

# Bard Briefs



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST 24, 2015 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## ► Superintendent and Board Recognize Moment of Silence

The Superintendent, Board and audience recognized a moment of silence in honor and memory of Aanya Seth, a former kindergarten student at Chaparral Elementary who passed away suddenly on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Aanya was a very sweet and bright little girl. She had a wonderful smile, loved school, reading and art. Aanya was a good friend to all and will be missed.

## ► Superintendent and Board Recognize Student and Staff Stars

The Superintendent and Board recognized students and staff. Below is a brief summary of the recognitions. The entire text can be found in the agenda packet.

- Three students from Del Norte High have been selected as members of National Honors Ensembles by the National Association for Music Education for 2015-2016. Recognized for All-National Honor Mixed Choir: Abbey Linton (12th grade) and Ryan Simeon (11th grade); and for All-National Honor Symphony Orchestra: Valerie Chen (10th grade, cello).
- This summer the Harvard Club of San Diego presented twenty-five awards to outstanding local juniors at the HCSO Annual Harvard Prize Book Reception. Kevin Benavente from Mt. Carmel High was one of two winners of this year's Outstanding Junior Award. Isabella Ortiz from Rancho Bernardo High was also recognized as one of the twenty-five award winners.
- Kathleen McHeffey, a math teacher at Meadowbrook Middle, has been named one of five California Math finalists for the 2015 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
- Malliga Tholandi, Associate Superintendent of Business Support Services, has earned the status of Advanced Communicator Silver for participation in the Toastmasters International Communication Program.
- Students in the Poway High Engineering Academy/Pathway/Robotics won 12 Best of Class and two student teams went on to win Best of Show at the Southern California Exposition.

## ► Board Appoints Members to the Budget Review Advisory Committee (BRAC)

The online application process for the Budget Review Advisory Committee (BRAC) opened on June 22, 2015 and like all Board Advisory Committees is ongoing. All Board members were provided with the applications submitted up to today's date. Members appointed to the BRAC by each member are: Beatty – John Riley; O'Connor-Ratcliff – Marc Roland; Patapow – Marc Davis; Sellers – Wayne Rounsavell; Zane – Lisa Briggs. Members appointed by the Board by a consensus vote are: Gary Hamels, Brian Badillo, Brandon Khieu, Anita Ta, and Frank Xu.

## ► Future meetings

Regular Meetings:

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

Monday, October 19, 2015 in the District Office (6 p.m.)

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