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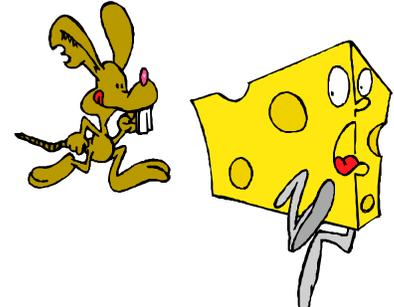
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SHIRLEY CAREY
President



**The message in Spencer Johnson's
"Who Moved My Cheese"
reveals profound truths about change.**

As I re-read this short simple parable I realized that all of the conclusions described in "The Handwriting on the Wall" apply to board members. The suggestions might help you reduce your stress and enjoy more success in your work and life. Whether you are a veteran or new board member, participation in OCSBA can help you with this process.

No question that change happens in life and in school districts. However, by anticipating change and preparing for the "cheese to move" you reduce the stress and prevent crisis. OCSBA is an excellent vehicle for preparing individuals to make informed decisions. OCSBA provides opportunities for networking with others who have faced similar challenges and also schedules informed speakers in a comfortable setting. Most board members also enjoy the opportunity to discuss timely topics at the local level or attend regional and state conferences on critical issues.

By monitoring change and adapting quickly, individuals can also cope effectively. OCSBA brings together professionals who can help interpret monitoring tools and guidelines that school districts must decipher. As a group, we encourage board members and districts to support neighboring districts and when necessary to work as a body to influence legislation at the state level.

"The Handwriting on the Wall" suggests "Change as the cheese moves and savor the adventure. The new cheese may be delicious." You can count on OCSBA to keep you involved and informed as your cheese moves. This newsletter keeps you apprised of association news and other relevant information and OCSBA will soon premier our own website with resources. The Board of Directors meetings are, of course, open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

Most importantly "Be ready to change quickly and enjoy it again and again." In the school community change is inevitable and it can be fun!

Adapted from: "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson, M.D.

November Ballot Set: Proposition 47

Key to School Facilities

Three initiatives of interest to the education community on the November ballot are:

- **Proposition 47— Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002**
A \$13.05 billion bond act for school facilities, with \$11.4 billion ear-marked for K-12 facilities construction and modernization, with the balance utilized for higher education facilities.
- **Proposition 49 — After-school Programs**
To increase state funds available for: before-and after-school programs which provide tutoring, homework assistance, and educational enrichment. The proposition would accomplish this by ear-marking a specified portion of Proposition 98 funds (over and above Proposition 98 base funding) for these state grants.
- **Proposition 51 — Transportation Allocation of Sales and Use Taxes Raised from Sale or Lease of Motor Vehicles**
To dedicate 30% of all sales tax revenues collected on vehicle sales and leases to a Traffic Congestion Relief and Safe School Bus Trust Fund. The measure would direct those funds to specified projects and programs targeting highway and transit improvements, including school bus replacement.

Source: CLUE-Update, July 22, 2002

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS MEETINGS

September 25, 2002
January 8, 2003
March 12, 2003
April 9, 2003

Meetings are held at:
Orange County Department of Education
Board Room — 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE DATES

September 13, 2002
December 19, 2002
February 24, 2003
May 2, 2003

Please email article ideas to:
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GENERAL DINNER MEETINGS AND DINNER PRICE

September 18, 2002 (\$30)
October 2, 2002* (\$35)
January 22, 2003* (\$35)
March 19, 2003* (\$35)
April 23, 2003 (\$35)

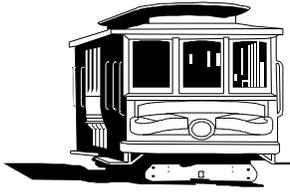
5:30 p.m. PAGE Meeting
6:00 p.m. Social
6:30 p.m. Dinner

