

Board Highlights

March 20, 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 20, 2006, at the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center. Vice President Presecan was absent from the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

- The Personnel Agenda was approved as presented 4-0.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Student Personnel was approved as presented 4-0.
- The Board recognized the following students from Claremont High School (CHS) as 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists and presented a Certificate of Excellence to:

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Kaitlyn Carter | Samuel R. Greene |
| Haley L. Jensen | Asmita Kumar |
| Matthew D. Munoz | |

- The Board held a Public Hearing on 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 (CUSD) contract sunshining proposal to the Claremont Faculty Association (CFA) and agreed to make it available for public review beginning March 21, 2006 at the Claremont Public Library and the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center. The President called for a public hearing of the CUSD proposal at the April 3, 2006 Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Superintendent Smith shared a letter from The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society thanking El Roble Intermediate School for raising more than \$4,700 for their 2006 *Pennies for Patients* campaign.
- Mrs. Caenepeel reported that she had attended the Parent Faculty Association Council (PFAC) meeting and that she was impressed by the teamwork and sharing that was being done by the PFAs.
- Dr. Hamilton noted that she had toured Condit Elementary School as Board liaison and thanked interim Principal, Chuck Freitas.
- Mr. Llanusa reported that he had toured Sumner and Danbury Schools in his role as Board liaison and thanked the Principals for their time.
- Superintendent Smith shared the following:
 - ◇ Announced that no Williams Case complaints were reported for the quarter.

- ◇ Noted that good information on District API scores had been delivered to Board Members and thanked Janey Perle, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services, and Judy Daley, CHS Assistant Principal, for their work in preparing the packet.

- ◇ Announced that Jack O’Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was working on new legislation to help students pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE).

- ◇ Noted that, as a result of weather conditions, the Building Bridges field trip had been rescheduled.

- The Board requested that the API information be shared with the community and Ms. Perle confirmed packets had been sent to the *Claremont Courier* and the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ms. Perle shared the 2006 Summer Program Plans and introduced the principals for each program. Ms. Perle noted that due to continued modernization at most elementary school campuses, the elementary summer program along with the Claremont Educational Foundation (CEF) sponsored enrichment program would be held at El Roble Intermediate School. Ms. Perle also announced a dedicated English Language Learner program to be held at Oakmont Elementary School. The recommended action to authorize the programs was placed on the Consent Agenda of the April 3, 2006 Board of Education meeting.
- Lisa Shoemaker, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, provided a general overview for the preliminary budget discussion and clarified information for the Board. Mike Bateman, Director, Student Services, gave a brief kindergarten enrollment update. The Board held discussion regarding community input meetings and scheduled a meeting for Saturday, April 22, 2006 and requested that staff contact the PFAC and the CEF to gather input and/or attend the community meeting. Student Board member Siri Rambhatla was asked to notify the CHS Associated Student Body (ASB).
- Bill Teague, Director, Adult Education, presented a Powerpoint presentation update on the Claremont Adult School and provided background on the request to approve the proposed 2006-07 Course of Study. Mr. Teague responded to Board questions and clarified data. The recommended action to accept the 2006-07 Course of Study was placed on the Consent Agenda of the April 3, 2006 Board of Education meeting.

- Steve Boyd, Principal, Alternative Education, provided a Powerpoint presentation of the 2005-06 School Plans for San Antonio High School and Phoenix Academy—Community Day School. He responded to Board questions and clarified data. Approval for the plans was placed on the Consent Agenda of the April 3, 2006 Board of Education meeting.
- Steve Lowe, Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations, provided background on the review of Recreation Assessment District (RAD) projects. He explained the recommendations and the Board held discussion on the projects. The Board requested that one item be amended to indicate the funding at CHS was for permanent lighting. The Recommended Action was placed on the Consent Agenda of the April 3, 2006 Board of Education Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda by a vote of 4-0:

Discussed at a Previous Meeting:

- ◇ To approve the 2006–07 Courses of Study for El Roble Intermediate School and Claremont High School. To adopt the list of courses meeting the requirements of CUSD Co-curricular Activity Policy 5315 and certify the adopted textbooks that accompany these courses are state content standards aligned.

- ◇ To approve the Single Plans for Student Achievement for the 2005-2006 school year for Vista del Valle and Condit Elementary Schools.

Reviewed by Curriculum and Instruction Committee members:

- ◇ To approve the field trip as presented.

Reviewed by Business Operations Committee Members:

- ◇ To accept Board Orders as presented.
- ◇ To accept Budget Revisions as presented.
- ◇ To accept Obsolete items as presented.
- ◇ To accept Gifts as presented.
- ◇ To approve Authorization to Enter into a Contract as presented.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- K. Yip, Director, Categorical Programs, provided background on the request to authorize proposed academic research projects under Board Policy 6162.8. The Board approved the three academic research proposals by a vote of 4-0.
- Mr. Llanusa provided background on the research he, Vice President Presecan, and Devon Freitas, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, had completed to identify a firm to conduct the superintendent search. He responded to questions and recommended that the Board approve Option #3 to hire Leadership Associates to facilitate the Claremont Unified School District superintendent search. The Board approved the recommendation by a vote of 4-0.

Next Board Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2006
7:00 p.m.

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

Agendas and backup materials for Board of Education meetings are on file at the Claremont Public Library.