



BOARD *Notes*

February 12, 2009

Board of Education Meeting

Mr. Ledesma called for a moment of silence in honor of Mrs. Staci Marusin, a teacher at Handy Elementary School, who passed away on January 16th.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT

The Board of Education authorized the Superintendent or designee to provide notice of non-reelection to certificated temporary employees pursuant to Education Code section 44954(b) for the next succeeding school year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Dreier shared that she attended the **Orange State of the City** luncheon along with Mr. Ledesma and Dr. Deligianni. It was announced that the Citizen of the Year for the City of Orange was Joe Fortier, a former OUSD principal. Mayor Cavecche acknowledged the excellent relationship between the District and the City. The Orange Chamber of Commerce President complimented Orange High School's Junior Leadership Orange Program.

Dr. Dreier thanked the **Rotary Club of Orange** and the **Orange Education Foundation** for funding \$12,740 in **mini-grants** to 19 teachers from 11 elementary schools. The awards ranged from \$345 to \$700 each. The names of the recipients and their school are: Pam Verdone, Anaheim Hills; Kathleen Lundberg, California; Richard Torres, Cambridge; Richard O'Connor, Sharon Cecchi, Crescent; Kate Joneleit, Fairhaven, Michelle Stephens, Imperial; Vicky Nguyen, Radha Hablani, Lampson; Kari Fields, Teresa Andrade, Cheryl Robertson, Karen McBrien, McPherson Magnet; Whitney Amsbary, Nohl Canyon; Jeanne Matson, Laura Miller, Prospect; Victoria Schmuhl, Serrano; and Scott Williams, Tammy Williams, Villa Park Elementary.

Dr. Dreier noted the **Strategic Planning Workshop** takes place on April 28th. Three years ago community leaders, elected officials, parents, staff, teachers, and students got together to create our current strategic plan and now it is time for the next strategic planning session. Being sensitive to the state of the economy, it has been decided to go from two days to one day and outside donors are being asked to help pay for the facilities and food so that community support is part of this important process. There is never a better time than now to be planning for the District's future, to be continuing with the road map for the future — to have a Strategic Plan in place.

Given the financial crisis throughout the state, **Dr. Dreier** emphasized that communication continues to be very important; rumors are rampant; facts are few. She referred everyone to the District's web site under **Budget Update** to find the power point presentations, correspondence and other updates that will continue to be posted as quickly as possible.

Board President's Report

Mr. Ledesma commented that at the State of the City luncheon, Mayor Cavecche mentioned specifically Dr. Dreier and the District and how proud the City is of our schools. Mr. Ledesma expressed the pride he felt from the Mayor's recognition of the District.

Mr. Ledesma stated that he recently attended the Orange City/Schools meeting and discussed facilities. An agreement is trying to be reached on joint-use facilities of school fields. In the meantime, the City is working with the user groups in establishing a process of scheduling, of signing up with the City, a fee schedule, etc. At the meeting, Mr. Ledesma suggested that District staff conduct a study of what our incremental costs are for having those fields used four to five hours every evening and eight hours on Saturday, to get an idea of what it is costing the District. He would like to partner with the City to cover the District costs and benefit the community and city as well. This study would take place after the budget crisis has settled down.

Mr. Ledesma noted that the **Board Policies** are posted on the web site and easily accessible by the public.

Board Recognition

Outstanding Customer Service Award

The Board of Education recognized **Sheryl Ralston**, High School Principal Secretary at **Villa Park High School**, as the *Outstanding Customer Service Employee* for January 2009, and **Jamie Lee**, Senior Staff School Clerk at **Cerro Villa Middle School** as the *Outstanding Customer Service Employee* for February 2009.

State of the School Report

Katherine Trinh, SACBE representative for **El Modena High School**, presented information about El Modena including academics, testing, sports and social activities.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved the proposed Board Policy revisions for the **BP 5116.1, Intradistrict Open Enrollment** procedures for a second and final reading.
- The Board held a public hearing and adopted the resolution for the **Instructional Materials Funding Realignment** and certified that the District has complied with the requirement of the Education Code.
- The Board received the **2009 Legislative Coalition Platform** and made some recommendations to be included in the Platform. The Platform will be brought back at the February 26th meeting.
- The Board adopted Resolution No. 26: *Solving the Budget Crisis*, which was sent to the Legislature and Governor. (A copy of the resolution is posted on the web site under **Budget Update**.)

INFORMATION ITEMS

- **Mike Christensen** presented a budget update. (The power point presentation is available on the web site under **Budget Update**.)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board of Education took action to approve all consent items as presented in the January 15th agenda with the exception of the Contract Service for Nyberg Architecture, pending further review. This contract item will be brought back for approval at the February 26th meeting. You may access the complete agenda at: www.orangeusd.org/board/calendar/asp.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – February 26, 2009, 7:00 P.M.



Board of Education

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