Irvine Marriott Hotel
18000 Von Karman Avenue
Irvine, California
(949) 553-0100

**Joint OCSBA/ACSA dinner meeting*

*New
Date*

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
2002 ANNUAL EDUCATION
CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW



DECEMBER 5-7, 2002
MOSCONE CENTER
SAN FRANCISCO

Conference and hotel reservation can be
made online at: www.csba.org

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Speakers:

Frank McCourt: Born in Brooklyn and raised in Ireland. Frank McCourt returned to the United States as a young man and became a teacher, working in the New York City public schools for 27 years. His childhood memoir, *Angela's Ashes*, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1997 and was made into a movie in 1999. McCourt's follow-up, *Tis: A Memoir*, was also published in 1999.

Maria Hinojosa: Born in Mexico City, award-winning journalist and author. Maria Hinojosa became the first CNN correspondent assigned exclusively to report on urban affairs. Hinojosa also anchors National Public Radio's Latino USA, reporting on news and culture in the Latino community. Hinojosa's critically acclaimed memoir, *Raising Paul: An Adventure Raising Myself and My Son*, was published in 1999. Hinojosa earned a bachelor of arts in Latin American studies, political economy and women's studies at Barnard College.

Dr. Freeman Hrabowski: Freeman A Hrabowski, III, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has received the McGraw Prize in Education and The U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. He is co-author of two books: *Beating the Odds* and *Overcoming the Odds*, which focus on the successes of young African American men and women in the field of science. Dr. Hrabowski was prominently featured in Spike Lee's 1997 documentary, *Four Little Girls*, which told the story of the racially motivated 1963 bombing of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

A Tribute To

BENNY HERNANDEZ

The Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) and the Orange County School Boards Association (OCSBA) suffered a loss with the death of Benny Hernandez. Benny was elected to AUHSD Board of Trustees in November 2000. Despite his major health challenges, he enthusiastically fulfilled his responsibilities as a board member, and provided encouragement and assistance for all students. He had recently been appointed to represent the high school districts on the OCSBA Board.

His dedication to the community was displayed in service on KinderCarminata, Healthy Families Steering Committee, and the Southern Anaheim Neighborhood Council where he taught parenting classes and started the Homework Club at Ponderosa Park.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Most board members are aware of the complexities associated with school funding to districts. One inequality exists for 7th and 8th graders.

- The elementary school districts have their junior high programs funded at the lower elementary revenue limit.
- The unified districts' 7th and 8th graders are funded at the unified revenue limit which is greater than the elementary school amount.
- High school districts that include 7th and 8th graders are funded at the high school revenue limit which is greater than the elementary and unified revenue limit.

Assemblywoman Lynn Daucher is attempting to increase the revenue limit paid to elementary districts' 7th and 8th graders to equal the amount funded to unified districts.

The speaker for our September 18 dinner will be one of our favorites—Kevin Gordon! Over a year ago, you will recall, Kevin left his position as Assistant Director of California School Boards Association (CSBA) to take the helm of CASBO.

An energetic, delightful speaker, Kevin will address “Budget Politics, Political Gossip and the Inside Scoop on the Election.” You will enjoy this insider’s viewpoint, behind-the-scenes insight and witty aside as he informs and titillates from the OCSBA podium. Trustees, school district superintendents and business officers will find our speaker equally enjoyable.

The evening will be filled with excitement as we will also be conferring the Maureen DiMarco Award for exemplary service to the children of Orange County. Who will it be? Come celebrate with us and find out!

Sheila Benecke
Vice President-Programs



POLITICAL ACTION
GROUP EFFORTS

Michael B. Kilbourn

*President
Legislative and Management Strategies, Inc.*

Topic:

“State of the State”

For the past 23 years, Mike Kilbourn has been a lobbyist in Sacramento representing the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) as well as various school districts. With over forty years in public education, he has had extensive site level experience as a teacher, coach, vice-principal and principal, and diverse administrative experience at OCDE. In June 2001, Mike established Legislative and Management Strategies, Inc. to provide legislative advocacy services for districts and county offices of education throughout California.

