

Board Highlights

October 18, 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 18, 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

- Kindergarten students from Condit Elementary School performed a song for the Board of Education.
- The Board held a Public Hearing of the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #200 Initial (Sunshined) Proposal for Negotiations on a Master Contract with the Claremont Unified School District. No comments were heard.
- The Board accepted the initial Claremont Unified School District sunshining proposal and made it available for public review at the Claremont Public Library and the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center. A public hearing of the CUSD proposal will be held at the next Board meeting on Monday, November 1, 2004.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Dr. Smith shared with the Board a copy of the Observers 2003-2004 report from the League of Women Voters of Claremont.
- A Mountain View parent spoke in support of the reinstatement of Elementary Team Leaders and the positive effect of student leadership at the elementary schools.
- Dr. Jack Mills shared that the Business Operations Committee had begun to project the budget and financial situation for the future. The Board thanked the S.O.S. Campaign for for it's donation which helped balance this year's budget.
- Ken Corhan, President, Claremont Education Foundation, shared the value of extracurricular activities and presented a \$50,000 grant to the District to be used for the Claremont High School Transportation fund.
- Superintendent Smith made the following announcements:
 - ◇ Noted that copies of the Claremont High School Wolf-packet and the Baldy View ROP Newsletter had been placed in Board folders.

- ◇ Shared a positive letter from a teacher about her principal.
- ◇ Announced that the Claremont High School Band won first place at the Etiwanda Field Show and would be performing in a competition at Wilson High School on October 30.
- ◇ Noted that the winners from the Claremont Courier essay contest had just been announced and that winners would be recognized at a future Board meeting.
- ◇ Reported that the El Roble Fitness Equipment fundraiser was progressing.
- ◇ Noted that the elementary schools published very informative parent newsletters that could be emailed to Board members.

- Dr. Sam Mowbray noted the District would probably need to raise funds to replace the fitness equipment at Claremont High School and that the Class of '94 would be hosting a golf tournament and would donate funds toward that need.
- Professor Speak announced that a photography exhibit by the Director of the Claremont Community Foundation, Beverly Speak, documenting the return of the hillsides following the fire was on display at Harvey Mudd college in the Parsons Building. He noted that the exhibit had been dedicated to Board Member, Joan Presecan, and her husband, Nick Presecan.
- Joan Presecan reported that she had attended the Community Day School – Phoenix Academy Back-To-School Night and was very impressed. She commended Principal, Steve Boyd.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Janey Perle, Director, Education Services, provided background on the Request to Approve Submission of Class Size Reduction Application to the California Department of Education. The Board held discussion on this routine, annual item and it was placed on the Consent Agenda of the November 1, 2004 meeting.
- Janey Perle reviewed background and responded to Board questions regarding the Request for Approval to Submit Carl D. Perkins Grant to the California Department of Education. The item was moved to the Consent Agenda on November 1, 2004 Board meeting.

- The Board noted that the Request to Approve Transportation Agreement for the 2004-05 School Year was a routine, annual item and moved it to the Consent Agenda of the November 1, 2004 Board meeting.
- Mike Bateman, Coordinator, Child Welfare and Attendance, presented a report on the 2004-05 Enrollment for the Claremont Unified School District. He reviewed key points of the report and responded to Board questions. The Board held discussion on the report and asked that further information be provided regarding performance of Interdistrict transfer students. No action was taken.
- Jeff Shoemaker, Director, Modernization Projects, presented a report to the Board on school modernization. He outlined several options for the Board's consideration. The Board held discussion and District staff and architects responded to Board questions. Staff will provide further information with cost analysis on this topic at the next meeting of the Board. No action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

- The following item was approved on the Consent Agenda by a vote of 5-0:
 - ◇ To adopt the proposed revised Policy 6164, Education for English Language Learners.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The following Outside, Independent Consultant/Contractor was approved 5-0:
 - ◇ The Sports Medicine Center of Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center to provide a temporary athletic trainer from October 11, 2004 - December 17, 2004, for an amount not to exceed \$5,440.
- The Board held discussion on, and approved, an Elementary Leadership Block Grant for \$33,000 by a vote of 5-0.

Next Board Meeting
<p>Monday, November 1, 2004 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center 2080 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont</p> <p>Agendas and backup materials for Board of Education meetings are on file at the Claremont Public Library.</p>