



BOARD *Notes*

September 28, 2006

Board Meeting

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT

Dr. Godley reported out of closed session that the Board of Education ratified the release of a temporary certificated employee; vote 4-0-3, Mr. Ledesma, Mrs. Moffat, and Mr. Rocco were absent. The Board of Education authorized the suspension of a classified employee for seven days without pay; vote 6-0-1, Mr. Rocco was absent. The Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Louise Raya, to the position of Senior High School Assistant Principal; vote of 6-0-1, Mr. Rocco was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dr. Godley explained why the complete video tape recording of the September 14, 2006 Board meeting was not provided to cable companies for re-broadcast. "The agenda of the Board meeting provides an opportunity for people to express concerns and criticisms about District programs and procedures. These concerns and criticisms are included in the video tape for re-broadcast of the Board meeting. The difference in the last Board meeting and my concern was the defamatory nature of the remarks that were made at the last Board meeting. Consequently, I did not want the District to republish such statements for video broadcast that would put the District at risk of litigation. In my role as superintendent, I have a duty to protect the District from such litigation. I view the situation similar to a newspaper editor where the editor has the responsibility to see that the paper does not publish defamatory statements. Criticism is appropriate for broadcast, defamation and breach of privacy is not. The portions of the meeting that were edited contained a series of statements made by a Board member, which I considered to be disparaging and defamatory of a District employee. Further, in my opinion, the statement violates the personal privacy acts of the employee and discussed personnel matters which are best held in closed session to avoid the District's employee from being exposed to public embarrassment and ridicule. Further, such statements could negatively affect the future employment and earnings of the employee which could be grounds for a lawsuit. To make these statements available on cable television only makes the District complicit with the statements and further subjects the District to potential liability. From the day following the meeting of September 14th, a complete unedited version of the video tape has been available, and still is, to any individual who requests it. This is under the public records act. The District has not, nor ever will, alter the official records of its meetings."

Mrs. Smith recognized the efforts of staff and thanked them for their hard work in receiving the Arnold and Mabel Beckman grant in the amount of \$162,000, which is an increase over past years. Mrs. Moffat requested additional information regarding the science programs at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Rocco thanked Mrs. Nichols. He also thanked the people of the Orange Unified School District for their passion and displays of democracy.

Mrs. Nichols attended the dedication of the new Fred Barrera Park and acknowledged the beautiful ceremony. In addition, Mrs. Nichols requested a status of the extra funds that were provided to Anaheim Hills Elementary. Dr. Godley responded that the project is still on the drawing board. The \$1,000,000 are funds that the developer SunCal donated to the CFD for improvements at Anaheim Hills Elementary. Originally, it was thought that OUSD could receive state money to put with those funds; however, state monies for modernization are not available. It was considered to do a joint project with the City of Anaheim; however, the City is building a new gymnasium in the area and no longer has a need for additional space. OUSD is working with the architect, the principal and the current PTA president. The consideration now is a combination lunch room/multi-purpose room, with a covered walk-way from the school to the multi-purpose room for inclement weather days.

Annie Rice, SACBE representative from Villa Park High School gave her State of the School Report. Annie covered academics, including the schools 16 point rise in their API score, athletics (fall sports) and activities.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board of Education approved the recommendation to set a public hearing and adoption of Resolution of Censure of Board Member Steve Rocco for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, October 12, 2006.
- The Board of Education approved revised Board Bylaw 9270 for a second and final reading.
- The Board of Education approved Resolution No. 12-06-07 declaring support of the Kindergarten – University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006, Proposition 1D in the November 7, 2006 statewide election.
- The Board of Education adopted the Proclamation as amended, declaring October 2-6, 2006 and October 16-20, 2006 as "Walk To School Week" and October 4, 2006 and October 18, 2006 as "Walk to School Day," to accommodate both T-Track and S-Track schedules.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- The Board of Education received the report from Educational Services staff of District student achievement results and plans to ensure continued academic growth for all students.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board of Education took the following action:

- ◆ approved purchase orders list;
- ◆ approved warrants list;
- ◆ approved gifts;
- ◆ approved contract services report - business services;
- ◆ accepted the contracts as listed in the Board agenda as complete and authorized staff to file appropriate notices of completion and release the retention payments to the contractors – Bid 570 Unit Price Contract Plumbing – Orange High School; Bid 570 Unit Price Contract Plumbing – Esplanade Elementary; Bid 570 Unit Price Contract Plumbing – Lampson Elementary; Bid 566 Unit Price Contract Asphalt – ROP/Parkside; Bid 566 Asphalt – Installation, Repair & Replacement – Prospect Elementary; Bid 577 Electrical, Low Voltage, Data, Related Wiring Repairs, Replacement and Installation;
- ◆ rejected all bids submitted under Bid No. 586 for the shade structure with solar top at El Rancho Charter School;
- ◆ approved District utilization of Bid No. C-565 between Los Angeles Unified School District and Arey Jones Educational Solutions through May 31, 2009;
- ◆ approved the extension of the lease agreement dated September 10, 2003 between Voski, Inc. (GEO/ZOV, Inc.) and OUSD;
- ◆ approved personnel report;
- ◆ approved student teacher assignments/agreements;
- ◆ approved teacher assignment/consent – variable or short-term waiver;
- ◆ approved alternative programs reorganization;
- ◆ ratified the Memorandum of Understanding between the Orange Unified School District and the Orange Unified Education Association;
- ◆ ratified the Memorandum of Understanding between the Orange Unified School District and the California School Employees Association, Chapter 67;
- ◆ approved contract services – educational services;
- ◆ approved study trip;
- ◆ accepted the fifth year grant funding for the Native American program;
- ◆ accepted the Agricultural Vocational Education Incentive Grant Funds for the 2006-2007 school year;
- ◆ approved placing textbooks as listed in the agenda on display for the 30-day review period and for consideration for adoption at the November 16th Board meeting;
- ◆ adopted textbooks as listed in the Board agenda;
- ◆ authorized non-public school/agency placement for the student identification numbers listed on the report in the Board agenda;
- ◆ adopted Resolution No. 13-06-07 authorizing payment to Wes Poutsma at the regular rate of compensation for the September 14, 2006, regular Board meeting. Mr. Poutsma was absent due to illness.

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS

District Education Center
1401 N. Handy Street, Building H, Orange CA 92867

October 12, 2006 – 7:30 PM
October 26, 2006 – 7:30 PM
November 16, 2006 – 7:30 PM
December 7, 2006 – 7:30 PM

Board of Education

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Kathryn A. Moffat, Member • John H. Ortega, Member • Steve Rocco, Member • Melissa J. Smith, Member

• Thomas A. Godley, Ed.D., Superintendent •

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