

BHUSD/BHEA JOINT COMMUNICATION  
for the Certificated Bargaining Session on February 2, 2010

The group discussed the budget. There was a summary of the Feb. 1 Budget Study Session presentation and the most recent 3-year projection. The district reported that the cost of a 1% increase to salaries = \$283,000 for certificated unit members and about \$400,000 for all district employees. Additional information will be shared with the negotiating team at its next session on March 2.

Discussions of the 2012-2013 calendar are ongoing. Additional information will be gathered and brought back to the group at the next negotiations session.

The team continued to work on contract language related to class size. Harriet Maglin, Director of Special Education, and BHEA both provided information on delivery of special education services and staffing practices. The group discussed topics such as special day versus resource, credentials, push-in versus pull-out, differentiated instruction, and caseload versus class size. The district reported that the district-wide special education student to special education teacher ratio is 19.25:1. The group requested additional data which will be gathered and brought to the next negotiations session for further discussion. The group also reviewed additional information related to middle school physical education class size and will continue discussions at the next negotiations session.

The next scheduled negotiations session will be held on March 2, 2010.