



# BOARD *Notes*

January 15, 2009

Board Meeting

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

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Nothing to report.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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#### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Dreier remarked that the FCMAT team was at the District Office last week to review our records and books and to interview selected Board members, administrative staff, classified and certificated personnel, and leadership from both associations. Within ten days, there will be an exit letter; by the end of February, there will be a full report followed by a work/study session with the Board to go over the findings. The FCMAT team was very complimentary of the District for their diligent efforts to provide them with all the necessary information to help them perform their study as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Dr. Dreier noted that **Mr. Archibald** will present the most current information about our **state budget** and how it relates to decisions that must be made for Orange Unified. The Governor's current budget proposal is the starting point where we will have to ground our decisions. The Board will have to approve the reductions necessary by March 15<sup>th</sup>. In order to provide the Board with an opportunity for in-depth study, Dr. Dreier will propose two work/study sessions to the Board to understand the recommendations that will be forthcoming. This will allow the Board time to deliberate and think about the District's direction. Dr. Dreier added that staff is studying every potential area for budget reductions, always with the intent of maintaining excellence in our instructional programs. Communication will be very important with the internal community, parent, and the entire Orange Unified School District community. Dr. Dreier has conveyed the input she has received to the Board.

Dr. Dreier gave an update on the **bullying incident** that was reported at the December Board meeting by parents of a former Canyon High School student that led to their decision to transfer their son to a private school. Since that time, staff has investigated the parent concerns and has been in communication with them. Dr. Dreier emphasized that staff takes this matter very seriously and appreciates that the parents brought this matter forward so that we may learn how to better serve our students in making sure that we have safe, welcoming schools.

#### Board President's Report

**Mr. Ledesma** commented that the Board is going to work very hard in making sure that we look at everything and receive input to do our best to put together a **budget** that includes the necessary cuts, but impacts the least amount of people, especially the students.

#### CASTO School Bus Safety Poster Contest

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Kellie-Ann Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student, at **Serrano Elementary School**, who won the California Association of School Transportation Officials *School Bus Safety Poster Contest*. Kellie-Ann will receive a \$50 savings bond from CASTO.

#### Board Recognition

**Mrs. Moffat** recognized **Pam McDonald**, Director of Transportation, for being highlighted in the CASTO newsletter for receiving grant money of \$216,000 in regard to the compressed natural gas station at the District's bus yard.

Mrs. Moffat recognized a science display at Prospect ES, the **Wyland Ocean Challenge**, a travelling classroom that illustrates the water cycle, the importance of maintaining water species in a clean environment, along with many hands-on activities.

**Mrs. Smith** recognized the **Mock Trial** programs at the four comprehensive high schools, particularly the volunteer parent attorneys who are responsible for prepping these teams: Canyon HS – Rolf Ronicki and Michael Penn; El Modena HS – Celinda York; Villa Park HS – Scott Steiner and Frederick Glasser. (Unfortunately, Orange HS does not have a coach this year and will not be participating.)

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### ACTION ITEMS

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- The Board approved the proposed Board Policy revisions for the BP 5116.1, *Intradistrict Open Enrollment* procedures for a first reading.
- The Board discussed the 2009 Calendar of Regular Board Meetings and approved the following revisions to the 2009 calendar: **Eliminate** January 29 regular Board meeting; **add** the following work/study sessions: Saturday, January 24, Thursday, February 5, and Thursday, March 5.

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### INFORMATION ITEMS

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- Potential budget solutions for future consideration was reviewed and discussed. These solutions were developed based on a thorough review of all department and school site budgets and suggestions received from employees at all levels of the District.
- The Board of Education received updated information regarding the Homework Policy as presented by the Educational Services staff to allow for additional discussion on the implementation and consistency of the District's homework policy.
- Dr. Dreier presented the second quarter status report for the period October through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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The Board of Education took action to approve all consent items as presented in the January 15th agenda. Please see [www.orangeusd.org/board/calendar/asp](http://www.orangeusd.org/board/calendar/asp).

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – February 12, 2009, 7:00 P.M.**

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