

COMMUNICATIONS:

Audience Oral Communications:

None

Written Communications:

Mrs. McCurdy received a mailer on USC Urban Initiative and a California School Boards Association magazine celebrating their 75 years of service.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. McClain reported on the following:

- Mrs. Wolin was presented with a commemorative award from Administration and the Board and well wishes were given on her departure and new life in Northern California.
- Dr. McClain returned to Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) to chaperone the 7th grade students at the outdoor education camp after the March 1st Special Board meeting. She stated that she was happy to be a part of one of the best educational experiences that students have.
- Kindergarten Roundup at Hermosa View School on March 16th.
- HBCSD Academic Performance Index score was announced for 2005: Valley School received API 893 (up 22 points from 2004) and View School received API 931 (up 21 points from 2004). Dr. McClain stated that Hermosa Beach schools together was one of the 235 best schools in the United States. The Board and Administration was thankful to staff and parents, and very proud of the students and school district.

REPORTS:

Hermosa Valley School New Construction Project Update

Mr. Birjandi, Project Manager for PCM3, gave a review of the latest work on the construction site at Hermosa Valley School. He stated that soldier beams were being placed into the ground approximately 40 feet deep. He also said that the plans for the south wall construction are at the Department of State Architects waiting approval, and the plans are not expected back to the district for another two weeks. Once the plans are returned, construction on the south wall will begin. Mr. Birjandi spoke with the City of Hermosa Beach regarding the sewer line, and it appears that the district will pay for the new line. Mr. Birjandi also stated that most of the unknowns underground have been discovered, and the contractors are now clear on what material need to be purchased.

Mr. Ben Menasherov, Project Manager for PCM3, stated he met with the contractors on this project. Several contractors made generous donations to help the financing of the new construction project. Donations were as follows: 2H Construction \$5,000.00, Dougherty & Dougherty Architects \$2,500.00, Master K Electric \$2,000.00, PCM3 \$5,000.00, PPC \$2,000.00 and TLI, Inc. \$1,000.00.

The Board thanked Mr. Birjandi and Mr. Menasherov and the contractors for their generous donations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BOARD REPORTS (continued):

Mrs. Kathy Spurrell reported to the Board on the Science Olympiad event that she and several students participated in on Saturday, March 4th. The students competed in the Los Angeles County Regional Division Science Olympiad with 24 other schools and 1,500 other students at Cal Poly Pomona. This was the first year that Hermosa Beach school students participated (13 students), and they placed extremely well in all the events that they competed in. Medals were won in Glaciers, Balloon Race and Rocket Design. 7th grade students, Ari Adler and Tara Murphy gave their impressions of the Science Olympiad to the Board.

Components of Soldier Pile Retaining Wall

Figure-1 illustrates different parts of soldier pile retaining wall.

