



BOARD *Notes*

April 22, 2010

Board of Education Meeting

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board took action to appoint Mike Christensen to the position of Deputy Superintendent and Linda Stoterau to the position of Administrator, K-12 Curriculum/GATE, effective July 1, 2010. These are appointments in title with no change in salary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mrs. Smith called for a moment of silence in honor of Cody Van Acker, an 11th grade student at Canyon High School, who passed away last Wednesday from an aorta aneurism.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Dreier commended all who were involved in the Foundation Games held last Saturday. There were 1700 students who participated and 1500 of those students were from Orange Unified. A huge number of teachers, parent, and staff volunteers were involved and participating. It was a great community event!

Dr. Dreier congratulated Serrano Elementary School for being selected as a 2010 Distinguished School. She noted that State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell announced that 484 exemplary California public elementary schools were selected as 2010 California Distinguished Schools. The District is celebrating Serrano Elementary School as one of the selection.

Also, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell toured the campus of Nohl Canyon Elementary School Tuesday. Superintendent O'Connell was visiting Southern California and chose to visit Nohl Canyon. School Principal, Dominique Polchow, said that Superintendent O'Connell toured each classroom, spoke with students and offered words of encouragement as the state testing window nears. Superintendent O'Connell visits approximately 200 schools per year out of the 10,000 statewide, so this was a definite thrill for the Nohl Canyon teachers, staff and students.

Lastly, Dr. Dreier noted that the Orange High School choir performed in New York City this past Saturday night at Carnegie Hall. The choir is under the direction of Mr. Michael Short, Orange High School Vocal Music Director.

Board President's Report

Mr. Ortega commented that he, too, attended the Foundation Games and echoed Dr. Dreier's sentiments. He noted that this event is billed as the largest qualifying track meet in California. Last year, there were approximately 1200 students participating; this year there 1700 students.

Board Recognition of Students, Staff & Community

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Mr. Ledesma noted that he also attended the Foundation Games. He added that the event was a "top-notch, sterling event" and he commended and acknowledged all those who were involved.

Mrs. Moffat mentioned in remembrance that it was approximately one year ago that the District lost Wilma Whitman who was a long-time teacher and teacher leader not only in the OUSD, but in the State of California and nationally.



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Outstanding Employee of the Month

The Board of Education recognized Delia Monson, Senior Staff Clerk at Cerro Villa Middle School, as the recipient of the Outstanding Customer Service Award for the month of April. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Ortega presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Monson.

State of the School Report – Yorba Middle School

Karen Medina, student representative from Yorba Middle School, presented information and updates regarding students, academics and activities at Yorba School.

Board Proclamation: School Bus Drivers' Day – April 27, 2010

The Board of Education officially proclaimed April 27th as School Bus Drivers' Day in the District. Mr. Ortega presented the proclamation to Pam McDonald, Director of Transportation.

Board Proclamation: School Nurse Day – May 12, 2010

The Board of Education officially proclaimed May 12th as School Nurse Day in the District. Mr. Ortega presented the proclamation to Helen Burzumato, Head Nurse. Susan Salvador was honored as the District's School Nurse of the Year, as selected by her peers.

Board Proclamation: California Day of the Teacher – May 12, 2010

The Board of Education officially proclaimed May 12th as California Day of the Teacher in the District. Mr. Ortega presented the proclamation to Whitney Amsbary, OUEA President.

ACTION ITEMS

Public Hearing: Charter School Renewal Petition, Santiago Charter Middle School

A public hearing was held with respect to the charter school renewal petition from Santiago Charter Middle School. Following review of the petition, the Board of Education shall act on the charter renewal petition within 60 days of receipt of the renewal petition. The Board will take action regarding the charter renewal petition at the May 13, 2010 meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Race to the Top Update

On January 8, 2010, the State applied to the US Department of Education to participate in the Race to the Top (RTTT) program. The US Department of Education announced that Delaware and Tennessee were the only states to receive first round RTTT awards. California received 336.8 points out of a possible 500. Mr. Christensen provided an update on RTTT.

Surplus Property Update

Doug Yeoman, attorney with Parker & Covert, has 22 years of experience facilitating the disposition of surplus school district properties. Those dispositions include leasing, exchanges and sales. Mr. Yeoman made a presentation on the utilization and disposition of surplus real property. The complete presentation is available for review on the District's website under Surplus Items.

Extended Day Kindergarten

Mrs. Rachele Morga gave a brief presentation on the possibility of implementing Extended Day Kindergarten.



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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board of Education took action to **approve all consent items** as presented in the April 22nd agenda.
The complete agenda is available online at: www.orangeusd.org/board/calendar.asp

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, May 13, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

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

Renaë Dreier, Ed.D.