

RBTA Board Talk

April 27, 2010



The following teachers presented this information to the School Board:

Amy Santa Cruz, RBTA President, commented on a Jefferson parent's comments regarding teacher responsibility as it relates to the Ed. Foundation raising money/RBTA asking district to dip into the reserve and announced WHO Award winner- Monica Joyce. (Minute 1:44:15 <http://www.rbusd.org/boevideoarchives>)

Kathleen DeMott, Adams Middle School teacher, comment on importance of teachers (Minute 1:51:03 <http://www.rbusd.org/boevideoarchives>) .

The teachers in Redondo have consistently provided the best education to the students in our city. When a child goes home at night and their parent asks them "What did you do today?" Nine times out of 10 they will say "Nothing." That is the nature of children, middle schoolers and high school students. Buton the evenings when your child tells you what an exciting science project or what a great book or story the teacher read or how much they enjoyed participating in a special school wide function such as the Jog-a-Thon or Cat in the Hat Day for Literacy.... You have to give credit where credit is due.....The teachers in Redondo Beach who nurture, guide and teach those students.

Denine Hollow, RBTA VP and Madison Elementary teacher, comment on furlough/NO PAY days (Minute 1:51:43 <http://www.rbusd.org/boevideoarchives>).

There has been tons of talk about furlough days- both from parents in the district and between the district and RBTA. The teachers believe that furlough days are detrimental to the overall well being of the district. Furlough days could mean a shorter instructional year for students which could impact student learning. They also mean an additional teacher pay cut.

Monica Joyce, RBTA Bargaining Chair and Tulita Elementary RSP teacher, comment on the calendars (Minute 1:52:37 <http://www.rbusd.org/boevideoarchives>).

We are perplexed why 2 calendars have been published in the board agenda. The District Bargaining Team asked the RBTA Bargaining Team to keep the unapproved proposed calendars for 2010-11 and 2011-12 confidential until the

school board could approve them. They are not approved yet. But here we see them in a board agenda.

We want to be very clear that the two calendars that are on the agenda this evening are not next year's calendars until- if and when:

- 1) the Board approves them and
- 2) the Redondo Beach Teachers Association ratifies with a 51% vote of "yes" by the bargaining unit members.

Board Meeting Agenda Item: Our members should also know that the district has applied to the state to use the Aviation Money Reserves to fund the PARS retirement piece offered this year to our member retirees. Should the application be approved, the district will see a positive revenue of over \$220,000 which would fund one furlough/NO PAY day.