

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Antwan Wilson, Superintendent
Tara Gard, Interim Deputy Chief Talent Officer, Talent Division

SUBJECT: Ceremonial Tribute to: Shulamit Bien, 8th Grade English Teacher, Elmhurst Community Prep, in Recognition of Attaining "National Board Certified Teacher" Status.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1516-0206—Tribute to Shulamit Bien, 8th Grade English Teacher, Elmhurst Community Prep—in Recognition of Attaining National Board Certified Teacher Status.

BACKGROUND

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) was established in 1987 as an outgrowth of the 1983 report from the National Commission on Excellence in Education entitled *A Nation at Risk*, which detailed a "rising tide of mediocrity" in educational performance that threatened America's economic future and imperiled its standing in the world. *A Nation at Risk* focused public attention on the need for a fundamental restructuring of the country's education system.

The mission of the National Board is to advance student learning and achievement by establishing the definitive standards and systems for certifying accomplished educators, providing programs and advocating policies that support excellence in teaching and leading and engaging National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) and leaders in that process.

The National Board seeks to elevate the status, voice and role of accomplished teachers in shaping a true profession. This includes 1) raising public awareness with respect to the cognitively complex, collaborative and expertise-driven nature of teachers' work; 2) setting higher standards for entry and advancement into the profession; and 3) recognizing accomplished teaching through a rigorous professional certification process comparable to those found in other premier professions, such as medicine, engineering and law.

The National Board developed standards for accomplished teaching in 16 different subject areas with students at various developmental levels. These standards were developed and validated by representative committees comprised of master teachers, disciplinary organizations and other education experts. Certification based on these standards began being awarded in the mid 1990s. Today, National Board Certification is considered the most rigorous, coveted and respected professional certification available in education.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1516-0206—Tribute to Shulamit Bien, 8th Grade English Teacher, Elmhurst Community Prep—in Recognition of Attaining National Board Certified Teacher Status.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1516-0206**

- Ceremonial Tribute To: Shulamit Bien, 8th Grade English Teacher, Elmhurst Community Prep, in
Recognition of Attaining "National Board Certified Teacher" Status -

WHEREAS – Shulamit Bien, 8th Grade English Teacher at Elmhurst Community Prep, has earned the distinction of National Board Certified Teacher in the area of English Language Arts/Early Adolescence; and

WHEREAS – National Board Certified Teachers commit approximately 600 hours to earning their designation, one of the highest honors in the education profession and an indication of superior competency and dedication with mastery over the subjects they teach as well as a deep understanding of the history and real-world applications of the subject; and

WHEREAS – National Board Certified Teachers make knowledge accessible to all students and recognize individual differences that distinguish students and take into account for these differences in their practice, delivering effective instruction and moving fluently through a range of instructional techniques while keeping students motivated, engaged and focused; and

WHEREAS – National Board Certified Teachers respect the cultural and family differences students bring to their classroom and are concerned with their students' self concept, motivation and the effects of learning on peer relationships; and

WHEREAS – National Board Certified Teachers are leaders and actively know how to seek and build partnerships with community groups and businesses; and

WHEREAS – National Board Certified Teachers know how to assess the progress of individual students as well as the class as a whole, can explain student performance to parents, and work with parents to engage them productively in the work of the school; and

WHEREAS – National Board Certified Teachers are concerned with the development of character and civic responsibility and model what it means to be an educated; and

WHEREAS – National Board Certified Teachers are familiar with learning theories and instructional strategies, critically examining their practice on a regular basis, expanding their repertoire of skills and incorporating new findings into their practice as they work with other professionals on instructional policy, curriculum development and staff development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District salute Shulamit Bien, 8th Grade English Teacher at Elmhurst Community Prep, for exhibiting professional excellence on a national level and for achieving the distinguished rank of National Board Certified Teacher in the 2015-16 school year.

Passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Special Meeting I of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held May 25, 2016.

Passed by the following vote:


AYES: Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Shanthi Gonzales, Aimee Eng, Jody London, Roseann Torres, Vice President James Harris, President James Harris

NOES: None

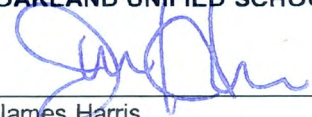
ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

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