

**FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**District Board Room**

**2:30 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION)**

**4:30 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION)**

**5:30 p.m. (OPEN SESSION)**

**Tuesday February 13, 2001**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Regular meeting of the Fullerton School District Board of Trustees was called to order by President Sugarman at 2:30 p.m. President Sugarman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**Board Members:**

- Hilda Sugarman, President
- Ellen Ballard, Vice President
- Marjorie Pogue, Clerk
- Robert Fisler, Member
- Lynn Thornley, Member

**Administration:**

- Ron Cooper, Superintendent
- Linda Caillet, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
- Patricia Godfrey, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
- Sue Pickup, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services (interim)
- Ellen Fisher, Coordinator of Child Welfare and Attendance
- Konnie Gault, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Cynthia Yount, District Counsel

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 2:40 p.m. and conducted Expulsion Hearing 00/01-06 pursuant to Education Code section 48915(c)(2). The Board recessed into deliberation at 2:40 p.m.

## **OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 4:00 p.m. Moved by Hilda Sugarman, seconded by Ellen Ballard, and carried unanimously that the findings and conclusions of the Board be adopted and that the student be expelled from all schools and programs of the District for the remainder of the semester in which the act occurred and one year from the date of expulsion. It is also moved that, pursuant to Education Code section 48916, a rehabilitation plan is to be developed by the superintendent or designee and recommended for the student and the student's parents for completion during the period of the expulsion. Readmission to the District at the end of the expulsion period will be contingent upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation plan. The student may apply for readmission after January, 2002.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 4:10 p.m. and conducted Expulsion Hearing 00/01-07 pursuant to Education Code section 48900(n). The Board recessed into deliberation at 5:05 p.m.

## **OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:20 p.m. Moved by Lynn Thornley, seconded by Marjorie Pogue, and carried unanimously that the findings and conclusions of the Board be adopted and that the student be expelled from all schools and programs of the District for the remainder of the semester in which the act occurred and the following semester. It is also moved that, pursuant to Education Code section 48916, a rehabilitation plan is to be developed by the superintendent or designee and recommended for the student and the student's parents for completion during the period of the expulsion. Readmission to the District at the end of the expulsion period will be contingent upon satisfactory completion of the rehabilitation plan. The student may apply for readmission after June 15, 2001.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 5:20 p.m. to discuss Pupil Readmission [Education Code 35146]; Conference regarding FETA (Fullerton Elementary Teachers Association) and CSEA (California School Employees Association); District Representative - Dr. Ron Cooper [Government Code sections 54954.5(f), 54957.6].

## **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

President Sugarman announced that there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

## **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Sugarman called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Dr. Ovando, community member, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Nicolas students Claudia Bobar, Gemayel Goxcon, Ellen Hall, Kyle Hatfield, and Jennifer Mata performed flute music. The students were led by teacher Holly Herd.

Carolyn Millikin, principal, presented Steve Huston with an "Above and Beyond" award for providing his time to the computer program at Ladera Vista Junior High School. Mr. Huston has volunteered as a consultant for the video production class for three years, and the District is thankful.

Mrs. Millikin and teacher Ella Lindsey stated that many students participated in Ladera Vista's 21st "I Have a Dream" program, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. Students Daniel Bortis, Megan McMillen, and Andrew Braunstein spoke on their dreams to stop pollution, gossip, and racism. Trustee Pogue noted that the "I Have a Dream" speeches were 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 minutes long, and public speakers could follow their example.

President Sugarman introduced former Board member Fred Mason.

President Sugarman introduced Nicolas Junior High School teacher Sung Chi and student Meleca Consultado who attended the Bear Paw Reserve Program (through Caring About Racial Equality [CARE]). The CARE group on campus promotes racial equality and tolerance among students. Ms. Consultado described her experience as one in which a racially diverse group found a common ground through open sessions, discussions, and activities. President Sugarman stated that the Board appreciates evaluations of District programs.

President Sugarman stated that Item Ic would be presented at this time.

### **1c. REPORT ON HEALTHY START PROGRAM**

Healthy Start Coordinators Laurel Estrada and Sharon Quirk provided an overview of the Healthy Start program which serves Richman and Woodcrest School students and their families. Healthy Start brings together schools, families, and their communities through referrals, case management and community events. Cases receive intensive services which have demonstrated increased academic performance, more consistent attendance, and fewer discipline problems.

Ms. Estrada explained that the Healthy Start program focuses on the elimination of barriers (mental and physical health issues, language, lack of familiarity with U.S. educational system, access to community resources, alienation, high rate of mobility, parent literacy levels, transportation) and strives to increase home support for learning and recreational opportunities. The Fullerton Collaborative has identified and implemented procedures to prepare students for success in both school and society. This includes improved: 1) academic performance; 2) attendance; 3) behavior; 4) positive parent involvement; 5)

health; 6) increased support for learning; and 6) increased recreational opportunities.

