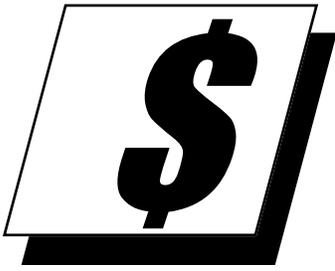
Nominations are open for:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Elementary Director
Intermediate School Director
Support Staff Director
CTA State Council & Alternate

The nominations for the Executive Committee and State Council will close at the Council meeting on **Tuesday, April 25**. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the MTA CC. Eligible members may be nominated in one of three ways: (1) complete the petition posted on montbelloteachers.org, (2) nomination on the floor of Council, or (3) via the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee can be contacted via email at Nominations@MontebelloTeachers.org.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Rey Vogel (MHS), Donna Drayman (EAI), and Lisa Navarro-Gutierrez (BGE). More information regarding the offices can be found in the Bylaws. The MTA bylaws are available on our website at montbelloteachers.org.

Over, please...



February 21, 2017



Revenue & Expense

Report

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

- Ryan Rice (ATC)
- David Navar (WGE)
- Richard Franco (MAI)
- Alma Orta (SUE), alternate

Kathy Schlotz (ex-officio)

TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER

The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

As noted in the last report, the District does not currently track expenditures by LCAP goals. CBO Ruben Rojas reported to the Committee that a new software program is being released by LACOE that will facilitate this tracking.

Technology and Technology Support

Again, technology improvements continue. First, the Bell Gardens HS cluster is having access points, servers, and fiber cable installed. Montebello HS cluster will then be renovated. Next, comes Schurr HS cluster. All work will take place over the ensuing years; work for the system upgrade will conclude in August 2018. Currently, there are no plans to provide student computing beyond what schools individually purchase using the site's LCAP monies until after August 2018. According to CBO Rojas, computers must meet the IT specifications as listed on the District's IT web page.

Facilities Update

The District is in the planning stages of the energy initiative for twenty-one sites which ties in with Proposition 39. The District has received \$5.7 million dollars from Proposition 39 and in October will receive an additional \$7 million dollars. The \$5.7 million will cover 5 campuses for approximately 263 heating and air conditioning (HVAC) units, 4200 Light-Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures, and 25 transformers. Those school sites will have solar panel carports and charging stations installed. The goal is to have energy savings to be deposited into the General Fund. The energy company guarantees a twenty-year cost savings, and any savings shortfall will be reimbursed by the company.

Bond Update

The initial offering of \$100 million in bond was sold. The other \$230 million are authorized for sale but have not been sold. The District is waiting to sell the bonds as needed for construction and infrastructure projects as projects are ready with which to proceed. No projects are currently being funded by this money.

Revenue and Expense Committee Participation

This Committee is part of the contractual bargaining agreement between MTA and MUSD. It came about because of the near-bankruptcy of the District from fiscal mismanagement back in the 1990's. Then, the MTA and other bargaining units made wage concessions to the District in exchange for this committee that would have the purview to examine and question the District's revenues and expenses. A standing ex-officio member on the committee from the District is the District Business Manager, or in this case, the Chief Business Officer (CBO).

It is the contractual duty of the District to report back to this committee, including presentations and other pertinent information regarding the District's financial standing. At the last meeting, the CBO attended the last meeting in its entirety. He provided relevant and needed information on issues related to the committee's duties. MTA Revenue and Expense Chairperson Ryan Rice (ATC) has encouraged the CBO to keep this committee informed using the same presentations, data, and timelines that he uses at Board meetings..