Note:

Meg Cutuli, PAGE Chairperson, would appreciate your recommendations and suggestions for speakers. Please contact her at megcutuli@hotmail.com



INTRODUCING

Lew Becker
Superintendent
Buena Park School District

Beginning this year we will be presenting biographical material on the new superintendents in Orange County.

We are proud to introduce Mr. Lew Becker! Lew came to Orange County as an experienced Superintendent, having served in the Wright Elementary School District in Santa Rosa for five years and five years as Superintendent in North County Joint Unified School District in Hollister. He started his career as a teacher in the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District and later his administrative career as an Assistant Principal. He has served in the positions of Principal, Director of Curriculum, and Assistant Superintendent in San Juan Bautista.

Becker earned his BA at the University of Northeast Missouri and his MA at the University of Colorado. He is a graduate from both the Superintendents and the Business Managers Academies. His Administrative Credential was earned at Chapman College, and he also completed the accounting work needed by a CPA at Golden Gate University. Other credentials include the Standard Elementary, Standard Secondary, and Special Education. Lew has two children: Jared who is serving in the United States Air Force and Ashley who is a senior in high school.

Lew Becker focuses on building strong leadership teams with high expectations for all students and a commitment to continuous improvement. Mr. Becker has stated, "I have thoroughly enjoyed my first three months of living in Orange County and working in the Buena Park School District. The staff and school community have impressed me with their strong commitment to working as a team to serve all of the children in the Buena Park School District."

WHO IS THE COUNTY NOMINATING COMMITTEE?

Submitted by
Mary Fuhrman, OCSBA Newsletter Editor
Trustee, Buena Park School District

▪ **WHAT IS THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND WHY ARE THEY MEETING?**

Each district in the county has a board member who represents a district on the County Nominating Committee. They meet once a year to elect members to the Orange County Committee on School District Organization. It is very important to have a quorum at this meeting that will be held before the first OCSBA/ACSA dinner meeting of the year.

▪ **WHO IS THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS?**

This committee is composed of two representatives from each of the five county supervisorial districts and one at-large member. They serve as a central initiator, coordinator, facilitator and arbitrator for the reorganization of school districts.

▪ **IN WHAT WAYS ARE DISTRICTS REORGANIZED?**

This past year, the committee had hearings in most of the community college districts to approve changes in trustee voting areas due to the census report. Elementary or high school districts can be unified. Several Orange County K-12 districts had territories transferred from one district to another. These changes should not be harmful to the districts in regards to enrollment, community identity, property and facility division, racial and ethnic distribution, state costs, educational programs, school housing costs, property values and fiscal status, but do require thoughtful consideration.

▪ **WHO CAN INITIATE A CHANGE IN SCHOOL ORGANIZATION?**

By current law, citizen groups, city councils, or county boards of supervisors can submit a petition for unification or other reorganization. However, AB 2254 (Salinas) in the current Assembly session would allow an individual district board to submit such a petition. This has the possibility of straining district relationships.

Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday ▪ October 2, 2002 ▪ 5:30 p.m. ▪ Irvine Marriott Hotel

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CONFERENCE

September 25, 2002

West End Educational Service Center
8265 Aspen Avenue
Rancho Cucamonga
(909) 476-2200

This seminar provides the latest policy analysis on the core issues that impact you and your schools. It gives you the insight needed to plot your district's course for the coming school year and is a must for all school board members and administrative staff who want to stay well informed of legislation, policy and legal developments.

To register contact:
California School Boards Association
Fredericka Jennings
(916) 371-4691



MASTERS IN GOVERNANCE

October 19, 2002

TOPIC: POLICY

Orange County Department of Education
200 Kalmus Drive
Costa Mesa
Building A – Board Room
714/ 966-4199 (*directions only*)

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

To register contact:
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Stephanie Goodlett or Cynthia Bingham
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