



# BOARD *Notes*

December 10, 2009

## Board of Education Meeting

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

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The Board provided direction to legal counsel regarding existing litigation.

The Board authorized the suspension of a classified employee for three days without pay.

The Board announced the appointment of Laura Chism to the position of Coordinator, Special Education.

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### ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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The **Board of Education elected new officers for 2010** as follows: President: John Ortega; Vice President: Melissa Smith; and Clerk: Mark Wayland. Dr. Renae Dreier was appointed as Secretary to the Board of Education.

Dr. Dreier presented a commemorative gavel to Mr. Ledesma to thank and recognize him for the work he has done this past year as President of the Board of Education. Mr. Ledesma expressed his appreciation for having the opportunity to be Board President. He wished incoming Board President Mr. Ortega good luck in the coming year.

As Board President, Mr. Ortega continued with the meeting. He remarked on the difficult decisions that lie ahead so the District can remain solvent. He noted that we must continue to strive to better educate our children.

The **2010 Calendar of Regular Board Meeting** was adopted as follows: (all meetings are on Thursday)

January 21	April 22	July 22	November 18
February 18	May 13	August 26	December 9
March 4	May 27	September 23	
March 25	June 10	October 14	

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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#### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Dreier remarked on the District's new website and commended Hana Saraye who designed the website in-house and did a beautiful job putting it together. Dr. Dreier noted that we are constantly working on our communication tools to ensure that we communicate effectively with the public.

Dr. Dreier congratulated Cerro Villa teacher, Lisa Hedspeth, who was a November recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to Education Award which was presented at the Orange County Board of Education. Lisa was selected due to her long-standing commitment to education and her leadership in the "Walk through the Constitution" project.

Dr. Dreier thanked the Rotary Club of Orange and the Orange Education Foundation for this year's funding of teacher mini-grants. A total of \$10,200 was presented to our teachers -- \$7,200 from the Rotary Club and \$3,000 from the Orange Education Foundation. The Foundation has partnered with the Rotary Club for the past nine years to provide additional funding for teachers who have found an "innovative way" to teach a subject. The mini-grants are offered to all teachers in grades K-6. Nineteen teachers at ten schools will be given awards this year. Those recognized in December are:



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Kathy Lundberg	California Elementary	Susan Mullins	Imperial Elementary
Sarah Dalton	Imperial Elementary	Sharon Cecci	Crescent Elementary
Jeanne Matson	Prospect Elementary	Richard O'Connor	Crescent Elementary
Lynn Okamura	Running Springs Elementary	John McCarthy	Handy Elementary

Dr. Dreier noted that staff is bringing to the Board recommendations for budget cuts that include the closing of another small school, eliminating 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade instrumental music, increasing class sizes, eliminating elementary summer school and restructuring secondary summer school, reducing custodial staff. These recommendations are serious and come after much study and deliberation. Dr. Dreier assured everyone that we have listened to our teachers, principals and parents. An example was the proposed removal of the Library Media Technicians. Principals and teachers spoke loud and clear that the loss of library media techs would negatively impact the educational program at their schools. Staff listened and LMTs are not on this list. Dr. Dreier stated that we will continue to be prudent as to how funds are spent and look for inefficiencies. Despite the gloom, Dr. Dreier reported that she is very confident in our employees' ability to deliver a top world-class education to our students.

### **Board President's Report**

Mr. Ortega referred to his opening remarks as his report.

### **Board Recognition of Students, Staff & Community**

#### **Outstanding Customer Service Award**

The Board of Education recognized Elisabeth Phibbs, Secondary Health Clerk for Orange High School, as the recipient of the Outstanding Customer Service Award for the month of December.

#### **Board Recognition**

Mrs. Moffat complimented and commended Mike Short, Vocal Director at Orange High School, for leading the music production at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Orange Plaza. She noted that his music was completely inspiring and uplifting.

#### **State of the School Report – Canyon High School**

Alexandra Adams, SACBE Representative from Canyon High School, presented her state of the school report highlighting academic, sports and social activities.

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

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### **Resolution of the Board of Education of the Orange Unified School District Denying the Proposed Charter School Petition and Proposal for Barack H. Obama Leadership Academy Charter High School**

The Board denied the Barack H. Obama Leadership Academy Charter under the California Charter Schools Act. The factual findings illustrated in the Staff Report demonstrate that the petition and proposal failed in five out of five legally required areas.

### **Recommended Budget Reductions Based on the July 28, 2009 State-Revised Budget**

The Board approved the Level 2 and Level 3 ongoing budget reductions in the amount of \$4.777 million, beginning 2010-11. Level 1 adjustments were previously approved by the Superintendent and implementation has begun.



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## First Interim Financial Report and Transfer Resolution No. 12-09-10

The Board certified and approved the positive financial status as shown in the District Certification of First Interim Report for the Fiscal Year 2009-10 and authorized staff to implement the necessary transfers as shown in Transfer Resolution No.12-09-10.

## California School Boards Association – Election to Delegate Assembly

Kathy Moffat was nominated to serve on CSBA's Delegate Assembly for a two-year term beginning April 1, 2010.

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### INFORMATION ITEMS

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#### Student Calendar 2010-2011

The proposed student calendar for 2010-11 was presented. The recommended student calendar reflects the preferences of a strong majority of the polled members of the school community. The length of the student Thanksgiving break is the only notable change over the current calendar. This item was presented for information only.

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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 December 10<sup>th</sup> agenda. The complete agenda is available online at: [www.orangeusd.org/board/calendar.asp](http://www.orangeusd.org/board/calendar.asp)

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**

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#### Board of Education

John Ortega, President • Melissa Smith, Vice President • Mark Wayland, Clerk  
Alexia Deligianni, Member • Rick Ledesma, Member • Kathryn Moffat, Member • Kimberlee Nichols, Member

#### Superintendent of Schools

Rena Dreier, Ed.D.