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Speech on our tentative agreement delivered by BHEA Pres. Chris Bushée at the Sep. 9, 2008 Board of Education meeting:

“Good evening. Shortly, you will vote on the tentative agreement between the certificated unit of BHEA and the district. I support the agreement as do the members of the bargaining team who crafted it. Last Friday, 74% of the BHEA membership voted to support this agreement.

“Supporters of the agreement believe in the financial security that it provides heading into this current school year where the state of California still has no budget and still faces a large deficit. Detractors believe that the agreement does not do enough to keep us competitive versus other school districts when comparing salaries and benefits.

“I urge you to approve this tentative agreement tonight so we can move on to the next stage. Thank you.”