March 6, 2008  Board Meeting

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT

There was nothing to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dr. Godley congratulated Jennifer Arellano from Orange High School for being selected to represent the Orange County Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, March 6-9, 2008.

Dr. Godley expressed pride and commended the Canyon High School Mock Trial team in their competition on February 26th against Woodbridge High School in the semi-finals. Dr. Godley along with Board members and staff attended the competition and noted the high level of competency of the student participants. The teams meet at the Central Justice Center for eight rounds of competition. Superior Court, California Appellate and Federal Court judges preside at the trials and attorneys observe and rate the performance of student teams. Canyon High School SACBE rep Brendan Adams was one of the team members.

Dr. Godley announced that Palmyra Elementary School's Distinguished Schools walk-thru takes place on March 7th and Panorama Elementary School's Distinguished Schools walk-thru takes place on March 21st.

Ahtziri Martinez, an eighth grader and ASB President from Yorba Middle School, gave a brief State of the School Report highlighting the many student activities taking place at Yorba.

The Board of Education approved the February 7, and February 21, 2008 regular meeting minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board of Education certified and approved the positive financial status as shown in the District Certification of Interim Report for the Fiscal Year 2007-08, authorized staff to implement the necessary transfers as shown in Transfer Resolution No. 24-07-08, and certified whether the District is able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and, based on forecasts, for the two subsequent fiscal years.

  NOTE: Community Information Meetings regarding the Governor's Budget and its impact on the District will be held on Monday, March 24th and Wednesday, March 26th. Each meeting will take place at the District Office in the Board Rooms beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- The Board of Education approved the proposed Board Policy revisions for the 6000 series (BP 6000 through BP 6159.4) for a first reading.

- The Board of Education decided to hold a special meeting on March 13, 2008 to interview professional search firms before selecting a firm to assist in the process for hiring a new superintendent.

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. 593 – Restroom Renovation – Villa Park High School;
♦ approved District utilization of the Waterford Unified School District Bud Bid for the procurement of buses and authorized the lease-purchase of 17 buses with Sun Trust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corp., through appropriate agreements – Resolution No. 25-07-08;
♦ authorized staff to enter into an appropriate agreement for Professional Audit Services & Annual Financial Statement with Nigro, Nigro & White for an initial one-year term, followed by two one-year options;
♦ rejected Liability Claim No. 07/08-011;
♦ approved personnel report;
♦ approved teacher assignment/consent – variable or short-term waiver;
♦ ratified the Tentative Agreement between the Orange Unified School District and the California School Employees Association, Chapter #67;
♦ approved contract services – educational services;
♦ approved study trips;
♦ authorized the 2008 Summer School Program;
♦ approved the Vocational and Applied Technology Act Tech Prep Consortium Subcontract Agreement; approved the courses as presented by the District’s Curriculum Council;
♦ authorized the superintendent or designee to approve the School Readiness Program: OCPT Preschool for Taft Elementary for the 2008-09 school year and authorized entering into an agreement with OCPT to implement this project;
♦ authorized staff to submit the Community Based English Tutoring Program Grant application;
♦ authorized the placement of textbooks on display for the 30-day review period and to be considered for adoption at the April 17th Board meeting;
♦ authorized the superintendent or designee to grant a CAHSEE waiver for student 225034 as presented;
♦ authorized the superintendent or designee to grant a CAHSEE waiver for student 269252 as presented;
♦ approved contract services – pupil services;
♦ authorized non-public school/agency placement for the student identification numbers as listed in the Board agenda.

NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS – 7:30 PM

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