



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

“A Communication from the Board to the Staff, Parents & Patrons of Creighton School District”

November 3, 2009 - Board Meeting

1. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Boyle called the Governing Board's attention to a fiscal report on Creighton School District, as part of Board Bulletin information this evening, completed by WestEd/Ellis Foundation. She reported that the H1N1 flu immunization schedule for District schools is as follows: November 4: Loma Linda, November 5: Excelencia and November 6: L.C. Kennedy. The remaining six sites are scheduled during the week of November 16-20. The last site will complete immunizations on November 23. Information was provided on the annual Indian School Merchant's block party being held on Sunday, November 8th on Indian School Road from 32nd to 36th Street. Squaw Peak School will have a booth at the event.

2. Educational Services

- A. Ms. Arnie Wessel, Squaw Peak Principal, and Ms. Renee Shamblin, Squaw Peak resident and parent of preschool age children, reported on a partnership with a group of neighborhood parents who have asked the District to explore the feasibility of starting a Foreign Language Immersion strand at Squaw Peak School beginning in the 2010-2011 academic year. The purpose of the presentation was to provide information and to answer questions on the proposal. Ms. Wessel reviewed the history, vision, mission/core beliefs, timeline, program description/model, program benefits and goals for 2010-2011. The Board will act on the recommendation at the November 17, 2009, board meeting.
- B. Ms. Maria Paredes reported on Creighton District Academic Parent Action Teams. She reviewed parent involvement opportunities, research on family-school relationships, purpose of Academic Parent Action Teams, program logistics, and ideal outcomes.

3. Business and Plant

- A. Mr. Walmer, Director of Finance, reported on the preliminary budget outlook for the 2010-2011 School Year and indicated that there would be changes as additional information is received. He reviewed the 100th day enrollment count, preschool through 8th grade, addressed assumptions and presented a chart of increases and decreases to deficit with the current deficit being -\$1,426,264.

Ms. Pam Burkhardt, Federal Projects Director, reported on the Federal funding outlook for 2010-2011 and indicated that it is very difficult to make assumptions on Federal funding. She shared that assumptions are based on decreasing enrollment and poverty census. Prioritization of funding at the federal level could result in the elimination or reduction of some grants. She reviewed 1) the Impact of ARRA Funding on entitlement grants, 2) proposed reductions to Arizona 2010-2011 federal funding and 3) 2005-2006 through 2009-2010 Federal Census Poverty. Ms Burkhardt reported on decreases in funding in Title I-A and Title II-A: Highly Qualified Teachers and Professional Development, for 2007-2008 to 2009-2010, She concluded with a look forward to 2010-2011 and reviewed where federal funds are allocated.

4. General

- A. A special recognition was given to Mr. Duane “Doc” Davis for being the recipient of the APT Driver of the Year and for also being featured in a publication of AZ@WORK for an article on school bus drivers.
- B. Mr. Jewett and Ms. Schweiger-Nitchals gave a legislative update on the progress of the approval of a budget for 2009-2010 and possible changes to No Child Left Behind Act.

5. Future Agenda Items

- Afterschool Programs/Clubs
- Paperless Board Meetings
- Policy ID – School Day (Dec)
- Standards Based Report Cards (Jan)
- Discussion on Policy FF-Naming Facilities
- Extended School Year (e.g.: Balsz District)
- Employee Contract Deadline (Dec)