

Board Highlights

October 4, 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, October 4, 2004, at the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

- The Personnel Agenda was approved as presented 5-0.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- The Board presented a Spotlight on Excellence Award to Tani Peterson, Attendance Clerk, Sumner Elementary School.
- The Board approved the Ratified Contract Agreement between the Claremont Unified School District and the Claremont Faculty Association (CFA) for the 2003-2004 school year. Board President, Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, and CFA President, Dave Nemer, signed the contract.
- The Board approved the Ratified Contract Agreement between the Claremont Unified School District and the California School Employees Association, Chapter #200 (CSEA) for the 2003-2004 school year.
- The Board accepted the initial CSEA sunshining proposal presented for the 2004-2005 school year and agreed to make it available for public review beginning October 5, 2004, at the Claremont Public Library, and to call a public hearing of the CSEA proposal at the October 18, 2004, Board of Education meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- The President of the Board acknowledged the receipt of the following written communications:
 - ◇ A letter from a Mountain View Elementary School parent sharing concerns. The Board requested that staff follow up with the parent.
 - ◇ A letter from a former CUSD graduate complimenting the District for the July 2004 Community Update.
 - ◇ An invitation to the Lights On Afterschool! Rally on October 14, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. at Memorial Park.
- The Claremont Faculty Association President voiced members' concerns regarding the ratified contract. He challenged the administration to accept a one-day furlough without pay and asked for more communication with Board members on non-contractual issues.

- Dr. Sam Mowbrary noted that former Claremont mayor, Al Leiga, had been recognized on 50 years as a member of the American Chemical Society. The Board requested a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr. Leiga.
- Student Board Member, Deanna Franklin, reported that the PLATO program at San Antonio High School was different, but most students liked it and used the computers frequently.
- Superintendent Smith made the following announcements:
 - ◇ Announced that she had attended a meeting to review the results of the Claremont Community Day at the Los Angeles County Fair. She noted that 2,100 Claremont Unified School District students had attended and she shared a photo book.
 - ◇ Noted that Claremont High School held its first College Night on September 28 and would hold a College Fair on October 5 and a Career Day on October 12.
 - ◇ Noted that El Roble Math students had been identified for the John Hopkins & UCI gifted program.
 - ◇ Reported that Oakmont teacher Olivia Simpson Ellis had been selected as a Los Angeles County Teacher of the Year. She noted that Ms. Ellis was one of 12 selected out of 88,000 Los Angeles County teachers.
 - ◇ Noted the District had received \$5,000 from the City of Claremont for the El Roble Fitness Equipment Fund and that approximately \$12,000 had been raised to date. She announced a January 21, 2005 fundraiser for the fitness equipment at the Candlelight Pavilion featuring a performance of *Nunsense*.
 - ◇ Reported that Student Board members, Deanna Franklin and Krista Manis, would attend a symposium for Student Board members on October 9 in San Bernardino.
 - ◇ Thanked Pat Yarborough and *The Claremont Courier* for the recent positive story on the District elementary school music program.
 - ◇ Announced that Kathryn Douglas, Sumner Elementary School Teacher, had been awarded an A+ for Energy grant for a solar powered pond ecosystem.

- ◇ Noted that the partnership between the Keck Graduate Institute and the Claremont High School Science Department was progressing well.
- ◇ Noted an invitation from the Citrus College Board of Trustees to an event on November 9 for the Superintendents and Trustees of the five K-12 Boards served by the Citrus Community College District.
- ◇ Noted that copies of the Claremont High School Wolf-packet had been placed in Board folders.
- ◇ Shared that the owners of the Claremont High School fitness equipment had evaluated the equipment and if the Board agreed, the District could proceed and consider a possible bid for purchase. Board consensus was to follow-up and bring a recommendation to a future Board meeting.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Janey Perle, Director, Educational Services, presented recommended changes to Board Policy 6164 – Education for English Language Learners. Ms. Perle provided background, the Board held discussion and the item was moved to the Consent Agenda of the October 18, 2004 Board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda with a vote of 5-0:
 - ◇ To authorize the District to contract with California School Boards Association (CSBA) to update policy manual and to subscribe to the CSBA GAMUT (Government and Management Using Technology) Online Policy Program.

- ◇ To adopt the proposed revised Conflict of Interest Code Exhibits “A” and “B” and authorize submission of Biennial Review Certification to the County Board of Supervisors.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- The following field trips were approved as presented 5-0:
 - ◇ 40 students of Claremont High School California Scholastic Federation (CSF) Club to visit the campuses of Stanford University and University of California at Berkeley from Friday, November 19, to Sunday, November 21, 2004.
 - ◇ 100 Sumner/Danbury Elementary sixth grade students to participate in an overnight field trip to the Desert Sun Science Center Astrocamp, located in Idyllwild, CA from October 18-20, 2004.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

- The Business Operations Agenda was approved as presented 5-0.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The following Outside, Independent Consultants/Contractor was approved 5-0:
 - ◇ Dr. Allen McCray as Child Development Staff Retreat, Personality Plus consultant for September 3, 2004, in an amount not to exceed \$177, from Child Development funds.

Next Board Meeting
Monday, October 18, 2004 7:00 p.m.
Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center 2080 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont
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