

When we fight, we win



Over 100 members, parents, students, and community members protested at the Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, June 14th. Additionally, every single public comment was made in support of our educators in our fight for timely payments.

As a direct result of our organizing efforts, we achieved historic results, including the Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mark Skvarna, taking ac-

countability for the error of untimely payment of retroactive checks.

Our display of power through our turnout even prompted the Board of Education to apologize to us for this grave error and led many of them to say that this should never happen again.

2023-2024 Executive Committee Ready to Get to Work!

UTLA President Cecily Myart-Cruz installed the 2023-2024 Executive Committee at Council on Tuesday, May 30th. President David Navar (MTA), Vice President Jessica Zwaal (MHS), Secretary Norma Gonzalez (JGE), Treasurer Lisa Navarro-Gutierrez (BGE), Elementary Directors Alma Orta (SUE) and Erica Estrada (JGE), Intermediate Director Andy Shinn (BGI), High School Director Jeannette Alvarado (ATC), Support Staff Director Melina Valenzuela (Psych.), and Adult Education Director Elizabeth Kocharian (BGH).



Thank You Doug!



Outgoing Executive Committee member Doug Patzkowski (BVE) was honored for his work on behalf of the Association.

Election Results State Council & Alternate

* Paul Chavez.....265

** Lorraine Richards.....152

* Indicates Elected Delegate

** Indicates Elected Alternate



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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

Alma Orta (SUE)

Paul Chavez (SHS)

Richard Franco (MAI)

David Navar (MTA) alternate

Jill Marucut (ex-officio)

Topics of Interest This Quarter

Local Accountability Formula (LCAP) and Trial Balance by Fund

Every month the Revenue and Expense Committee reviews the LCAP. As of May 1, 2023 the total Base, Supplemental, and Concentration grand totals of the adopted revised budget is \$293,010,572 million with expenditures of \$238,647,318 million and a balance of \$31,839,509 million.

The Trial Balance by Fund is also reviewed every meeting.

Facilities

There are many projects that are occurring: BGE's building is 85% complete. They are working on the drop off area of the school site. There is also painting that will be done at MHS. Roofing projects are in place for LMI, WIE, PHE, WGE, RWP, MGE, and BGH. New asphalt will be done at PHE, WGE, and WAI. Playground area will be worked on at BVE. Fire alarms will be worked on at BGE.

Technology

The committee was informed that the I.T. Department is completing the district upgrade for the internet. They are also applying for a second internet line and hoping for board approval. The I.T. Department is working on the 6,000 Chromebook buyout. They will be collecting the Chromebooks from the fifth graders to give to the incoming TK-K students. The committee was informed that four (4) schools (SHS, MHS, MOI & ATC) radios/walkie talkies have been programmed with different channels to avoid interference.

LMA, BVE, and MGE is piloting a security door lock system. The next group will be FRE, CCE, and MPE. MAI had 22 security cameras installed, as well as D.O., Head Start, Transportation, and the Warehouse Department.

There was much discussion with the new check-in system at the MUSD lobby area. Further discussion will occur at the June meeting. For now, if you are a MUSD employee, your check-in will be with your District issued I.D. There are no further steps to take.

Enrollment Report and Attendance Recovery

Attendance rates from April 17-21 was at 93.47%. In March 2023, 18 schools participated in Saturday school. Revenue from Saturday school increased as well. ADA recovery Saturday school will begin earlier for the school year 2023-2024.

Student enrollment continues to decrease. For May 5, 2023, K-12 student enrollment is at 21,053 compared to last year in May 2022 at 29,993 TK-12 enrollment. That is a drop of 883 students. For 2023-2024 we are looking at an overall decrease of 4%, which is about 1,000 students.

PowerSchool Parent enrollment has launched for student registration. There is discussion of streamlining the Alternate Income Application with the registration.

The MUSD banners throughout the cities where are schools are located have been placed to increase and capture more students.