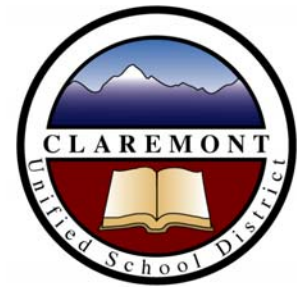


# Board Highlights

February 21, 2006



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 Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center.

### CLOSED SESSION

- The Personnel Agenda passed, 4-0, as presented. Dr. Hamilton was not present during the vote.

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- The Board recognized the following City of Claremont, “Making Change” contest winners with Certificates of Excellence:

<u>Student Winners</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>
• Edward Kang	Chaparral	K-1
• Andrew Im	Chaparral	2-3
• Emily Viggers	Condit	4-6
• Whitney Hanson	El Roble	7-8
• Sarah Perez	CHS	9-10
• Yafa Aweinat	CHS	11-12

<u>Best Group Winners</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
• 3rd Grade Class	Sumner/Danbury	Ms. Franson
• Sophie Ackoff, Lauren Gold, and Megan Hafner	CHS	Ms. Purcell
• Ruthie King, Vivien Lee, and Maren Salomon	CHS	Ms. Purcell

- Janey Perle, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, provided background and reviewed data regarding the two options for the Request to Adopt Proposed Policy 5127CSBA, Requirements for Participation in High School Graduation Ceremonies. The Board held extensive discussion and asked staff for clarification on data regarding students who had not passed the California High School Exit Exam (CASHEE). Student Board member, Siri Rambhatla, shared the student perspective and the Board noted receipt of a petition signed by 67 teachers at Claremont High School. By a vote of 3-2 (Mr. Llanusa and Mrs. Caenepeel opposed), the Board adopted Proposed policy 5127CSBA Option 1 which would provide students that earn 220 credits but do not pass the CASHEE with a Certificate of Credit Completion, but would not allow them to participate in commencement.

### CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- President Mills confirmed receipt of written communication from a Claremont High School Student regarding room 415.
- The Parent Faculty Association President from Condit Elementary School read a letter to the Board regarding proposed housing projects within the Condit attendance area and asked that the District work with the City on site selection and student population transition and to meet with Condit families regarding plans for the process.
- Dr. Hamilton reported that she had visited Chaparral and Mountain View Elementary Schools in her role as Board liaison with those sites and thanked the principals for the tours and their time.
- President Mills noted that the Claremont Educational Foundation was working on the Shop ‘N Dine event for April 28 and asked the Board to participate as they are able and to share their appreciation to participating merchants.
- President Mills noted that workshops for the community regarding the upcoming budget process would be announced in the near future.
- Superintendent Smith shared the following:
  - ◊ articles from the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* that recognized five National Merit Scholarship finalists from Claremont High School, announced the start of District Kindergarten Registration and featured a lifesaving skills class at El Roble Intermediate School.
  - ◊ a newsletter article that featured former Superintendent Richard S. Kirkendall and his family.

### REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Lisa Shoemaker, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, provided background on the routine, annual Request to Initiate Proceedings for the Recreation Assessment District and Ordering the Assessment Engineer to Prepare a Report. The recommended action was placed on the Consent Agenda of the March 6, 2006 Board of Education meeting.
- President Mills asked Board Member Steven Llanusa to research candidates to assist in the completion of the Ballot for California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election. President Mills asked that the item to Cast the Ballot for CSBA Delegate Assembly Election be placed on the Action Agenda of the March 6, 2006 Board of Education meeting.

- K. Yip, Director, Categorical Programs, provided background and responded to Board questions on the annual Request to Submit the 2005–2006 Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs Application Part II to the California Department of Education. The recommended action was placed on the Consent Agenda for the March 6, 2006 Board of Education meeting.
- Devon Freitas, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, provided background on the Request to Approve Proposed Extension and Implementation of the Late Pick-Up Policy for All Child Development Programs. She and Alan Guttman, Director, Child Development Program responded to Board questions. The recommended action was placed on the Consent Agenda for the March 6, 2006 Board of Education meeting.
- Lori Kerns, Principal, Chaparral Elementary School and Kevin Ward, Principal, Oakmont Elementary School presented their 2005-06 School Plans. The principals responded to Board questions and clarified data. The approval for the plans was placed on the Consent Agenda of the March 6, 2006 Board of Education meeting.
- Mr. Yip presented a Powerpoint report on parent input regarding proposed Policy 5022, Students: Student and Family Privacy Rights. Mr. Yip noted that two parent meetings had been held and 830 reply cards received that provided feedback on the proposed policy. The recommended action to adopt policy 5022 was placed on the Consent Agenda of the March 6, 2006 Board of Education meeting.
- The Board held discussion regarding the Acceptance of Resignation and Search for Superintendent. Devon Freitas, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, provided Board members with information and proposals from three possible search firms. Board consensus was to have the two Board members serving on the Policy and Personnel Committee, Joan Presecan and Steven Llanusa, serve as a subcommittee to review the proposals and bring a recommendation for the Board to discuss at the March 6, 2006 Board of Education meeting.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda by a vote of 5-0:

#### Discussed at a Previous Meeting:

- ◇ To authorize the Superintendent to engage Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc. for Phase 1 and Phase 2 real estate analysis services.
- ◇ To approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement for the 2005-2006 school year for Claremont High School.
- ◇ To direct staff, in partnership with City of Claremont staff, to undertake a process to renew the Claremont Youth Master Plan and to commit the expenditure of \$22,500 to that process.

#### Reviewed by the Personnel & Policy Committee members:

- ◇ To approve Field Trips as presented.
- ◇ To approve Outside, Independent Consultants/ Contractors as presented.

#### Reviewed by Business Operations Committee Members:

- ◇ To accept Board Orders as presented.
- ◇ To accept Budget Revisions as presented.
- ◇ To approve Appropriation Transfers as presented.
- ◇ To accept Obsolete items as presented.
- ◇ To accept Gifts as presented.
- ◇ To approve Authorization to go out to bid as presented.
- ◇ To approve Construction Change Orders as presented.
- ◇ To approve Authorization to Enter into an Agreement as presented.
- ◇ To accept Completion of Projects as presented.

### Next Board Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

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

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