



BOARD *Notes*

May 12, 2009

Board of Education Meeting

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT

No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Dreier announced that **Jacque Keefe**, Executive Secretary in Human Resources, and **Ed Kisse**, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, were awarded *Administrator of the Year and Friends of Education* by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Region 17. They were honored at the 19th annual ACSA celebration dinner on May 11th.

Dr. Dreier recognized former employee, **Wilma Whitman**, an educational leader in our District for 44 years, who passed away on April 30th. Mrs. Whitman retired in 2007. A moment of silence was held in her honor.

Dr. Dreier commented on the budget. **Mr. Christensen** and **Mr. Sorrera** will present a budget update at the next Board meeting (May 28) in preparation for the 2009-10 budget, which will be adopted by the Board in June. There will be events between now and then that will impact the budget. Dr. Dreier emphasized that although there is some confusion regarding the budget, the District is on "top of it" and prepared to deal with it. Dr. Dreier clarified that Federal Stimulus money is coming; however, we do not know what "strings" are attached. Over 200 teachers were released in March due to the budget deficit and the Board approved classified layoffs of more than 100 employees. Letters will go out by May 15th, in the event we do have to lay off all those positions. Dr. Dreier clarified that parents and parent groups will be able to help and contribute toward different positions at their school site. The District is very appreciative of parent participation and for all their support. The positions of Technology Assistant are being examined at each school site to determine how we can ensure that our schools have that support. Technology is a great asset and a strong priority in this District.

Board Recognition

Mrs. Moffat attended the BTSA colloquium and commented on the great work being done by our beginning teachers along with the strong support they have been receiving from master teachers, instructional coaches, and administrators at both the site and District level. She recognized **Julie McNealy** for her hard efforts and dedication to the BTSA program.

Mr. Ledesma noted that the Employee of the Year Celebration is being held on May 13th. He recognized the following employees of the year who will be honored at the celebration:

- Certificated: **Brandi Black-LeTourneau; Scott Williams; Judy Fusco**
- Classified: **John Montoya; Andy Morales; Grace Scoma-Cosman**
- Leadership: **Lori Cintron; Susanne Hopkins; Linda Stoterou**

Mr. Ledesma gave special recognition to **Dr. Dreier** for her leadership and for a job well-done with regard to the Strategic Planning Conference. He commented that the Conference was productive, fruitful and efficient.

With regard to the Strategic Planning Conference, Dr. Dreier remarked that behind that day, there was a real team of workers who help to make the day successful. She expressed her appreciation and recognized **Victoria Webber** for all her hard work, thoughtful planning and diligence in putting together the Conference. Additionally, there were six priority areas where groups of participants gathered. The Facilitators (Goal Team Leaders) and their Assistants were as follows:

1. Student Achievement: **Aileen Sterling/Michael Olander**
2. Student Engagement: **Michelle Moore/Greg Bowden**
3. Parent/Community Partnership: **Randi Leach/Tara Saraye**
4. Communication: **Larry Hausner/Blake Chism**
5. Safe, Welcoming Schools: **John Briquelet/Amy Hitt**
6. Effective Use of Resources: **Mike Christensen/Joe Sorrera**

The draft Strategic Plan will be brought to the Board in June for approval. Dr. Dreier emphasized that it is important to realize how much talent we have in OUSD. She strongly believes in distributive leadership where a number of people throughout the organization join to help the entire organization. The day was a team effort. Dr. Dreier also noted the various and generous contributions made to the District to defray the cost of the conference.

Outstanding Customer Service Award

The Board of Education recognized **Jan Butler**, High School Principal Secretary at **El Modena High School**, as the *Outstanding Customer Service Employee* for May 2009.

State of the School Report

Mia Cuellar, Rodrigo Ramirez and Maddy Wilkins, student representatives from **Portola Middle School**, presented information regarding Portola's academics, testing, sports and ASB activities.

Classified School Employee Week – May 18-22, 2009

Each year public school districts throughout California recognize the service and dedication of their classified employees. The attached proclamation declares May 18-22, 2009, as Classified School Employee Week in the Orange Unified School District. The purpose of this proclamation is to recognize the contributions of OUSDs 1,400 classified employees who serve as partners in education with the District's certificated employees, and to commend them for the vital role they play in the day-to day operations of our schools. Mr. Ledesma presented the Board Proclamation to CSEA President, **John Miller**.

California Day of the Teacher – May 13, 2009

Each year public school districts throughout California recognize the service and dedication of their teachers. The attached proclamation honors the work of this District's 1,500 teachers and commends them for their dedicated service to the students of the Orange Unified School District. Mr. Ledesma presented the Board Proclamation to OUEA President, **Jan Miller**.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board took action and:

- ratified the Tentative Agreement between the Orange Unified School District and the California School Employees Association, Chapter #67.
- held a Public Hearing on the District's initial proposal to the California School Employees Association, Chapter #67.
- held a Public Hearing to receive input on the Orange Unified Education Association's initial proposal to the District for 2009-10 reopener negotiations.
- accepted the proposed Board Policy revisions for a second reading and approval.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board of Education took action to **approve all consent items** as presented in the May 12th agenda. The complete agenda is available online at: www.orangeusd.org/board/calendar.asp

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, May 28, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
