



## Superintendent's Board Highlights

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**Date of Board Meeting: MARCH 4, 2010**

### ***ACTION ITEMS***

#### **ADOPTION OF 2<sup>nd</sup> INTERIM REPORT & REVISIONS FOR 2009-10**

Basic Aid Districts are being asked to include Fair Share" refund payments to the State in each of the 2010-11 and 2011-12 budgets, and possibly in budgets for future years. For BRSSD, repayment of \$1,740,000 will be expected in 2010-11 and again in 2011-12. These payments to the State are to be paid out of categorical funds, including Class Size Reduction allocations. The District does not have to make any Fair Share payments that exceed annual State categorical apportionments which can be up to \$2 million. The Second Interim Report and revision of the 2009-10 Budget was approved and adopted. The budget is being submitted with a qualified certification since the district cannot meet its financial obligations for 2011-12 school. This now requires that additional steps be taken to balance the budget and prepare a plan with reductions or additional revenue that will help balance the budget.

### **PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

The proposed adjustments (totaling \$2.5 million in cuts) to the 2010-2011 District budgets were approved with the understanding that marked items would need to be negotiated. See next page for details. The District will be meeting with employee groups to negotiate identified items. Some items are not negotiable and these will be incorporated for the next budget revision that will be presented to the Board.

### **RESOLUTION #18 INTENTION TO DISMISS CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES (revised)**

This resolution was adopted. The District must meet the March 15 deadline for layoff notices. The dismissal is final, but certain positions can be reinstated if the district receives additional funding from School Force Foundation or the state does not make the cuts that they are projecting. By May 15 the district can reinstate any laid off positions for which funding is now available. Certificated employees on Resolution #18 were as follows:

Dean of Students	.5 FTE
Counselor	1.0 FTE
Reading Specialists	2.25 FTE
Math Coach	1.0 FTE
Elementary Music Teacher	1.0 FTE
Elementary teachers	21.0 FTE
Middle School teachers	3.0 FTE

### **RESOLUTION #19 REDUCTION IN WORK FORCE-LACK OF FUNDS**

This resolution was adopted: Elimination of 3.295 Library Media Specialists due to lack of funds.

### **DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION**

The Dual Language Immersion Program was not approved for implementation. The pre registration indicated fifteen (15) K students and thirteen (13) 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. The cost to begin a program and sustain it would require dedicated funding which the District cannot identify at this time. It would also require identifying or recruiting appropriately credential staff to begin the implementing the program. At a time when we are laying off and when we may be increasing class sizes this would be a difficult process to undertake. Parents who support the program identified funds to help sustain the program for the coming year and another year. The Board suggested using these funds to support School Force and district-wide needs.

### ***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS***

#### **SUMMER PROGAMS**

K-8 summer enrichment and intervention program will not be implemented this year due to a lack of funds. However, there is one grant request pending that would allow for a summer math program at Ralston Middle School. Should this grant materialize, the summer program would consist of the summer math program and the required special education summer school program. The District will send our flyers on summer enrichment programs sponsored by non-profit agencies in the area.

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

The Board of Trustees was provided brief overview of the draft facilities master plan. In order to qualify for State facility funds, a facilities master plan must be created to identify district needs. The Board of Trustees requested a Special Session to further review the draft facilities master plan and determine priorities.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

A discussion was had regarding the expediting of the building of classrooms for 2011. The Board directed staff to bring this item back to a future meeting after the Board has an opportunity to review the demographers report on boundaries as well as the class sizes for 2010-2011.

PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Negotiated?	Item	Savings (in thousands)
	<b>District-wide &amp; Administration</b>	
x	6 Furlough days	550
x	Close all libraries	220
x	Staff Dev/Tech Support	100
x	New School night custodian	50
x	12 mo positions changed to 11 mo	42
	Sandpiper Admin	32
	Crossing guards	31
	General Site Discretionary	30
	Utilities reduction	25
x	Receptionist to 60%	17
x	HR Personnel Clerk	9
	Crossing Guard Timesheets	6
	<b>Grades K-3</b>	
x	20:1 Class size to 25.5:1	799
	Para-educators	44
	Noon Duty	12
	Writing Coach	8
	<b>Grades 4-5</b>	
x	4th & 5th Music (Instrumental/Choral)	200
	Para-educators	44
	Math Coach	20
	Writing Coach	5
	Noon Duty	4
	<b>Grades 6-8</b>	
x	28.5:1 to 30:1 Class ratio	210
	Math Coach	25
	Ralston Athletics	10
	Writing Coach	7

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