

# Eye On The Board

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## Board Highlights from March, 2011

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### Independent Study Task Force Report

Randy Bangs (Director of ROP/SAS and Ivonne Glenn (Asst. Director of Alternative Education) presented a model for an Independent Study program designed by the Independent Study (IS) Task Force that was convened in Dec. 2010.

Mr. Bangs stated there should be several key ideas around the formation of a new Independent Study program that would be housed at the Salinas Education Center (SEC). He said an IS program should “ensure remedial support for low-level readers (FBB, BB, EL students). There should be a time-flexible/learning constant approach and that we should match students with credentialed teachers.”

Each IS student would be expected to take three classes per semester. Certain students, who are furthest behind in units for graduation, would also be required to attend mandatory intervention and participate in two of the offered modalities: Music Program, Technology, Work Study, and Field Trips

### Names Suggested for New EAHS Ag Building

The Community Advisory Committee met on February 16<sup>th</sup> and suggested the following names for the new agricultural building at EAHS: Dolores Huerta, Andy Matsui, John Steinbeck, David Nunes, Joey Gonzales, and Anna Caballero.

Karen Ivy, a SHS parent, spoke during the “People Desiring to Address the Board” segment of the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and nominated Janice Souza, or her husband Sam, who live and work on the farm, have the new building named after them.

Superintendent Earhart recommended that the Board reconvene the committee “to get some background information and history on the nominations.” The Board agreed to the reconvene the committee.

### In Other News:

The Board voted 7-0 to adopt Resolution #11-11 to give Notice of Non-Reelection for the 2011-2012 school year to eight probationary certificated employees.

The Board also voted 7-0 to appoint Mr. Steve Oliver as principal of North Salinas High School effective July 1, 2011. At the same time, Mr. Ernesto Garcia was appointed principal of La Paz Middle School effective the same date.

On a motion by Trustee Reavis, seconded by Trustee Martinez, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the contract with NTD/HBFL Architecture for \$80,000. In an earlier presentation to the Board, Karen Luna, Facilities Manager, said that “this is to create a master plan for the high schools. The plan includes the four high schools and Mt. Toro who mostly needing portables to support growth.