

Board Highlights

April 3, 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, April 3, 2006, at the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center.

CLOSED SESSION

- The Personnel Agenda was approved as presented 5-0.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Student Personnel was approved as presented 5-0.
- The Special Education Interim Mediation Agreement was approved as presented 5-0.
- The Board recognized the following athletes from Claremont High School Winter Sports Teams. Those recognized were:

Varsity Boys Soccer

Mike Galland	Daniel Frazer
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Varsity Girls Soccer

Karolyn Kessler	Krista Manis
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Varsity Girls Basketball

Amber Williams	Denise Carranco
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Wrestling

Evan Kidwell	
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- No comments were heard at the Public Hearing regarding the Claremont Unified School District’s Initial Proposal for Negotiations on a Master Contract with the Claremont Faculty Association.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- President Mills shared written communication regarding the CSBA (California School Boards Association) Legislative Awareness conference in Sacramento on May 7-8, 2006.
- President Mills noted a follow-up letter from Karen Waltman, Director, Accounting, regarding the Los Angeles County Office of Education’s acceptance of the Second Interim Budget Report.
- A parent shared his concerns with the manner in which Claremont High School handled the student walkout/protest.
- A parent read a letter sharing her belief that her child had been harassed at school and requested an addendum be included in the student’s report card.
- A teacher provided background and requested reinstatement to his teaching position.
- Vice President Presecan reported on her attendance at the National League of Cities Conference held in Long Beach.

- Dr. Hamilton reported that the Business and Operations Committee had a good discussion and had developed a format for the Budget Study Session on April 22, 2006.
- Mr. Llanusa reported that he had attended the University of La Verne’s Mental Health workshop held at the Youth Activity Center.
- Mrs. Caenepeel noted that she had attended the Sumner/Danbury Elementary School Discovery Day.
- President Mills distributed draft copies of Board goals for review and noted that the information would be helpful during upcoming budget and superintendent search discussions.
- President Mills distributed copies of the preliminary recommendation by the District Advisory Committee and noted that public meetings regarding the committee’s final recommendation would be held in the next few weeks.
- President Mills shared information regarding the CSBA annual conference call for proposals and suggested that the District submit a proposal related to governance and the District’s use of advisory committees. Consensus of the Board was to submit the proposal and President Mills volunteered to write it.
- Superintendent Smith shared the following:
 - ◇ Reported on the ACSA Awards Ceremony that recognized District staff Carrie Allen, Devon Freitas, Kevin Grier, and Mike Lawshe and retiree Annette Brown.
 - ◇ Announced that Mountain View Elementary School had been honored as a Title I Academic Achievement School for the second consecutive year.
 - ◇ Reported that the updated field trip process and protocol had been drafted by Claremont High School and was being refined.
 - ◇ Shared that real estate attorney firms had responded to the Request for Proposals. Mrs. Caenepeel and Dr. Hamilton agreed to assist with the interviews.
 - ◇ Shared a plan to move and replace portable classrooms at several elementary sites.
 - ◇ Noted that support for the Chamber of Commerce golf tournament had not been as strong as in the past and more paid players were needed.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Janey Perle, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, provided background on the request to approve proposed 2006-07 Course of Study for Alternative Education, noted it was an annual item and that no changes had been recommended. The Recommended Action was placed on the Consent Agenda of the May 1, 2006 Board of Education meeting.
- Drew LaMascus, Chair, Coordinated Health and Wellness Committee, provided background on the committee and outlined the development of the proposed Board Policy 5030 CSBA, Student Wellness. He and K. Yip, Director, Categorical Programs, responded to Board questions and clarified information. The Recommended Action was placed on the Consent Agenda of the May 1, 2006 Board of Education meeting.
- The Board held extensive discussion and reviewed Board Policy Series 9000 CSBA, Bylaws of the Board. The Board pulled the following policies for further review and research: 9250a, 9250b, 9270g, and 9321b. The remaining series 9000 policies, with minor corrections, were placed on the Consent Agenda of the May 1, 2006 Board of Education meeting for adoption.
- Devon Freitas, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services, provided an update on the superintendent search. She provided the Board with meeting dates for candidate selection/interviews and noted a community input session on April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Routine Items:

- ◇ Certification of Athletic Coaches.

Discussed at a Previous Meeting:

- ◇ 2006 Summer School Plans.
- ◇ Claremont Adult School 2006-07 Proposed Course of Study.
- ◇ 2005-06 School Plans for Student Achievement for Phoenix Academy Community Day School and San Antonio Continuation High School.
- ◇ 2006-07 Recreation Assessment District (RAD) Projects.

Reviewed by Business Operations Committee Members:

- ◇ To accept Budget Revisions as presented.
- ◇ To accept Appropriation Transfers as presented.
- ◇ To accept Obsolete items as presented.
- ◇ To accept Gifts as presented.
- ◇ To approve Authorization to Enter into an Agreement as presented.
- ◇ To approve, per advisement by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, a declaration regarding salaries for all unrepresented, confidential, and management employees.
- ◇ To accept bids and award contracts.

Next Board Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2006
7:00 p.m.

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

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