



# BOARD *Notes*

November 13, 2008

Board Meeting

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## REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS

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*No report*

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### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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**Dr. Dreier** noted that OUSD schools participated in the **Great Southern California Shake-Out**, the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history. The drill illuminated some issues that need to be addressed. CWA is soliciting information from school sites regarding any unusual or unforeseen issues that arose during the drill. Dr. Dreier thanked CWA for their efforts in coordinating this important event.

**Dr. Dreier** acknowledged the annual **Junior ROTC's** Veterans Day celebration at **Orange High School**, which she attended. Additionally, Dr. Dreier commented on her site visit at Orange High and meeting the junior Marines as well as learning of the AgScience program which includes livestock. She expressed her appreciation to the **Youth Motivation Task Force**, a group of community volunteers who talk to students about staying engaged in school. The task force's theme is "Education is the Key."

**Dr. Dreier** remarked on the **state's budget crisis**. The governor's plan to balance the state budget includes increasing revenue, but also spending cuts. The governor's proposal includes a **mid-year cut to public education of \$2.5 billion**. The question remains what does this cut mean to Orange Unified School District. If the governor's budget cut proposal were approved by the legislature, the **District** would be looking at an **\$8.5 million mid-year reduction**, which is about \$320 per student. Considering the fact that the school year is underway, and many expenditures are already encumbered, it would be very challenging for our District to meet that type of a mid-year cut. It is important to reiterate that this District has already worked very hard to balance its budget and to be fiscally responsible and conservative. It is known that this budget crisis has everything to do with what is happening globally and throughout the state and nation. Dr. Dreier noted that she is working with Cabinet members analyzing the District's budget, looking for where cuts can be made. It is very challenging and everyone needs to be prepared. The District's commitment is to keep the mission of this District and the core values in mind, to be transparent and open about the budgeting process.

**Dr. Dreier** acknowledged the two newly-elected Board members – **Dr. Alexia Deligianni** and **Mark Wayland** who will be sworn at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Tonight's meeting is the last meeting for **Wes Poutsma** and **Steve Rocco**.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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### State of the School Report

**Narinee Shahrikian**, SACBE representative for **Richland High School**, presented information about Richland including student activities, new class offerings, back to school night, facilities improvements, and graduation. Narinee noted that, for the first time, Richland has started publishing a student newsletter and yearbook.

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## ACTION ITEMS

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The Board of Education approved the Superintendent's Goals and Objectives for 2008-09:

- Goal #1: By June 1, 2009, the District will have completed progress in each of the Strategic Plan's Year Three Priority Areas.
- Goal #2: By January 30, 2009, the Superintendent's District Entry Plan will be completed.
- Goal #3: By June 15, 2009, the next three-year Strategic Plan will be developed which will enhance student learning and support the District's mission and core beliefs.

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## INFORMATION ITEMS

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An update of the **Energy Management Program** results was presented. The District has reduced energy consumption an average of 26% at all facilities, which means the District is utilizing approximately 74% of the energy we used to use. The reductions have been during the off-hours. A number of sites have done so well, the District is applying for the Energy Star designation, a joint program of the EPA and U.S. Department of Energy. Mark Starkey from Energy Education presented a plaque to the District's Energy Managers, **Lori Davis** and **Andrew Durrett**, for their outstanding efforts toward implementing the energy education program. Mr. Starkey said that out of the 950 school districts nationwide, the energy program at **OUSD has seen some of the best results in the entire country.**

James Hawley, with Nigro, Nigro & White, presented information from the 2007-08 **audit report**. The independent audit of the 2007-08 fiscal records for Orange Unified School District indicated a positive financial status and ongoing maintenance and improvement of appropriate internal controls.

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## CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- ◆ Approved Contract Services Report – Business Services
- ◆ Approved purchase orders list;
- ◆ Approved warrants list;
- ◆ Approved gifts;
- ◆ Approved Resolution 20-08-09;
- ◆ Approved Contract Services Report – Administrative Services;
- ◆ Approved Resolution 19-08-09;
- ◆ Received Orange County Department of Education's Annual Report of the Aggregate Findings of the Williams Settlement Legislation;
- ◆ Approved Resolution 21-08-09;
- ◆ Approved personnel report;
- ◆ Approved the teacher assignment/consent – variable short-term waiver;
- ◆ Approved Contract Services Report – Educational Services;
- ◆ Approved study trips;
- ◆ The Board upheld the recommendation of administrative staff regarding expulsion of student;
- ◆ Approved Contract Services Report – Pupil Services;
- ◆ Gave notice of the Board's Annual Organizational Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.

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## NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS

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December 11, 2008 (Annual Organizational Meeting)