

Board Highlights

October 17, 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 17, 2005, at the Richard S. Kirkendall Education Center. Member Joan Presecan was absent.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

- The Personnel Agenda was taken in two motions; the first motion, excluded Substitute Classroom Teachers, and was approved as presented 4-0. The second motion regarding Substitute Classroom Teachers was approved as presented 3-0-1, Dr. Mowbray abstained.
- Student Personnel was approved as presented 3-1, Dr. Mowbray opposed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- The Board recognized Krista Elhai, Claremont High School Visual and Performing Arts Teacher, for her Outstanding Theatre Educator Award presented by the California Educational Theatre Association.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- President Speak noted a written communication he had received from the Southern California Water Company that notified the Board of a name change to the Golden State Water Company.
- A teacher representative from Sumner/Danbury Elementary School read a letter signed by staff members that shared their appreciation to the Board and Superintendent for the recommended salary increase.
- Student Board Member, Krista Manis, provided a detailed report on school activities throughout the Claremont Unified School District.
- Dr. Sam Mowbray shared his concern with the recently received Asset Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting minutes and noted that the AAC, as a Superintendent-appointed committee, should be making recommendations to the Superintendent, not directly to the Board. He further noted that his major concern regarding the Committee was the discussion of Bond refinance and asked that it be placed on the next Board meeting agenda for Board review and discussion.
- Dr. Jeanne Hamilton reported that she had attended the Asset Advisory Committee meeting on October 11, 2005. She acknowledged Dr. Mowbray’s concerns, and noted that the committee was doing excellent work and a report to the Board would be forthcoming at a future meeting.

- Dr. Hamilton noted that she had received a suggestion that the District review its disaster plans. Dr. Smith confirmed that the District was updating all disaster plans and that Lisa Shoemaker, Director, Business Services, was in charge of the District updates which included participation in community-wide meetings on disaster preparedness. Dr. Jack Mills requested that the major components of site disaster plans be placed on an agenda for Board review and discussion and Dr. Hamilton asked that the discussion include information on staff training.
- Superintendent Smith gave the following reports:
 - ◇ Praised the Claremont High School Homecoming on October 14 and recognized the student efforts organizing the event.
 - ◇ Reported that the Emergency Phone System would be placed on the next Board meeting agenda for Board approval.
 - ◇ Noted that the Asset Advisory Committee meetings were open to anyone who would like to attend and confirmed that the recommendations on assets would come from the Superintendent, but that many ideas were not yet ready for Board presentation.
 - ◇ Reported that she had met the newly appointed Secretary of Education, Alan Bersin, when he spoke at a recent Superintendent’s meeting at UCLA.
 - ◇ Noted that California School Boards Association (CSBA) and Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) had sent recommended language for a resolution to oppose Proposition 76, but the information had been received too late for timely Board consideration.
- Dr. Hamilton noted that Jeffrey Parker had been selected as the new City Manager for Claremont and suggested that the Board host a reception to welcome him and introduce him to the District.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Routine Items:

- ◇ To authorize Claremont Unified School District to continue to implement 20:1 class size reduction in grades K, 1, 2 and 3, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to complete and sign all Class Size Reduction applications, forms and certifications for the 2005-06 school year.

Presented and/or Discussed at a Previous Meeting:

- ◇ To adopt proposed revised Policy 3536.4, Staff Transportation.
- ◇ To approve a Resignation and Release Agreement between employee #P2-2005 and the Claremont Unified School District.

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 accept Completion of Projects as presented.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Board approved, by a vote of 4-0, the recommended action to increase the salary schedules of classified, certificated, management, confidential, and unrepresented staff by 5.257% effective and retroactive to July 1, 2005, with the same increase to health and welfare benefits for 2005-06.
- The Board approved, by a vote of 3-1, President Speak opposed, the recommended action to approve the amended contract between Claremont Unified School District and Superintendent, Sheralyn Smith, Ed.D.

Next Board Meeting

**Monday, November 7, 2005
7:00 p.m.**

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

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