



BOARD *Notes*

February 21, 2008 Board Meeting

Board President Poutsma was absent from the meeting; Board Vice President Smith presided.

Mrs. Smith called for a moment silence for Mrs. Cindy Tanaka who passed away of cancer in January 2008. Mrs. Tanaka was a teacher at Lampson Elementary.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT

Dr. Godley reported that the Board of Education authorized the Superintendent or designee to give notice of non-reelection to two probationary certificated employees for the next succeeding school year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dr. Godley recognized Palmyra and Panorama Elementary Schools for being named *California Distinguished Schools* finalists. Site visitations will be completed in mid to late March to confirm the award status and the awards will be held at the Disneyland Hotel in May. Panorama received a perfect score! In addition, West Orange received an honorable mention. Congratulations to the staff at each school!

Dr. Godley announced that eight OUSD students will compete for \$220,000 in scholarship funds in the *Investing in Education Student Leadership Awards Program*, sponsored by the Irvine Company. The eight students are among 32 high school seniors from Orange County who best demonstrate the potential to become future community leaders. Each student will receive at least \$5,000 in scholarship funds for participating, which will culminate with four finalists each receiving a total of \$15,000. The eight students selected from OUSD are: **Krystoper Benyamein** and **Aimee Torres**, Canyon High School; **Hillary Christensen** and **Jeremiah Konoske**, El Modena High School; **Jessica Chavez** and **Mario Medina**, Orange High School; and **Lara Hovsepian** and **Michael Raimondi**, Villa Park High School.

Mrs. Nichols acknowledged all of the dedicated employees who attended the *Whole School Reform Symposium* in San Diego. Mrs. Nichols also congratulated West Orange Elementary for being named as the number one school in the state for student achievement under the Reading First program.

Mrs. Smith recognized three OUSD administrators for being honored by the *Association of California School Administrators, Region XVII* as administrators of the year in their employment category. Those honored are Mr. **Jamie Brown**, Human Resources; **Mrs. Aileen Sterling**, Middle Grade Principal; and **Mrs. Victoria Webber** as a Confidential Employee.

Mr. **Kenneth Caplin** of the Orange North Rotary presented a grant in the amount of 2,675.00 for use at Richland High School for the purchase of a Smart Board and three NEC Projectors.

In keeping with the District's Top Ten Core Values of providing outstanding customer service, an incentive program entitled "Attitude is Everything," was launched in September. Outstanding customer service has been identified as a "Wildly Important Goal". Classified employees, who have been nominated by their peers, co-workers and/or supervisors, will be selected monthly. Qualifications for recognition include: 1. Positive "can do" attitude/optimistic *persona*. 2. Brings a solution when presenting a challenge. 3. Consistently goes the extra mile. 4. Exhibits positive phone etiquette (introduces themselves, hear a smile in their voice, offers solutions), and 5. Is a team player. For the month of January, two classified employees were chosen who exemplify outstanding customer service: **Maria Espitia**, Community Liaison, Taft Elementary and **Sergio Gonzalez**, Senior Staff Clerk, Child Welfare and Attendance.

The Board of Education adopted the proclamation declaring March 3-7, 2008 as the "Week of the School Administrator." Mrs. **Jacque Keefe**, President of the Leadership Team Orange (LT-O!), the OUSD Chapter of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), accepted the proclamation on behalf of leadership.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board of Education held a public hearing and approved and adopted the 2007-2008 Special Education Local Area Plan Annual Service and Budget Plan.
 - The Board of Education approved voted for eight candidates for the 2008 CSBA Region 15 Delegate Assembly.
 - The Board of Education approved the Supplementary Retirement Plan, contingent upon the required number of employees participating in the plan to make it cost effective.
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INFORMATION ITEMS

No information items were presented.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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 West Parking Lot – District Office; Bid No. 566 – Unit Price Contract – Overlay Four Tennis Courts at Villa Park High School; Bid No. 590 – Replacement of Fire Alarm System at Villa Park Elementary School; Bid No. FC8016 – Modernization – Window Replacement – California Elementary School; Bid No. FC6008 – Modernization – Demolition and Abatement – Jordan Elementary School; Bid No. FC6009 – Modernization – Wood Casework – Jordan Elementary School;
 - ◆ authorized the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate and enter into the Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Anaheim for the expansion of the parking lot at Nohl Canyon Elementary;
 - ◆ declared items listed as surplus and approved the public and private disposition of the surplus items;
 - ◆ approved personnel report;
 - ◆ approved student teacher assignments/agreements;
 - ◆ approved teacher assignment/consent;
 - ◆ approved contract services – educational services;
 - ◆ approved study trips;
 - ◆ 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



2008

March 6
March 20
April 17
May 8
May 22
June 5
June 19

Board of Education

Wes Poutsma, President ● Melissa J. Smith, Vice President ● Kimberlee Nichols, Clerk
Rick Ledesma, Member ● Kathryn A. Moffat, Member ● John H. Ortega, Member ● Steve Rocco, Member

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