

# Board Highlights

September 20, 2004

This “Quick Report” from Dr. Sheralyn Smith, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Education provides an update on the actions taken at the Board of Education meeting.



The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, September 20, 2004, at the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center. Member Jack Mills was absent.

## CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Board President, Jeanne Hamilton, reported the following actions taken during Closed Session:

- The Personnel Agenda was approved as presented 4-0.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- The Board presented a Certificate of Excellence to Claremont High School Student, Trilo Kidambi, in recognition of his nomination to the 67th Annual American Legion Boy's State in Sacramento, California. Mr. Kidambi reported on his activities and what he gained at Boy's State.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- The Board received a written notification for the National School Boards Association Conference in San Diego, California, in the coming year. It was suggested that members check calendars to see if they would be able to attend.
- The President of the Claremont Faculty Association spoke in opposition to standardized test scores being applied to all students specifically Alternative and Special Education students. He asked to start a dialogue on the subject and suggested that the Board and the District look beyond test scores and ask teachers what is working for students.
- A community member spoke in opposition to a letter to the editor published in the *Claremont Courier* stating the District had fired seven music program teachers, he asked for a clarification on the accuracy of letter.
- Ms. Presecan reported that she had attended the Panther Team Barbecue for the new Opportunity Program at El Roble Intermediate School and shared that it was a very positive event as was the meeting with parents for the new music program that she had attended at Chaparral Elementary School.
- Superintendent Smith shared the following:
  - ◇ Announced that the new fitness equipment had been ordered for El Roble Intermediate School and that the community campaign had raised more than \$9,500, including a pledge from the city, to repay the cost of the equipment.
  - ◇ Announced that September 21 was Claremont Day at the Los Angeles County Fair and that almost all Claremont Unified School District second graders would attend.

- ◇ Apologized for the misconceptions stated in two letters to the editor of the *Claremont Courier* regarding the After-School Music Program. She noted that no teachers had been fired, but a contract with the Claremont School of Music had not been renewed. She explained the new program and the benefits it provided.

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Kapui Yip, Director, Categorical Programs, presented a powerpoint presentation of the results of the California Healthy Kids Survey. He gave an overview of the mandated, biennial report and responded to Board questions.
- The Board held discussion on the Request for Authorization to Subscribe to California School Boards Association GAMUT Online Policy Program. This item was moved to the Consent Agenda of the October 4, 2004 Board meeting.
- The Board held discussion on the Conflict of Interest Code Review and Request to Approve Proposed Revisions. The Board requested clarification related to jurisdiction for investments and business income. This item was moved to the Consent Agenda of the October 4, 2004 Board meeting.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda with a vote of 4-0:
  - ◇ To continue the use of a canine contraband detection service for another year at Claremont High School and to expand to additional secondary school sites.
  - ◇ To authorize the submission of a grant application to the California Department of Education for participation in the 2004-05 English Language Acquisition Program.

## BUSINESS OPERATIONS

The Business Operations Agenda was approved as presented 4-0.

## Next Board Meeting

Monday, October 4, 2004  
7:00 p.m.

Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center  
2080 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont

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