

Board Highlights

September 6, 2005



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, September 6, 2005, at the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

- The Personnel Agenda was approved as amended 5-0.
- Public employee/discipline/dismissal/release was approved as presented 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A parent thanked the District for the modernization improvements at Oakmont Elementary School and praised staff for their efforts.
- The Math Department Chairperson from Claremont High School responded to a published letter to the editor in the *Claremont Courier* and clarified test results cited in the letter. She shared information on continuing efforts to support math students.
- Dr. Mowbray noted he would not be able to attend the September 19, 2005 Board of Education meeting.
- Mrs. Presecan thanked all staff members for a great first day of school and Dr. Hamilton noted that she had visited two sites; both looked good and staff and students seemed happy.
- Dr. Mills announced that Friday, September 16, 2005 a fundraiser for the Claremont Educational Foundation would be held at the Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theater. He noted a reception would be held at 5:30 p.m. and the performance would begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Mike Bateman, Coordinator, Child Welfare and Attendance, updated the Board on enrollment numbers noting that 30 new students had registered on the first day of school and that enrollment should meet initial projections, consistent with 2004-05 enrollment. He stated a final enrollment report would be made in October.
- Mr. Bateman and K. Yip, Director, Categorical Programs reported that staff was on site the first day of school at locations impacted by the discontinuance of Targeted Instructional Improvement Grant (TIIG) busing. They noted no major problems and that community workers were assisting a few families with transportation issues.

- Superintendent Smith made the following announcements:
 - ◇ Thanked Nick Johnson, *Claremont Courier*, for his accurate reporting on the last Board of Education meeting.
 - ◇ Thanked project managers and construction staff for the extra efforts during the last week to get the sites ready for the first day of school.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mr. Bateman presented a Power Point report on the Canine Detection Program. He provided background and reviewed statistics related to the program. The Board held discussion on the item and staff responded to questions and clarified information. Student Board member Krista Manis shared her belief that the program had helped reduce contraband on campus. The recommended action to continue the program was moved to the Consent Agenda of the September 19, 2005 meeting.
- Felipe Delvasto, and Jim Wylie, Claremont High School (CHS) Administration, presented a Power Point report on the CHS discipline policy and California penal code 415. They provided background and reviewed statistics on fighting at CHS. The Board held discussion and staff clarified information. Dr. Hamilton requested that the Board receive regular updates on fighting statistics. Professor Speak asked that this item come before the Board at the next meeting as a separate Action Item for a Board vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Reviewed by Personnel & Policy Committee Members

- ◇ Approved Meadows & Associates as an independent consultant for the 2005-2006 school year in the amount of \$5,000.00, from BTSA Regional Induction Training Account.
- ◇ Approved Aleeta Powers as an independent consultant Summer 2005 in the amount of \$700.00, from BTSA Regional Induction Training Account.

Reviewed by Business Operations Committee Members:

- ◇ Approved Budget Revisions as presented.
- ◇ Approved Unaudited Actual Financial Statement 2004-05 as presented.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and was approved by a vote of 5-0:

- ◇ Approved additional funding, for the 2005-06 school year only, to support the Claremont Unified School District Elementary After-School Instrumental Music Program.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Board held extensive discussion on the Request to Allocate Funding for a School Resource Officer (SRO). Professor Speak shared his concerns regarding the SRO model and asked that an amendment be made requesting that this motion fund the officer for one year only and mandate that staff provide alternative options for the SRO model for the next school year. He further requested the amended motion include a stipulation that the request for next year come to the Board in a more timely fashion. Board consensus was that the motion need not be amended. Dr. Mowbray shared his concerns regarding the financial aspects and asked that this program be more fully presented to the Board during the next budget cycle. The request to fund the SRO was approved 4-0-1, Professor Speak abstained.

Next Board Meeting

**Monday, September 19, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

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

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