



BOARD *Notes*

October 29, 2009

Board of Education Meeting

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DECISIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT

No action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Dreier was pleased to announce that our District Teachers of the Year were honored at the 2010 Orange County Teacher of the Year Banquet along with their colleagues at the Disneyland Hotel last Friday evening. It was a beautiful evening and a recognition that was fitting for such fine teachers...a true celebration of their work. **Brandi Black-LeTourneau**, first grade teacher from West Orange Elementary School, along with **Judy Fusco**, physics teacher at Villa Park High School and Villa Park Elementary School sixth grade teacher **Scott Williams** were among sixty Orange County nominees honored. The annual Recognition Ceremony was hosted and paid for by the program sponsors. Sponsors for this year included the Orange County Department of Education, Schools First Credit Union and the Orange County Register.

Dr. Dreier reported that Boy Scouts of America recently opened the Outdoor Education Center in Irvine Regional Park. On Tuesday Principals and District Leadership were invited for a meeting. They were allowed to use the center's training room, were given a tour of the 55-acre facility, and were provided lunch free of charge. It was clear that the "Ranch Camp" has the educational focus that will benefit our students. The standards-based programs, along with its proximity to our schools, are sure to offer hands-on and enriching experiences for many years to come. Perhaps schools will be interested in using the facility for their Outdoor Ed program.

Lastly, Dr. Dreier recognized **Hana Saraye**, **Suzan Grab** and **Larry Hausner** who were responsible for putting together the latest podcast that was sent to all OUSD employees Thursday afternoon. The podcast is another way of internal communication to let staff know what is going on in our District. As the first quarter of the school year comes to a close, the purpose of the podcast was to recap the school year thus far and where we are headed. Areas that were highlighted were:

- Our Educational Program
- Facilities
- Technology
- Budget
- Teachers of the Year

Board Recognition

Outstanding Customer Service Award

The Board of Education recognized **Don Osborn**, Custodian from Yorba Middle School, as the recipient of the Outstanding Customer Service Award for the month of October. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Ledesma presented to Mr. Osborn a Certificate of Recognition.

As a follow-up to the Teacher of Year Banquet, Dr. Deligianni expressed her pride and appreciation of the teachers within Orange Unified.

Mr. Wayland recognized the students and their service groups who were helping with the Treats-in-the-Streets event in the City of Orange. He added that these students are doing an "outstanding job promoting our schools."

Mrs. Moffat added that the PTA Council from Orange Unified also participates in the Treats-in-the-Streets event and gives away educational/academic goodies such as books.

State of the School Report – Orange High School

Lorraine Ngin, SACBE Representative from Orange High School, presented her state of the school report highlighting academic, sports and social activities.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution of the Board of Education of the Orange Unified School District Denying the Proposed Charter School Petition and Proposal for Global Tides @ Orange County Charter School

The Board denied the petition and proposal for the establishment of the Global Tides @ Orange County Charter School under the California Charter Schools Act. The factual findings illustrated in the staff report demonstrate that the petition and proposal fail in three out of five legally required areas:

1. The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the students to be enrolled in the charter school
2. The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition
3. The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the required charter elements

INFORMATION ITEMS

Annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2008-09

The firm of Nigro, Nigro & White presented information from the 2008-09 audit report. The independent audit for the District indicates a positive financial status and ongoing maintenance and improvement of appropriate internal controls. The ending balances for all funds have been verified to be those previously stated in the District's Standardized Account Code Structure (SACS) Financial Reporting documents on file with the California Department of Education and those indicated in the independent accounting system of the Orange County Department of Education, which maintains ledgers on all payroll, warrant, and financial transactions of any sort of each school district located within Orange County.

Budget Update

On October 15, 2009, the Board received a staff report including a multi-year budget projection identifying the need to reduce at least \$16 million in fiscal years 2010/11 and 2011/12. Staff has been meeting with representatives of the employee groups and site administrators to identify potential budget reductions. Staff presented a list of potential budget reductions under consideration. The power point presentation will be posted on the District website under *Budget Update*.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board of Education took action to **approve all consent items** as presented in the October 29th agenda. The complete agenda is available online at: www.orangeusd.org/board/calendar.asp

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, November 12, 2009, 7:00 p.m.



Board of Education

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