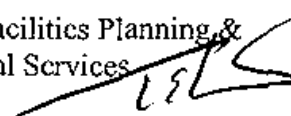


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OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Board of Education
April 8, 2009

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Roberta Mayor, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent
Timothy E. White, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities Planning &
Management, Buildings & Grounds, and Custodial Services 
SUBJECT: Resolution Naming the New Auditorium at Castlemont High School the
"Phil Reeder Performing Arts Center"

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 0809-0107- Naming the New Auditorium at Castlemont High School the "Phil Reeder Performing Arts Center".

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Board Policy BP 7310, community members and the site administrators at the Castlemont High School campus request that the Board of Education formally name the new Castlemont Auditorium, the "Phil Reeder Performing Arts Center".¹

Phil Reeder was the choral director and later chairman of the Music Department at Castlemont for 14 years (1970-1984). During his tenure as musical director extraordinaire, he established a tradition of professionalism at the Castlemont campus.

The Castleers gained prominence in the early 70's under the late Mr. Reeder's direction. Under his leadership, the Castleers performed nationally, as well as internationally. They became student Ambassadors for the City of Oakland.

¹ BP 7310 provides, in relevant part, that The Board of Education "shall name schools or individual buildings in recognition of: 1. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made outstanding contributions to the county or community."

Phillip Reeder was a talented musician and teacher whose love of music, dedication to the City of Oakland, the Oakland Unified School District and most important, the youth of Oakland is well-documented. His impact on Oakland and the greater Bay Area community is legendary worldwide and lives on in the lives of current Castleers and in all who knew him. Mr. Reeder saw the potential in every student he taught and offered them invaluable opportunities, guidance and support. Through their association with Mr. Reeder, many of his students are now successful members of the entertainment industry - Rafael Saadiq, Dwayne Wiggins, Darryl Coley, Walter Hawkins, to name a few.

Tamara Reeder, the wife of the late Phil Reeder supports this request.

FUNDING SOURCE

The costs associated with the purchasing of the signage for the auditorium are minimal. The overall project is funded from the General Obligation Bond-Measure B.

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with Board Policy BP 7310,
The Board of Education name the New Auditorium at Castlemont High School the "Phil Reeder Performing Arts Center".

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 0809-0107**

**NAMING THE NEW AUDITORIUM AT CASTLEMONT HIGH SCHOOL THE
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Oakland Unified School District Board Policy; BP7310 - Facilities; Naming of Facility: "The Governing Board shall name schools or individual buildings in recognition of: 1.Individuals, living or deceased, who have made outstanding contributions to the county or community" and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with BP 7310, community members and the site administrators at the Castlemont High School campus have requested that the Board of Education formally name the New Castlemont Auditorium, the "Phillip L. Reeder Performing Arts Center," and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the naming of the New Castlemont Auditorium after the late Phillip L. Reeder to be consistent with the policy that individual buildings be named after individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District hereby finds, determines, declares, orders and resolves as follows:

Section I. That the above recitals are true and correct.

Section 2- That the District's Board of Education hereby names the New Castlemont Auditorium the **PHILLIP L. REEDER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District this 8th day of April, 2009; by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

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CERTIFICATION

I, Edgar Rakestraw, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Board of Education of said district at a meeting thereof held on the 8th day of April, 2009 with a copy of such Resolution being on file in the Office of Board of Education of said district.

Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.

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Alice Spearman, School Board
Oakland Unified School District
1025 2nd Avenue
Oakland, CA 94606

Dear Ms. Spearman:

It has come to my attention that there is a community effort to have the newly renovated auditorium at Castlemont High School name the "Phillip Reeder Performing Arts Center" in memory of an outstanding teacher and mentor.

Phillip Reeder was a talented musician and teacher whose love of music, dedication to the city of Oakland, the Oakland Unified School District and, most important, the youth of Oakland is well-documented. His impact on the Oakland and the greater Bay Area community is legendary worldwide and lives on in the lives of current Castleers and of all who knew him.

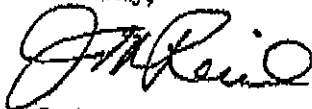
Mr. Reeder saw the potential in every student he taught and offered them professional level musical training, invaluable opportunities, guidance and support. Most were inner-city youth whose lives were richly enhanced by having been taught by Mr. Reeder. Through their association with Mr. Reeder, many of his students are now successful members of the entertainment industry. Many of them have paid tribute to him among their album credits, interviews and biographies, including myself.

On a personal note, I had the fortune of having Mr. Reeder as my mentor through high school and college. He was the catalyst for my decision to join the Castleers and pursue a career in the performing arts and music education. Subsequently, I have been a music educator in the Oakland public and private schools for more than 25 years.

As an alumni and former member of the Castleers, I am sure I speak for countless numbers of alumni, educators, administrators, recording artists, sports, church and community leaders, who also feel there is no better tribute than honoring Mr. Reeder's memory with the naming of the auditorium, appropriately, the "Phillip Reeder Performing Arts Center".

Please call or e-mail me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Janice Maxie-Reid '75
Educator-Musician-Entertainer