

Board Highlights

October 3, 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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, October 3, 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 presented 5-0.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- The Board presented a Spotlight on Excellence Award to Paula Anderson, Accounting Technician, Claremont High School.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Amy Mathieson, President, and Ken Corhan, Immediate Past President, Claremont Educational Foundation (CEF), presented a check for \$131,100 to the Board for use in the District. She noted that the restricted gift was for music and art programs in the elementary schools and extra curricular activities at secondary schools and that a Memo of Understanding was being finalized between CEF and the District for the gift. The Board thanked the CEF for their generosity and hard work.
- Superintendent Sheralyn Smith announced that Mountain View Elementary School had been selected as a National Blue Ribbon School. She explained that the school was a “Triple Crown Winner” since it had also been presented awards as a California Distinguished School and a Title I High Achievement School. Dr. Smith announced that Mike Lawshe, Principal, and selected Mountain View staff members would attend a ceremony in Washington, D.C. to receive the award.
- Krista Manis, Student Board Member, and Mrs. Joan Presecan, reported on their attendance at the 2005 National League of Cities conference. Both noted their pride in Claremont for the recognition of the Youth Master Plan, which was considered by conference attendees as a model for other cities to emulate.
- Dr. Jeanne Hamilton noted that she had attended the PFA Council meeting and had invited the Council to present to the Board on a regular basis to aid communication between the Board and the Council.
- Dr. Hamilton reported that she had attended the Mountain View celebration where the students showed their pride by sharing their successes.

- Mrs. Presecan reported on the College: Making It Happen program held at El Roble Intermediate School on October 1, 2005. Dr. Smith commended El Roble Principal, Kevin Grier, the counselors and staff for the excellent coordination of the event. She noted that they would work to improve the event and build attendance.
- Superintendent Smith gave the following reports:
 - ◇ Reported that more than 200 students had signed up for the After-School Music Program.
 - ◇ Noted that staff continued to work on revising District policies and that the Personnel policies had been sent to CSBA for review and would come before the Board for review and approval. She also noted that the Board would conduct a study session to review the series 9000 Board policies.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mr. K Yip, Director, Categorical Programs, presented an oral report on the Youth and Family Support Services (YFSS) Program which included background information regarding the transition from the District-operated Healthy Start Program to the City. He introduced Mercy Santoro, Superintendent for YFSS, who provided additional information regarding the program. Members of the YFSS staff introduced themselves and shared their roles in the program. No action was taken on this report.
- The Board held brief discussion on the Request to Adopt Proposed Revised Policy #3536.4, Staff Transportation. Ms. Lisa Shoemaker, Director, Business Services provided background, responded to questions and explained that the policy revision would link the District rate to the Federal optional standard mileage rate for business. The item was moved to the Consent Agenda of the October 17, 2005 meeting.

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 Student Teaching Agreement with California State University, Fresno whereby they may assign students to the schools in the Claremont Unified School District for student teaching for the 2005-06 school year.

Reviewed by Personnel & Policy Committee Members

- ◇ Pursuant to Claremont Unified School District Policy 6138, to approve an overnight field trip for approximately 100 sixth grade students from Sumner/Danbury Elementary School to participate in Astro-Camp in Idyllwild, October 17-19, 2005.

Reviewed by Business Operations Committee Members:

- ◇ To accept Budget Revisions as presented.
- ◇ To accept Obsolete items as presented.
- ◇ To accept Gifts as presented.
- ◇ To accept Completion of Projects as presented.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by staff request and no action was taken:

- ◇ To approve a Resignation and Release Agreement between employee #P2-2005 and the Claremont Unified School District.

Next Board Meeting

**Monday, October 17, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

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

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