

# Board Highlights

November 1, 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, November 1, 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 amended 5-0.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- The winners of the *Claremont Courier* essay contest were recognized by the Board and the first place winners read their essays. The student winners were:

### Ages 5-7

1st Place	Jake Edwards	Sycamore
2nd Place	Luke Koh	Chaparral
3rd Place	Cheyenne Anderson	Chaparral

### Ages 8-10

1st Place	Janhavi Curlin	Condit
2nd Place	Keanna Ide	Sycamore
3rd Place	Perry Osgood	Chaparral

### Ages 11-13

1st Place	Tracy Tieu	Chaparral
2nd Place	Jacquelyn Monroe	Sumner/Sycamore
3rd Place	Mason Mandujano	Chaparral

- Cheryl Brown and Kerry de Oro, West-end Auxiliary of the Children’s Fund, presented a \$1,000 donation to Claremont Healthy Kids.
- The Board held a Public Hearing of the Claremont Unified School District Initial Proposal for Negotiations on a Master Contract with the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #200. No comments were heard.
- The Board approved the action to Call the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of the Claremont Unified School District on December 13, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center, 2080 North Mountain Avenue, Claremont, Los Angeles County, California by a vote of 5-0.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- President of The Claremont Faculty Association (CFA) thanked District Office staff and various site personnel for the helpful, cooperative and patient assistance he had received as the new President for CFA.

- Dr. Jack Mills reported that the Claremont Educational Foundation had been in discussions regarding new and future projects to support the District and that discussion would be ongoing.
- Mrs. Joan Presecan noted that Baldy View ROP would change their meeting date to assist the Board with the scheduling for the modernization study session.
- Dr. Sam Mowbray reported that he and Professor Speak had attended the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA) meeting and that Professor Speak had been selected to serve on the nominating committee. He also provided a copy of the presentation from that meeting regarding the Williams Settlement to the Superintendent.
- Student Board Member, Deanna Franklin, reported that she and second semester Student Board Member, Krista Manis, had attended a very educational conference on October 9 in San Bernardino for student board members.
- Superintendent Smith made the following announcements:
  - ◇ Noted that the Board had received a copy of the CUSD Chatter Newsletter.
  - ◇ Announced that NTD Architects were planning to enter the El Roble Intermediate School Gym design into an architectural competition.
  - ◇ Shared a copy of a positive Los Angeles Times article on Claremont that referenced District test scores.
  - ◇ Superintendent Smith reported that Claremont High School and Alternative Education administrators had attended the High School Summit. She noted that the conference, attended by 4,000 educators, dealt with the future of high school education and had been strongly supported by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jack O’Connell. The attendees from the District would present a report on the conference at a future Board meeting.
  - ◇ Announced that members and boosters of the Claremont High School Band had earned \$20,000 at the California Speedway cleaning up following races.
  - ◇ Asked Lisa Shoemaker, Director, Business Services, to report that Moody’s Investor Service had reaffirmed the District’s Aa3 bond rating.

### REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Jan Shively, Director, Child Development Program, reviewed the Child Development Program Self-Evaluation Report and responded to Board questions. No action was taken.
- Karina Kelly, Jumpstart Site Manager at Pitzer College, reported on the Jumpstart Child Development program for low-income children and the partnership with the Claremont Unified School District pre-school sites. She responded to Board questions. No action was taken.
- The Board held discussion on the Adoption of Resolution No. 11-2005 Approving Assignment of Delinquent Tax Receivables to the California Statewide Delinquent Tax Finance Authority for the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2005, 2006, and 2007 and Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Related Documents and Actions. The item was moved to the Consent Agenda of the November 15, 2004 Board Meeting.
- The Board held discussion on the Request for Approval to Submit Architectural Plans for Claremont High School Baseball Facility to Department of State Architects (DSA). The item was moved to the Consent Agenda of the November 15, 2004 Board Meeting with the stipulation that the Board have an opportunity to see site elevation drawings prior to final approval.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda by a vote of 5-0:
  - ◇ To Authorize the Claremont Unified School District to Continue to Implement 20:1 Class Size Reduction in Grades K, 1, 2, and 3, and Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Complete and Sign all Class Size Reduction Applications, Forms, and Certifications for the 2004-05 School Year.

- ◇ To Authorize Claremont Unified School District to Submit to the California Department of Education a Request for 2004-05 Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act funding.
- ◇ To Authorize the District to enter into a Transportation Agreement with the following parent to provide transportation to the special education student with special medical needs to and from school at the rate of \$.375 per mile, for 12 miles per day, five days per week, for the 2004-05 School Year: Fatima Worthington.

### 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 David and Margaret Home as Crisis School Counseling consultant for the 2004-2005 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, from School Community Policing Partnership Funds .
- The Board approved the expenditure of \$70,000, through the use of a Certification of Participation Loan, to purchase fitness equipment at Claremont High School by a vote of 4-1.

## Next Board Meeting

**Monday, November 15, 2004  
7:00 p.m.**

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

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