



# BOARD *Notes*

February 7, 2008

Board Meeting

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## REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT

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Dr. Godley announced his retirement effective June 30, 2008, and the Board took action to accept his retirement. Dr. Godley read the following letter:

After 40 years in education—the last six with Orange Unified—I am announcing my retirement effective June 30, 2008. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have served as Superintendent of the Orange Unified School District and to have worked with the talented, dedicated, and wonderful people who are the District. The Board of Education is visionary, the staff is of the highest quality, and the parents and the community are very supportive. A superintendent could not ask for more.

It has been exciting and rewarding to have been given the opportunity to share in the positive changes, improvements, and achievements that we have accomplished. Student learning has continued to increase at all levels as evidenced by improved test scores; educational options for students have been expanded; facilities are safe, secure, and clean; the budget is balanced; the District is financially solvent; a three-year strategic plan is operational; compensation for staff has improved; and partnerships with local businesses are being implemented. The culture of the District is caring, collaborative, and cooperative as stated in the Core Values. The teaching and support staff are committed to excellence and their focus is on student learning; the students are motivated and performing at a high level; and the Board of Education continues to provide outstanding leadership and governance.

The decision that I have reached to retire has not come easy. However, I am confident that the Orange Unified School District will continue to build upon what has been accomplished in the past few years. I cherish the relationships that have been afforded me and the friends that I have made as Superintendent of the District. It truly has been a personal blessing to have been a part of this great District and the Orange family.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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**Alex Chase**, Villa Park High School SACBE representative, presented the State of the School Report for Villa Park High School. Alex showed a video which expanded upon the highlights of student participation and events at Villa Park this year.

The Board of Education approved the December 13, 2007 and January 17, 2008 regular meeting minutes.

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## ACTION ITEMS

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- The Board of Education held a public hearing and approved Resolution No. 22-07-08 granting an easement to Pacific Bell Telephone Company (DBA AT&T California) for underground communications facilities in connection with the Opt-E-Man upgrades at Villa Park High School.
- The Board of Education approved Resolution No. 23-07-08 forming a District Advisory Committee to recommend the use or disposition of surplus real property.

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## INFORMATION ITEMS

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No information items were presented.

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## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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### The Board of Education took the following action:

- ◆ approved purchase orders list;
- ◆ approved warrants list;
- ◆ approved gifts;
- ◆ approved contract services – business services;
- ◆ accepted the following contracts as complete, and authorized staff to file the appropriate notice(s) of completion and release the retention payment(s) to the contractor(s): Bid No. 566 – Unit Price Contract - Replace Miscellaneous Asphalt to Eastside of Campus – Villa Park High School; Bid No. FC6005 Demolition and Abatement – Esplanade Elementary;
- ◆ approved personnel report;
- ◆ approved student teacher assignments/agreements;
- ◆ approved teacher assignment/consent – variable or short-term waiver;
- ◆ approved the proposed adjustment to the adult education teacher rate of pay;
- ◆ approved contract services – educational services;
- ◆ approved study trips;
- ◆ approved additional courses of the Orange Adult Education program;
- ◆ accepted the grant funding for the School Readiness Program from the Children and Families Commission of Orange County in the amount of \$67,339;
- ◆ approved contract services – pupil services;
- ◆ authorized non-public school/agency placement for the student identification numbers as listed in the Board agenda.

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## NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS – 7:30 PM

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### 2008

February 21  
March 6  
March 20  
April 17  
May 8  
May 22  
June 5  
June 19  
July 24

### Board of Education

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