

## SEA WAVES

# December School Board Meeting

### Congratulations and Welcome:

Scott Blough and Bill Daniels were sworn in as new trustees at the December 9th school board meeting. Their first order of business, along with the votes of Trustees Dan White and Rob Collins, was to approve the appointment of Interim Superintendent Dr. Jason Peplinski as the new Superintendent of the SVUSD! Now that the search is over, we can focus on the continued positive changes in the district that have already begun.

### District Budget and Furlough Days

Ron Todo, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, gave a presentation on the state of the district's budget to the new school board. He showed a positive certification for the district for this year and 2 years out, which is required by the state. However, the ending reserves are low and we must follow-through with "right-sizing" the district for continued solvency.

The 3 furlough days listed for February 13, March 27 and May 22 are still officially on the books. However, our contract language negotiated with the district on the return of furlough days clearly indicates that the agreed upon reserve in the budget covers the return of all 3 days.

Since there wasn't an "Action" item on the school board agenda last night to return the furlough days, we have to wait until the January 13, 2015 school board meeting. We expect the school board to vote to return the furlough days in January since there is contract language in place to do so. There are no furlough days listed in the future budgets of the district.

### Medical Benefits Change to ASCIP Trust begins January 1, 2015

Kaiser: Employees enrolled in Kaiser will NOT be receiving new cards since your current cards stay in place under ASCIP. There are NO changes in covered benefits.

### Anthem Blue Cross HMO and PPO:

- **Medical Cards:** Employees enrolled in Anthem Blue Cross should receive their new medical cards before the end of December. However, the ID numbers listed on your old and new card will remain the same.
- **Prescriptions:** The new prescription company is Navitus, and the new mail order company is Costco. Costco will give generic prescriptions at no cost if you refill monthly at a Costco location. Prescription information will be located on your new health cards through Anthem.

You will find more information on the Anthem website ([anthem.com/ca](http://anthem.com/ca)). Create a login account to view your benefit claims and health benefits coverage information.

## Have a Safe and Restful Holiday!