

## **Highlights from the February Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

### **Crocker Hillsborough School Report**

Principal Maria Brady and Crocker Counselor Bonnie Slater presented on DREAM: Developing Responsible, Empathetic, Adolescent Mentors.

Ms. Slater shared that the DREAM program provides middle school students with leadership opportunities to support a positive and inclusive school culture.

DREAM encompasses student-driven leadership, student-centered activities, and creates a culture of inclusion, empathy, and kindness.

### **Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Carlomagno reported on the following:

- Common Sense Media Teen Panel with a thank you to our APG partners and Maureen Sullivan in supporting and coordinating this event. As part of our partnership with Common Sense Media, HCSD hosted a teen panel with students from Crocker, Crystal Springs, Nueva, and Charles Armstrong. Emily Kenner, a former HCSD parent, facilitated the panel.
- Update on State Propositions for the coming election - a helpful resource for all California ballot measures can be found at [Ballotpedia.org](http://Ballotpedia.org)
- Crocker Science Fair - Congratulations to all student participants. A wonderful evening celebrating all aspects of scientific thinking.
- HCSD Gets Fit! - HCSD staff members participated in the Kaiser Permanente 10K running event last month. In order to take the best care of our students and families, we need to also take care of ourselves!
- Census Survey - It is almost time for the 2020 Census, the decennial count of everyone who lives in the United States. SMCOE is collaborating with its partners in early learning, school districts, government, and the community to help ensure that everyone is counted. An accurate count will help ensure that children receive the support they need to be healthy and successful.
- Assessed Property Values - 4.6% growth

### **District Financial and Refunding Analysis**

Greg Isom from Isom Advisors presented information to the Board regarding possible refinancing options for our bonds from the 2002 election. He shared that he met with the HCSD finance sub-committee including Trustees Geddis and Dannis, Superintendent Carlomagno, and CBO Joyce Shen earlier in the month and the sub-committee recommended that this information should be shared with the entire Governance Team. Mr. Isom highlighted the advantages of refinancing, the different options the district could take, and the savings it would offer to taxpayers. The finance sub-committee will meet again and discuss next steps.

### **Cooling Project Update**

At the January Board meeting, there was a discussion of expanding the current cooling pilot project to a larger scale. After further review, district staff is recommending that we continue with the current cooling project and make a determination regarding an expansion after collecting data from the original project. Mike Wasserman from CPM (HCSD facilities representative) presented on the different fan combinations that the district would be testing, along with a timeline for project implementation. He also shared information on the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCA) limits and how this allows HCSD to procure materials in an easier fashion. Larry Raffo shared the rubric that teachers who are piloting the project will need to complete

to help consider best possibilities to move forward. Mr. Raffo will be meeting with these teachers before the pilot project begins.

### **Action Items**

The Board took action on the following items:

- TBWB Strategies Contract for Consulting Services in Exploring a November 2020 General Obligation Bond. HCSD will be working with TBWB Strategies in moving forward with a poll of Hillsborough residence regarding possible interest in the district moving forward with a General Obligation bond request on the November 2020 ballot.
- Revised Substitute Salary Schedule. In keeping competitive with local school districts, HCSD has raised the daily rate for substitute teachers from \$156 per day to \$190 per day. The long-term substitute teacher rate will be raised from \$180 per day to \$275 per day.
- HTA and CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreements - HCSD reached agreements with both Hillsborough Teachers Association and the California Schools Employee Association on compensation and health & welfare increases for this current school year and next year as part of a three-year contract.
- Administrators Agreement - HCSD reached an agreement with administrators on compensation and health & welfare increases for this year and next year.
- Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Transfer Proposal - Each year, HCSD contributes to employee benefits for retirees. A new formula has been developed which will now be used in determining the amount which will be transferred to the district OPEB account in order to help fund this future liability.
- Resolution 2020-03 Resolution in Support of Proposition 13: Public Preschool K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020.

### **California Science Test (CAST) Results**

Matthew Lindner, Director of Educational Services, presented the California Science Test (CAST) Scores from HCSD. He noted that this was the first time that official scores have been released, how HCSD falls within the county and state, and the next steps in discussing test results with staff.

### **Future Board Meetings**

Wednesday, March 11th, Crocker Lecture Hall, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 22nd, Crocker Lecture Hall, 6:00 PM

For the full agenda and additional details about these items and other topics not highlighted please go to [Agenda Online](#) on the District website.