

# Board Briefs

Lompoc Unified School District

February 26, 2008

- OPENING COMMENTS** A slide show was shown featuring students and staff members of Fillmore Elementary School. This was created to honor Dorothy Lipari, who retired from Fillmore two years ago. It truly demonstrated “Fillmore is a great place to grow!”
- SPECIAL RECOGNITION** Certificates of appreciation were presented to the representatives of the school site PTA’s and PTSA’s as well as the officers of the Lompoc Council PTA. They were applauded for their outstanding contributions to the educational opportunities of District students.
- CONSENT ITEMS** The following consent items were approved: (1) Warrants totaling \$892,821.75; (2) Personnel Items (as amended); (3) B11-05 Award of Change Order #28 - Lompoc High School Modernization; (4) Ratification of January 2008 Payrolls; and (5) Acceptance of Donations
- STUDENT REPORT** Tianna Cisowski, the student representative from Lompoc High School, gave a report regarding activities at the secondary schools.
- VAFB REPORT** Duane Wolfe reported the Air Force is addressing the “circulation” problem at Crestview with the housing contractor. A one way traffic pattern, red curbs, more parking signs, and the engagement of security forces will be utilized beginning spring break. Though not a final solution, it should improve safety at the site.
- STUDENT READMISSION** Student no. 294013 was recommended for readmission to the Lompoc Unified School District.
- ONE-TIME ARTS/MUSIC/PE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS** The one-time Arts/Music/PE Block Grant funds for La Honda Elementary and Lompoc High School, were approved for expenditure as proposed by the sites. These funds could not be expended until their proposed use was given Board approval.
- SITE DISCRETIONARY BLOCK GRANT EXPENDITURE PLAN** The Board approved the site plan for spending one-time block grant monies from Lompoc High School. These funds also require Board of Education approval before expenditure.
- CERTIFICATED “REASSIGNMENT” NOTICES** At the advice of legal counsel, the agenda items regarding certificated “layoff” notices for Education Center directors, and all school site level administrators and deans, were corrected to “reassignment” notices. This item will be placed on the March 4, 2008 special agenda for continued discussion and possible action.

**APPROVAL OF PARS  
EARLY RETIREMENT**

The Board approved the Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Early Retirement Plan to be offered at the 85% level for certificated staff. The District will need enough participants to sign off that we are at least breaking even or showing a profit by offering this incentive. Additionally, there is a fee charged to the District by PARS of approximately 5.5%.

**DELEGATE ASSEMBLY  
ELECTION FOR CSBA**

The Board cast its vote for Karen G. Anderson of the Montecito Union School District for the 2008 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly. Ms. Anderson is the incumbent.

**APPROVAL OF LHS  
AS TITLE I PROGRAM  
SCHOOL**

The Board approved Lompoc High School as a schoolwide Title I program school. The site currently has a 53.4% free/reduced lunch count, which meets the criteria for schoolwide program approval.

**ELIMINATION OF  
DRIVER'S ED. GRAD.  
REQUIREMENT**

The elimination of driver education as a graduation requirement was discussed at length. Robin Luken, who has been a Driver's Education Teacher for 17 years, showed a video which included students who had lost their lives in auto accidents. Dr. Lynch will meet with teachers from Cabrillo and Lompoc High Schools in the near future to clarify his recommendation to have Driver's Education removed as a graduation requirement.

**ELIMINATION OF  
OUTSIDE LOCKERS &  
CLOSED CAMPUSES  
AT LHS & CHS**

The elimination of outside lockers and closing the campuses at both Lompoc and Cabrillo High Schools was discussed. The respective site principals - Art Diaz and Betty McCallum - are both in favor of these proposals. It was suggested the principals return to the Board, possibly in April, to present a specific plan for implementation and also to involve the entire school community in the process.

**MODERNIZATION/  
RELOCATABLES AT  
VANDENBERG MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**

Due to conflicting information provided by Vandenberg AFB regarding the housing options being offered to active duty personnel, the Board took no action on this agenda item. It will be returned at a later date after we receive clarification from the Base Commander.

**RETENTION OF SIXTH  
GRADERS AT VMS**

The Board, on a 3-2 vote, approved the retention of 6<sup>th</sup> graders who are associated with Vandenberg AFB at Vandenberg Middle School for the 2008-2009 year only. It is hoped this will allow Crestview Elementary more time to adjust to their enrollment level. These 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be in a self-contained area at the site.

**FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS**

Dr. Lynch announced there will be a "Parents Are Teachers Too!" conference on Saturday, March 1. Additionally there will be a special Board meeting on March 4, and a regular Board meeting on March 11. Though a regular meeting was not scheduled for March 25, one may possibly be held.

**OPEN HOUSE  
SCHEDULE**

The Open House Schedule for 2007-2008 was reviewed, and the Board members coordinated their visits to the school sites.

**“PAPERLESS” BOARD MEETINGS** The Board discussed the implementation of “paperless” Board meetings. It was decided not to take any action at this time due to the start up costs this would entail, and our current budget crisis.

**REVIEW OF REPORTS**

- Review of Board Policy 6145 - “Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities”
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Playground Compliance

**CLOSED SESSIONS** The Board adjourned to closed session to conference regarding negotiations, pending litigation, and a personnel matter. It was announced in open session that no action had been taken during the closed session.

**✓NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 11, 2008, 5:30 p.m.  
Education Center Board Room**