Ms. Quirk introduced Fullerton Collaborative community members who have given tremendous support to the project: Minard Duncan, Warren Mecca, Pat Trotter, Hans Bletterman, Barbara Giasone, Judy Sullivan, Lupe Monreal, Bette Othmer, Gloria Mata, Tracy Ramont, Yolanda McComb, Allan Waterman, Diane Irwin, Karen Rolf, Rosemary Mooney, Chris Lamm, Foster Kinney, Katherine England, Fred Mason, Enilda Perez-Nieto, and Pam Keller.

### **INFORMATION FROM PTA, FETA, CSEA, FESMA**

There was no information reported at this time.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

Moved by Lynn Thornley, seconded by Ellen Ballard, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on January 16, 2001 and the Regular meeting on January 30, 2001.

### **DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - February 14, 2001 through February 27, 2001**

The Board reviewed the District calendar of events of February 14, 2001 through February 27, 2001.

### **INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

There was no information reported from the Superintendent.

### **INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

There was no information reported from the Board of Trustees.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

## **1. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

### **1a. UPDATE ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Ms. Fannye Steele, Emergency Preparedness and Safety Liaison, explained that State legislation (Katz Act and Perris Bill) requires that schools plan for earthquakes and other emergencies. School districts must establish an emergency system and training procedures for employees. School districts should be prepared to respond to emergencies using the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) in order to receive Federal reimbursement for earthquake repair costs. The principles of SEMS must be incorporated in each school's Safe Schools Plan, personnel must be trained in SEMS, and schools must

conduct practice drills.

Ms. Steele explained that the Emergency Preparedness and Safety Liaison position was established by the District in September, 2000 to save lives and protect property in the event of a disaster. Prior to September, schools sporadically practiced drills and had different emergency procedure plans with no integration of plans throughout the District, and had no practical or current Districtwide emergency plan. Also, staff was inadequately trained, and the District did not have plans for providing shelter or food.

Ms. Steele stated that the District has increased awareness of emergency preparedness by: 1) establishing a relationship with the City Police Department and other community groups; 2) monitoring school drills and offering suggestions; 3) developing "drop and cover" procedures; 4) reviewing procedures for "rolling blackouts" and other protective measures. The District's future effort is to develop a Districtwide Management Plan and establish a District Safety Committee to include administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and students. Emergency bins with disaster supplies (first aid, food, and water) are also needed.

Trustee Thornley invited Ms. Steele to present Emergency Preparedness information at a PTA Council Meeting to encourage support from the PTA.

President Sugarman requested Items 2a and 2b to be presented at this time.

#### 2a. APPROVE REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO CONTINUE A MODIFIED HEALTHY START PROGRAM

Ana Stover, Director of Instructional Support Services, stated that in order to consider continuing the Healthy Start program, staff is asking the Board to support this program with \$66,000 per year from the General Fund. This funding will allow the District to hire two aides to support the programs at Richman and Woodcrest Schools, and the District will be able to apply for a three-year grant totaling approximately \$400,000 for Nicolas Junior High School.

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Ellen Ballard and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve request for funds to continue a modified Healthy Start Program at Richman and Woodcrest Schools.

#### 2b. APPROVE REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO CONTINUE A MODIFIED EVEN-START FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

Ms. Stover stated that to sustain this modified program, general funds are needed at a cost not to exceed \$34,000 per year for the next three years. Ms. Stover stated these are unique programs that could get a funding increase with Title I, but at this time there is no funding available.

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Marjorie Pogue, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees approve request for funds to continue a modified Even-Start Family Literacy Program at Richman and Woodcrest Schools.

#### 1b. UPDATE ON MAJOR FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS; STATE ELIGIBILITY POINTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION FUNDING

Dr. Fred Good of PJHM Architects stated that the Maple expansion project is moving along very well and should be completed in time for fifth grade students to come back to school in September, 2001. Dr. Good recommended that the scope of work is consistent with the previous Modernization and FNA Projects. Both Richman and Sunset Lane Schools' air conditioned and fire alarm and communications systems are set up for installation at Laguna Road, Parks Junior High, Richman, Rolling Hills, and Sunset Lane Schools. Dr. Good stated that new construction funds are still available, but are going quickly. The State has \$1 billion in projects approval in Modernization waiting for funding. New construction projects have priority points ranking system, and calculations are based on need. State funds are currently being distributed on a quarterly basis in consideration of individual project priority point ranking. Historically, however, the State Allocation Board has never let projects go forever "unfunded." Dr. Good stated that money the District is advancing for air conditioning and fire alarm/communication systems also will be doubly used as the 20% matching share of Modernization funding.

Dr. Good stated that the State has some classrooms available, but the downside is that they are "rented." As a State relocatable, a portion of lease payments applied can go toward the purchase price after a number of years. As a participant in the State program, a district's direct purchase of relocatable classrooms negatively impacts eligibility for new construction funds.

Trustee Ballard suggested posting signs at school sites to make the community aware of the funds being spent to upgrade schools.

Trustee Fisler stated that the infrastructure of the District's buildings need to be looked at and could be very costly. Also, gas lines could create serious problems due to their age.

#### 1c. REPORT ON HEALTH START PROGRAM

This item was presented earlier at the request of President Sugarman.

