

To: Parents/Guardians  
From: Mark Solimo  
Date: January 27, 2011  
Re: Board Meeting of January 25, 2011

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**Superintendent's Report**

The Robert L. Craig School held its annual spelling bee on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in the school gymnasium. Students from grades three through eight participated. The winner of the spelling bee was eighth grader Jesse Estevez, who won the bee by spelling correctly the word 'vagabond.' Second place went to third grader Julianna Pansini, and third place went to sixth grader Franchesca Macalintal. Jesse will continue on to the county-wide spelling bee in March. Congratulations to Jesse Estevez and all of the participants of the Craig School 2011 Spelling Bee.

Mrs. Mongilia reports that the addition of a Smartboard to her classroom has been extremely helpful for the enrichment classes. Students from grades 2 through 8 have been able to actively engage in a variety of activities. Time and money, factors and multiples, surface area, transformations on a coordinate grid, fractions, and various measurement concepts are just a few of the areas that have been enhanced by the Smartboard. Mrs. Mongilia is especially proud of her 8th grade enrichment students. Having taught them in 5th and 6th grade math, it is gratifying to see how they have built upon the skills learned during those years.

For the holiday concert, Ms. Chao's music classes prepared Christmas carols and songs to sing. The students began practicing in late November and worked hard until the days before the concert. The students had to learn the tune to their song, remember the order of the lyrics, and familiarize themselves with the motions or actions in their song. On the day of the show, the students were decked in festive clothes, wearing some combination of red, green, or black and white. They brought their enthusiasm and energy to the stage and were ready to help celebrate the holidays with their voices! The Pre K students looked adorable as they sang "Holiday Time" and were bundled in scarves and hats. The Kindergarten class were cute as they sang "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." The first, second, third, and fourth grade sang "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Jingle-Bells," "Jingle-Bell Rock," and "Frosty the Snowman" respectively. The older grades sang age-appropriate songs and made the concert an inspirational show! The fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades sang "You've Got a Friend," "Lean on Me," "Don't Stop Believing," and "Seasons of Love." The students did an excellent job of bringing the Holiday spirit to the Robert L. Craig school this year!

**Finance**

1. Approved to adopt waiver of compliance with respect to the districts participation in Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2011-2012 school year.
2. Discussed the 2011-2012 Budget.

## **Policy**

1. Approved the following policies & procedures (2<sup>nd</sup> reading):

1140	Affirmative Action Program (New)
1523	Comprehensive Equity Plan (Revised)
1530	Equal Employment Opportunities (Revised)
R1530	Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Procedure (Revised)
1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practice (Revised)
R1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practice (Revised)
2260	Affirmative Action Program for School & Classroom Practices (Revised)
2415.01	Academic Standards Academic Assessments, & Accountability (Revised)
2415.04	Title I District-Wide parent Involvement (Revised)
2423	Bilingual & ESL Education (Revised)
R2423	Bilingual & ESL Education (Revised)
6360	Political Contributions (Revised)
6362	Contributions to Board Members & Contract Awards (Revised)
8420	Emergency & Crisis Situations (Revised)
R8420	Emergency & Non-Fire Evacuation Plan (Revised)
8420.7	Lockdown Procedures (Revised)
8420.10	Active Shooter (New)
8740	Bonding

## **Personnel**

1. Approved to authorize the Superintendent to hire personnel on an emergent basis for the following position: Substitute Teachers
2. Approved the revised leave of absence for Allison McGorry, Classroom Aide, for completion of her student teaching at Robert L. Craig as per the following dates: January 20, 2011 – May 13, 2011
3. Approved the revised maternity leave dates for Stacey DeAngelis from February 25, 2011 – June 30, 2011 (originally approved for on or about March 11, 2011).

## **Curriculum**

1. Approved the following G & T field trips:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Grade</u>
March 16, 2011	Montclair University Heros Convocation	5/6
May 25, 2011	Montclair University Marsville 2011 Competition	5/6

2. Approved the following workshops:

<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendee</u>
Strengthening Your Foreign Language Instruction with the Three A's: Activities, Articulation and Assessment	2/7/2011	Theresa Ipolysagi

3. Approved 2011-2012 Grade Level Course of Studies.

## **New Business**

1. Approved provision of a Lunch Scanner.