

Board Highlights

December 19, 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, December 19, 2005, at El Roble Intermediate School. Vice President Joan Presecan was absent.

CLOSED SESSION

- The Personnel Agenda was unanimously passed as presented.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- The Board welcomed Jeff Parker to his new post as City Manager of Claremont. Mr. Parker thanked the Board for hosting the dinner to introduce him to Management Team members and noted his desire to continue joint partnerships with the District.
- The Board recognized Rudy Mora, El Roble Intermediate School 7th grade student, for his original artwork used on the 2005 District greeting card. Superintendent Smith presented Mr. Mora with a token of appreciation for his work.
- The Board recognized scholar athletes from Claremont High School (CHS) Fall Sports Teams. Teams recognized included: Girls Tennis, Girls Golf, Boys Water Polo, Girls Volleyball, and Cross Country.
- Krista Manis, Student Board Member, was recognized for her service during two terms on the Board from January 1 through December 31, 2005.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Superintendent Smith noted written communication received from Darline Robles, Los Angeles County Office of Education Superintendent congratulating recently elected Board Members. She also noted a congratulatory letter to Mountain View Elementary School from Dr. Robles on its recognition as a NCLB Blue Ribbon School. She shared thank you letters from the City for the CHS donation to the emergency fund and from the Red Cross thanking students for their efforts during the annual blood drive.
- Student Board Member, Krista Manis, gave a detailed report on activities at Oakmont Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Vista del Valle Elementary and Claremont High Schools.
- Dr. Mills reported on the most recent meeting of the District Advisory Committee and noted that a progress report would be presented by the Committee at the January 17, 2006 Board of Education meeting.

- Dr. Mills announced the Board of Education Retreat on January 21, 2006 and reviewed goals for the meeting. He noted that the focus of the retreat would be Board dialog on how the Board would function and to begin to discuss vision and goals. He noted that, although this would be an open meeting, it was just the beginning of a process and that additional specific meetings would be conducted to gather community input related to the District vision and goals.
- Superintendent Smith made the following announcements:
 - ◇ Reported that the District had no complaints regarding Instructional Materials, Facilities or Teacher Assignments for the reporting period as mandated by the Williams Case Settlement.
 - ◇ Noted that a Request for Proposal for attorneys would be brought before the Board in January.
 - ◇ Noted that a parent meeting regarding Board Policy 5022 had been conducted and that she expected a second parent session to also be held.
 - ◇ Reported that the new Connect-Ed telephone system had been successfully used to communicate with parents.
 - ◇ Thanked [Claremont Courier](#) reporter, Nick Johnson, for a well-researched article on the autistic class held at San Antonio High School.
- President Mills thanked El Roble Principal, Kevin Grier, and the entire staff for hosting the Board meeting on their campus.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mike Bateman, Director, Student Services, presented a powerpoint presentation report on enrollment. The Board held brief discussion and Mr. Bateman responded to questions.
- Kevin Grier, Principal El Roble Intermediate School, Frank D'Emilio, Principal, Sumner Elementary School, and Steve Hamilton, Principal, Danbury Elementary School presented their 2005-06 School Plans. The principals responded to Board questions. The approval for the plans was placed on the Consent Agenda of the January 17, 2006 Board of Education meeting.

- Superintendent Smith provided a progress report on the Asset Advisory Committee. She noted that bids on roofing repairs would be brought to the January meeting and that discussion continued with the City related to combining maintenance yards. She reported that a subcommittee had formed to discuss and interview consultants related to alternative uses for the Education Center property. Dr. Hamilton called this last item to the Board's attention and asked that Board members with concerns or questions address them to the Superintendent so that direction, should it be necessary, could be given to the committee as expeditiously as possible.
- President Mills noted that he had spoken to Board Members and committee assignments had been accepted. He further noted that Board Members had been assigned as liaisons to individual school sites.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Reviewed by the Personnel & Policy Committee members:

- ◇ To approved field trips as presented.
- ◇ To approved Outside, Independent Consultants/ Contractors as presented.

Reviewed by Business Operations Committee Members:

- ◇ To accept Board Orders as presented.
- ◇ 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 Interfund Transfers as presented.
- ◇ To authorize to Go Out to Bid as presented.
- ◇ To accept Completion of Projects as presented.

GENERAL BUSINESS

By Board consensus no nomination for a representative for the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly was made.

Next Board Meeting

**Tuesday, January 17, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

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

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