



# BOARD *Notes*

September 25, 2008

Board Meeting

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

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

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The Board of Education took action to appoint **Antoinette Coe** to the position of Elementary School Assistant Principal.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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**Dr. Dreier** reported on the following:

- The governor signed the state budget, 85 days into the fiscal year, and it is essentially a flat budget for education.
- There are 11 OUSD National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists from three high schools: Canyon, El Modena and Villa Park. These students are eligible to compete for National Merit finalists. Students, parents, teachers and staff who have supported these exceptional students were recognized. The finalists will be named in April 2009.
- The District qualified for the Arnold & Mabel Beckman Foundation grant in the amount of \$225,000 for sustaining the hands-on, inquiry-based science program. The initial grant began seven years ago with \$50,000, went to \$162,000 in the fifth year, and last year increased to \$217,000. Dr. Dreier acknowledged and recognized the many individuals who have worked with and supported this program over the years, and in particular, Peg Benzie, for her leadership.
- A presentation will be made at tonight's meeting regarding the issuance of Certificates of Participation to refinance prior projects and provide new funding for additional modernization projects. The District has made facilities modernization a priority on order to provide quality facilities for all students.
- Beginning next Tuesday, the District will host renovation ceremonies for the three newly modernized schools: Esplanade ES (October 7); Jordan ES (October 21) and Portola MS (November 6).

The Board of Education recognized **Ismael Perez**, Lead Custodian at the District Office as the *Outstanding Customer Service Employee* for September 2008. Ismael has proven to offer solutions to those who need assistance and provide excellent customer service on a consistent basis to staff and community members.

The Board of Education adopted a proclamation declaring October 6-10, as "**Walk to School Week**" and October 8, as "**Walk to School Day**;" for T-Track schools, and October 20-24 as **Walk to School Week**" and October 22, as "**Walk to School Day**" for S-Track schools.

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## ACTION ITEMS

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The Board of Education received for a first reading Resolution No. 13-08-09: Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Ground Lease, a Lease Agreement, an Assignment Agreement, a Trust Agreement, a Reimbursement Agreement, a Contract of Purchase, a Remarketing Agreement, A Continuing Disclosure Agreement and an Official Statement Relating to a Lease Financing and approving certain actions in connection therewith. No action was taken.

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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 contract services – business services;
- ◆ approved purchase orders list;
- ◆ approved warrants list;
- ◆ approved contract services – administrative services;
- ◆ accepted Bid No. 566 – Asphalt– Jordan Elementary School – Parking Lot Extension as complete and authorized staff to file appropriate notice of completion and release the retention payment to the contractor;
- ◆ approved personnel report;
- ◆ approved the teacher assignment/agreements;
- ◆ approved contract services – educational services;
- ◆ approved study trips;
- ◆ approved the course approval: Accelerated Introduction to English Language;
- ◆ approved contract services – pupil services;
- ◆ adopted Resolution No. 12-08-09 authorizing payment to Wes Poutsma at the regular rate of compensation for the September 11, 2008 Board meeting while Mr. Poutsma was absent due to illness.

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## REMAINING REGULAR MEETINGS – 7:30 PM

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### 2008

October 16  
October 30  
November 13  
December 11

Board meetings for 2009 will be approved at the December 11, 2008 Board meeting.



### 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

● Renae Dreier, Ed.D., Superintendent ●  
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