

BHUSD/BHEA JOINT COMMUNICATION
for the Certificated Bargaining Session on September 29, 2009

The 2009-2010 negotiating team met for the first time on September 29, 2009. The BHEA team consists of Chris Bushee, Mark Frenn, Anita Naiman, Rachel Pearce, and Gregg Riesenber. The BHUSD team consists of Alex Cherniss, Pat Escalante, Dawnalyn Murakawa-Leopard, and Jen Tedford. Until the new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services is hired, Sandy Franke will be a member of the district's negotiating team.

The team reviewed the Interest-Based Problem Solving process as well as the group's previously established ground rules. A subcommittee has been formed to develop guidelines for guests and observers.

The district and BHEA shared their interests in order to develop a shared list of contract articles to sunshine at the October 6, 2009, Board meeting. The following will be brought to the Board: Article I – Recognition, Article III – Salaries, Article IV – Hours, Article V – Health, Welfare and Other Benefits, Article VIII – Class Size, Article IX – Professional Assessment, Article XIII – Parent Complaints, Article XXI – Term of Agreement, and related Appendices A, B, G, and I.

The group continued its discussion on middle school class size, focusing on PE, specialists, and electives within core departments. This discussion will continue at the next negotiations session.

The next scheduled negotiations session will be held on October 20, 2009, at which time parties will prioritize items to be negotiated this year.