#### 1d. QUARTERLY UTILITY USAGE

The Board discussed the dramatic cost increase of gas, water, and electrical in California. Gary Drabek stated that the District has changed its supplier to Southern California Gas and is now paying on an "actual basis" rather than on gas purchased in bulk on projected amounts.

#### 1e. QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT

Trustee Fisler thanked Dr. Godfrey for providing the District's budget on the agenda for the Board to have the opportunity to look at the figures. Dr. Godfrey commented that financial resolutions brought to the Board every month in the categorical budget are aggregate figures of a number of transactions.

## 2. ACTION ITEMS

### 2a. APPROVE REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO CONTINUE A MODIFIED HEALTHY START PROGRAM

This item was presented earlier at the request of President Sugarman.

**2b. APPROVE REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO CONTINUE A MODIFIED EVEN-START FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM**

This item was presented earlier at the request of President Sugarman.

**2c. ADOPT RESOLUTION #00/01-07 FOR APPLICATION TO LEASE STATE RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS**

Moved by Ellen Ballard, seconded by Marjorie Pogue, and carried unanimously that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution #00/01-07 for application to lease State relocatable classrooms for 2001-2002.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Teacher Chris Heusser invited the Board to attend the Laguna Road Ethnic Lunch on February 16 which culminates Healthy Heart Week.

Greg Giemont stated his concerns that maintenance work at school sites is not being done properly which is costly and inexcusable. Mr. Giemont requested the Board to consider a future agenda item regarding school site facilities and maintenance issues.

**3. CONSENT ITEMS**

Moved by Marjorie Pogue, seconded by Lynn Thornley, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Items with the correction presented.

**3a. APPROVE/RATIFY ASSIGNMENT OF CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL REPORT**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Assignment of Certificated Personnel Report.

**3b. APPROVE/RATIFY PURCHASE ORDERS**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify purchase orders numbered 122B0476 through 122Y0024 for 2000/2001.

**3c. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES PURCHASE ORDERS**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services purchase orders numbered 300503 through 300606 for 2000/2001.

**3d. APPROVE/RATIFY WARRANTS**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify warrants numbered 15717 through 16310 in the amount of \$1,622,299,19.

**3e. APPROVE/RATIFY FOOD SERVICES WARRANTS**

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify Food Services warrants numbered 9889 through

10028 in the amount of \$431,041.13 for 2000/2001.

### 3f. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

That the Board of Trustees adopt Resolutions 00/01-B049 through 00/01-B057 authorizing budget transfers and recognizing unbudgeted revenue according to Education Code Sections 42600 and 42602 for submission to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools.

### 3g. ACCEPT GIFTS TO THE DISTRICT

That the Board of Trustees accept gifts to the District and authorize District staff to express the Board's appreciation to all donors, as listed on 3g-2.

### 3h. RATIFY/APPROVE LECTURERS

That the Board of Trustees ratify/approve lecturers: 1) Katherine England between September 5, 2000 and June 14, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$3,500; 2) Joan Marie Stevens between March 1, 2001 and May 30, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$650; 3) Melanie Vogel between February 14, 2001 and June 14, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$5,400; 4) Jennifer Nadalet on February 28, 2001 and March 14, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$400; 5) OCDE Traveling Scientist on February 27, 2001 at a cost not to exceed \$175.

### 3i. APPROVE/RATIFY REIMBURSEMENT TO THE PARENT OF A SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify ongoing reimbursement to parent of a special education student (MIS ID#2000-01608) for related expenses associated with an out of state placement in the amount of \$6,000.

### 3j. APPROVE USE OF COUNTY OF ORANGE O' NEIL PARK

That the Board of Trustees approve 2000/2001 contract with County of Orange O'Neil Park for overnight field trip for Rolling Hills School at no cost to the District.

### 3k. APPROVE/RATIFY 2000/2001 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MASTER CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees approve/ratify nonpublic School Master Contract with Providence Speech and Hearing Center.

### 3l. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1

That the Board of Trustees approve Change Order #1 to Tadros Construction, Inc., in the additive amount of \$68,490.26 for Maple Expansion, FSD Project #00-01-7.

Gary Drabek stated that there is an unknown gas line at Maple School which was discovered, and the District must pay to accommodate changes. Mr. Drabek noted that Maple School blueprints were very old and plans were not always clear.

### 3m. RATIFY/APPROVE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MASTER CONTRACT

That the Board of Trustees ratify/approve nonpublic school master contract with Speech and

Language Development Center.

3n. APPROVE STIPENDS

That the Board of Trustees approve stipends for Darlene Cox, Linda Kelley, Masako Kawase, and Linda Hodges to compensate for their service as Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) Joint Panel Members for one half year terms which commence on February 1, 2001 and end on June 30, 2001.

3o. APPROVE/RATIFY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

That the Board approve/ratify independent contractor agreement with Infant Developmental Services for a Special Education student (MIS ID#020101).

**BOARD MEMBER REQUEST(S) FOR INFORMATION AND/OR POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests for possible future agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Sugarman adjourned the meeting on February 13, 2001 at 8:17 p.m.

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Marjorie Pogue, Clerk

Board of Trustees