

# Board Highlights

December 13, 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 Organizational and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, December 13, 2004, at the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center.

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- The Board recognized scholar athletes from Claremont High School Winter Sports Teams. Those recognized were:

### Varsity Girls Volleyball:

Gia Nesbit Gerilyn Lay

### Varsity Boys Water Polo:

Matt Santiago Landon Pupka

### Varsity Football:

Randy Ojukwu Chase Paulson

### Varsity Girls Tennis

Cindy Dao Cynthia Edirisuriya

### Cross Country

Sophie Lehman John Bister

### Girls Varsity Golf

Diane Mello Laela Tec

- The Board recognized Sumner Elementary School Principal, Maribeth Jacobs Ellsworth, upon the occasion of her retirement, and thanked her for her 15 years of dedicated service to the students, parents, faculty and staff, of the Claremont Unified School District.
- Deanna Franklin, outgoing Student Board member was recognized for her service on the Board.
- Dr. Jeanne Hamilton, outgoing Board President was recognized for her many accomplishments during the 2004 Board year.
- Professor David Speak was elected President and Dr. Sam Mowbray was elected Vice President for the 2005 Governing Board year. The Board agreed to maintain Board of Education Meeting dates for the coming year on the First and Third Mondays of the month with public session beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- The following individuals were designated authorized signers for the 2005 Governing Board Year: Dr. Sheralyn Smith, Superintendent; Ms. Devon Freitas, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services; Ms. Janey Perle, Director, Educational Services; Ms. Lisa Shoemaker, Director, Business Services; Ms. Karen Waltman, Director of Accounting; and Professor David Speak, President of the Board of Education.
- President David Speak appointed Board member assignments for the 2005 Governing Board Year.

- The Board held a Public Hearing of the Claremont Faculty Association Initial 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 presented for the 2004-05 school year and agreed to make it available for public review beginning December 14, 2004, at the Claremont Public Library and the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center and to call a public hearing of the District proposal at the January 10, 2005 Board meeting.
- The Board held discussion on and authorized the submission of a General Waiver to the California Department of Education to temporarily relocate San Antonio High School to the Claremont Community Day School campus to provide a safer learning environment for students and staff under the supervision of one principal.

## CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Board President, David Speak, reported the following actions taken during Closed Session:

- The Personnel Agenda was approved 5-0.
- The recommendation for expulsion of two students from the Claremont Unified School District was approved 5-0.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Dr. Mowbray noted that a Budget forecast meeting would be held in San Diego in January.
- Superintendent Smith made the following announcements:
  - ◇ Shared a copy of the Adult School brochure that had been mailed.
  - ◇ Shared a copy of the El Roble Intermediate School Anti-Drug book prepared by students.
  - ◇ Announced the El Roble Fitness Equipment Fund Raiser on January 21, 2005 at the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater.
  - ◇ Shared a message from a guest at the Senior Citizen Holiday Breakfast that praised the Claremont High School Chamber singers and the Honor Society members.
  - ◇ Noted that Mountain View Elementary School was only one of 35 schools in California eligible to apply as a National Blue Ribbon School.

- ◇ Announced that there would be an open house for Maribeth Jacobs Ellsworth at Sumner Elementary School on Wednesday, December 15, 2004, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- ◇ Shared that the Claremont Educational Partnership held a productive meeting recently and that the District was very fortunate to participate in such an excellent partnership.

#### REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Jeff Shoemaker, Director, Modernization Projects, provided an update to the Board on Modernization. The Board held brief discussion. No action was taken.
- Superintendent Smith asked for the Board's direction in pursuing a District Food/Nutrition Policy. The Board held discussion and consensus was that food and nutrition was an important issue and that the Superintendent should pursue the topic and possibly form a District Advisory Committee. No action was taken.
- The Board held discussion on a request to approve a submission to the State Board of Education of a Nonpublic Agency (NPA) Certification Waiver. The item was moved to the Consent Agenda of the January 10, 2005 Board of Education meeting.
- Lisa Shoemaker, Director, Business Services, reviewed a summary of the First Interim Budget Report. The Board held discussion and noted areas of concern for future consideration. This item was for review and discussion prior to the Board's action on this item during the Business Affairs portion of the agenda.

#### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- After extensive discussion on the Belize field trip and proper procedures for field trip approvals, the following field trips were approved by a vote of 5-0:
  - ◇ an overnight field trip for 10-17 students of Claremont High School to participate in the Belize Field Study in Belize, from May 12 through May 19, 2005

- ◇ an overnight field trip for 30 students of the Claremont High School's Debate Team to participate in the Arizona State University Invitational in Tempe, Arizona, from January 8-10, 2005.
- ◇ an overnight field trip for 30 students of the Claremont High School's Debate Team to participate in the Stanford University Invitational in Palo Alto, California, from February 11-13, 2005.
- ◇ an overnight field trip for 68 students of the Mountain View Elementary School to attend 1000 Pines Outdoor Science Camp in Crestline, from February 22 to 25, 2005.
- ◇ an overnight field trip for 30 students of the Claremont High School Percussion Ensemble to participate in the World Championship Percussion Finals in Dayton, Ohio, from April 10-17, 2005.

#### BUSINESS AFFAIRS

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

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

- The following Outside, Independent Consultant/Contractor was approved 5-0:
  - ◇ To approve Damon Rapp as an independent consultant for the 2004-2005 school year in the amount of \$5,000.00, from Data Processing funds.

### Next Board Meeting

**Monday, January 10, 2005  
7:00 p.m.**

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

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