

Board Highlights

June 5, 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, June 5, 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 items were approved as presented 5-0.
- In a unanimous vote, the Board ratified an employment agreement with Mr. David Cash to serve as Superintendent of the Claremont Unified School District effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009. President Mills introduced Mr. Cash and his wife, Heather, and the Board and Mr. Cash signed the employment agreement.
- The Board recognized Mike Alpert, The Claremont Club, for their commitment to the health and wellness of youth and for the many contributions made to the District.
- The Board recognized Jessica Corsaro, Claremont High School (CHS), Outstanding ROP Student, Sports Medicine, and Katherine Franklin, San Antonio High School (SAHS), Outstanding ROP student, Medical Assistant.
- Siri Rambhatla, Student Board Member, was recognized for her service on the Board from January 1 – June 30, 2005. Ms. Rambhatla introduced her family present and shared her future plans.
- The Board accepted the initial California School Employees Association (CSEA), Claremont Chapter #200 initial contract proposal to re-open the entire Collective Bargaining Agreement for discussion and agreed to make it available for public review beginning June 6, 2006 at the Claremont Public Library and the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center. A public hearing of the CSEA proposal was called for the June 19, 2006 Board meeting.
- The Board recognized the CHS Solar Cup team for their efforts and awards in the 2006 Metropolitan Water District Solar Cup competition.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- The Claremont Faculty Association (CFA) President shared thoughts with the Board regarding quality in education and the need for timely, targeted data.
- Student Board member Siri Rambhatla, reported on the CHS Renaissance Rally and CHS Principal Carrie Allen, praised ASB for their organization of the rally.

- Mrs. Presecan updated the Board on the Baldy View ROP superintendent search and reminded members of the ROP Foundation car show fundraiser on June 10, 2006.
- President Mills noted that there would be a farewell reception to honor Superintendent Smith and that the community would be notified of the date.
- Mrs. Caenepeel reported on the following events she attended:
 - ◇ Vista del Valle Elementary School Multicultural Day.
 - ◇ Claremont Educational Foundation (CEF) phone-a-thon.
 - ◇ El Roble Intermediate School 50th Anniversary celebration.
 - ◇ “Honor Our Own” service years and retirement event.
 - ◇ Baldy View ROP Student Success event.
- Mr. Llanusa reported on the following events he attended:
 - ◇ “Coffee Break” at Vista del Valle Elementary School.
 - ◇ Oakmont Elementary School Awards Assembly.
- All Board members praised the CHS musical production of *Crazy for You*.
- Mrs. Presecan praised the Baldy View ROP community appreciation dinner at the CHS auto shop.
- Dr. Hamilton congratulated El Roble Intermediate School Principal Kevin Grier, on the organization and success of the 50th Anniversary Celebration.
- Dr. Hamilton thanked the members of the team that participated in the validation visit during the Superintendent Search process.
- At the request of Superintendent Smith, Janey Perle, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services shared the following:
 - ◇ Reported that summer school enrollment at the elementary and intermediate levels was more than 800 students with more than 200 students in the K-5 English Language program.
 - ◇ Noted that new health textbooks for the Intermediate School had been on display and would be adopted for the new school year.
 - ◇ Reported that only two students at CHS and two students at SAHS had not passed the California High School Exit Exam. She praised the schools and staff for the targeted instruction that had assisted students to pass the test.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Board held a Public Hearing in Connection with the Proposed Levy of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 within the Claremont Unified School District Recreation Assessment District. No comments were heard. The recommended action to Adopt Resolution #16-2006 Confirming the Diagram and Assessments for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 was placed on the Consent Agenda of the June 19, 2006 meeting.
- Lori Kerns, Principal, Chaparral Elementary School, and co-chair of the Benchmarks Committee, provided the Board with an update on the committee, reviewed a timeline, and outlined next steps. This update was for information only and no action was taken.
- Lisa Shoemaker, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, provided an update to the Board on the 2006-07 budget. She noted that it was anticipated there would be approximately \$700,000 in discretionary funds available for the Board to allocate and indicated that funding for specific programs would be tentative until the final State budget was approved. The Board held discussion and individual members identified priorities and requested staff provide specific recommendations. All Board members gave transportation for secondary co-curricular and extra curricular activities a high priority and consensus was to include it in the budget. Further consensus was to not allocate the remaining discretionary funds until after the final State budget had been approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Routine Items:

- ◊ 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 20 miles per day, five days per week, for the 2006 Summer Program and the 2006-07 School Year: Fatima Worthington.
- ◊ To authorize the District to enter into a Student Teaching Agreement with the following colleges whereby they may assign students to the schools in the Claremont Unified School District for student teaching for the 2006-07 school year:
 - Azusa Pacific University
 - Bloomsburg University
 - California State University, Fullerton
 - California State University, Long Beach
 - California State University, Los Angeles
 - California State University, Northridge
 - California State University, San Bernardino
 - California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
 - Claremont Graduate University
 - Chapman University
 - La Sierra University
 - National University
 - University of La Verne
 - University of Phoenix, Southern California Campus
 - University of Redlands
 - University of Southern California
 - Vanguard University of Southern California

- ◊ To authorize the District to enter into Work Study Agreements with Claremont McKenna College, Harvey Mudd College, Pitzer College, Pomona College, Scripps College, Claremont Graduate University and Citrus Community College for the 2006-07 school year.
- ◊ To authorize the submission of a 2006-07 Community Based English Tutoring Program grant application to the California Department of Education.

Discussed at a Previous Meeting:

- ◊ To Adopt Proposed Board Policies 9250, 9270, and 9321(b) CSBA, Bylaws of the Board.

Reviewed by Curriculum and Instruction Committee Members:

- ◊ Field Trips were approved as presented.

Reviewed by Business Operations Committee Members:

- ◊ To accept Appropriation Transfers as presented.
- ◊ To accept Obsolete items as presented.
- ◊ To accept Gifts as presented.
- ◊ To Enter Into an Agreement as presented.
- ◊ To Approve Construction Change Orders as presented.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- By a vote of 5-0, the Board approved a California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waiver for the following special education students (identified by student number):

1027875	0006936
0012207	0010281
1024150	1029592
1026618	0010420
0010245	0018166
0010215	1022691

Next Board Meeting

Monday, June 19, 2006
7:00 p.m.
Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center,
2080 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont

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